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Divine Service I

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Barkley

Elder: Bob Trapp

Greeter: Geri Tobalsky

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Brent Jiter, Noah Jiter, & Tyler Nehls

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog, Tamara Weathersby, & Pam DelFrate

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Capriottis.

Invocation

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 93:1, 3–4; antiphon: Ps. 93:5, 2

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

**The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.**

Yes, the world is established;
it shall never be moved.

**The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their
voice;**

the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves
of the sea,

the LORD on high is mighty!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

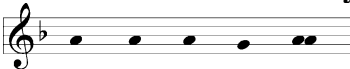
Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed in the doctrine of Your blessed apostle and evangelist John, may come to the light of everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 1:1-6

¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 45:2a, 1b

**You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.**

Epistle

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we

have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Let All Together Praise Our God

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Sermon

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Benediction

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, and George Metallo.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's

mother), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), Billy Weathersby, Kathy Judson, Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz), Henry Grenyo, David Scholz (Ted's brother), Alberta Helmke, Vern and Judy Stern (uncle and aunt of Sarah Billings), Debbie Snodgrass, and Pastor Roemke.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2018+

- ✘ **OUR NEW DIRECTORIES** have arrived. Get one from Lesa in the fellowship hall after the service. Please try to keep track of yours; we have a limited number and would like to reserve the extras to give to new members as they come in. Stay tuned for info about the mobile directory coming soon.
- ✘ **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the fellowship hall. Please take yours home today.
- ✘ **NEXT SUNDAY** there will be no Bible Study or Sunday School. The Christmas decorations need to be taken down that day, so please stay to help with that if you can. We will also be showing a short video in the fellowship hall about the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church in preparation for the visit from the Bishop the following Sunday.
- ✘ **FIRE ASSISTANCE:** Donna Boyd's neighbors lost everything in a house fire recently. Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/vic-and-sue-reynolds> if you would like to contribute to their recovery.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

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| Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly: | \$4,102 |
| Lord's Work Received 12/23 | \$4,020 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed: | -82 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed YTD: | +9,501 |

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| ATTENDANCE 12/23: 150 | Communed: 134 |
| Lessons & Carols: 105 | Midnight: 82 |
| | Christmas Day: 84 |

+ORGAN FUND UPDATE+

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| Amount Paid: | -30,000 |
| Donations Received: | +18,310 |
| Balance: | -11,690 |

BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Victoria Weber
 1/4 Alberta Helmke
 1/5 Lorraine Swift

ANNIVERSARIES

12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings (30 years)