



**1st Sunday after
Christmas**

December 26th, 2021

Opening Hymn: See amid the Winter's Snow LSB 373
Divine Service Setting 1 LSB 151

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Introit Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10



The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*,
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*,
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Kyrie LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.





[C] And al - so with you.

[P] Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”
³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .
¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”
 This is the Word of the Lord.
 **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17


¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
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Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



 Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the

Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”


³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



 Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn: In His Temple Now Behold Him LSB 519

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament LSB 160

Preface LSB 160

Proper Preface LSB 161

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 163

Agnus Dei	
Distribution Hymns	
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come	LSB 3858
Dismissal	LSB 164
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 165
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
Benediction	
Closing Hymn: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice	LSB 390


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DECEMBER 26th, 2021 –FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “*the redemption of Jerusalem*” and “*the consolation of Israel*” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “*giving thanks to God the Father through him,*” “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).




WE WELCOME ALL

who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

<u>IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
12/19/21	Church	127	\$1,074.00
	Number of youth who participated	25	
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THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to The Lutheran Hour. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



MISSIONARIES:

Also remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS: Orgene Reimers, Petie Larson and Edie Cook.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS: Ryan Lehmpuhl

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Jan Wilman at 719-947-2057.



SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH: It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Sick and/or Recovering:*

Joan Findlay (Angela Bellantoni's mother)
Sue Willard
Ken & Toni Davidson
Donna Heldt
Ted Bryan
(Esther Brunner's son-in-law)

Gary Hashman
(Toni Davidson's brother-in-law)
Doug Lampson (Tricia Kletke's Brother)
Marion Colea (friend of Carol Skoda)
Lorna Wright (Doris's sister)
Lily Henke (Doris's sister)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes to Bill and Chris Pushchak whose son, Jeff, passed away December 19. Pray that God will give them strength and comfort in the days ahead.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Carolyn Westlund at her email address 1956cew@gmail.com.

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn (1956cew@gmail.com) respectively.

If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.



A BIG THANK YOU to Lori Holt and Alana, and all the others who worked behind-the-scenes to make the Children's Christmas Pageant such a success! And of course, a special thank you goes to the children and youth who made it such a wonderful service!

FOOD BANK SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY. Please remember to bring a can or two of food for the hungry and needy in our community.

LUTHERAN HOUR DEVOTIONS for Advent are now available. Pick up a copy for you...and one for a friend.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January through March are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for yourself and an extra for a friend.

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON IS ENTITLED: "Wise Men Worship – Magi"
God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

JANUARY BULLETINS will be done by **Sue Poehlein**. Please forward any information to the Church email bulletin@stjohncanoncity.org, or Sue's church mailbox. You may also call her at 719-458-1008. Information is due **by Wednesday afternoon as the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings.**



POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

DORIS CUNNINGHAM

ALANA HOLT

KRIS AND LORI HOLT

BOB AND GAIL KIRKEGAARD

CHUCK AND SUE POEHLEIN

BILL AND CHRIS PUSHCHAK

MARY RICHARDSON (2 PLANTS)

TED AND NANCY SCHMIDT

ANITA SCHNEIDER-JOHN

CAROL SKODA (2 PLANTS)

LYLE AND LINDA STUEHRENBURG (2 PLANTS)

DOUG AND CAROLYN WESTLUND (2 PLANTS)

ROD & SUE WILLARD

ALSO:

TOOK BLANCHARD

ANNIE WOOD

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN — DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 – JANUARY 2, 2022

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26 2021

9 a.m. Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
Greeter: Koleen Hassey
Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl
Communion Assistants: Dave Lehmpuhl and Brandon Booth

Monday, December 27, 2021

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Happy Anniversary
To You Both*

*Avery Harms
Linda Stuehrenberg*

Armin and Arlene Stolp

Friday, December 31, 2021

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Amy Wright

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
Greeter: Koleen Hassey
Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl
Communion Assistants: Dave Lehmpuhl and Brandon Booth

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Gabriel Mize



Sermon Notes

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