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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 sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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 are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Mark Varvil

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: Gail Kulbacki

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Angela Pynaker & Kim Collina

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.

Gradual

Ps. 45:2a, 1b



**You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*
grace is poured up- | on 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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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.

Sit

Let All Together Praise Our God *LSB 389*

Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory *p159*

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Sit

Distribution

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Where Shepherds Lately Knelt *LSB 369*

Stand

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Benediction

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice *LSB 390*

+VDM A+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: David Kristopeit (brother-in-law of Linda Polcin), Henry Handschke (brother-in-law of Mary Jo Jiter), Herb Knautz (relative of Angela Pynaker), Donna Primuth, Marilyn Thornburgh, James Von Dissen (nephew of Marilyn Dissen), Rylie Snodgrass, Fran Kroll, Hannah Basquez (granddaughter of Jim & Kathy Vescova), Allison Heiman (granddaughter of Jane Gundlach), Vern and Judy Stern (relatives of Jane Gundlach), Jim Tomsheck (brother of John Tomsheck), Wendell Zirbel (brother-in-law of Mary Sandberg), and Art Enriquez.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26th+

- ✘ **KITCHEN NEEDS:** There is now a whiteboard in the kitchen for keeping a list of kitchen supplies we are in need of. If you notice something we are getting low on, please write it down on the board. If you are able to pick up some of these items while you are out shopping, it is greatly appreciated.
- ✘ **TISSUES NEEDED:** With sniffle season upon us, we are in need of boxes of tissues. If you are able to buy an extra box, bring it to church and put it on the shelf above the coat racks. Thank you!

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,648
Lord's Work Received 12/19-12/23:	3,395
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-1,253
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+194
Mortgage Balance as of 10/4/2021:	64,896

ATTENDANCE 12/19: 116

BIRTHDAYS

12/26 Mary Jo Jiter
12/28 Bonnie Griepentrog

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/27 Kelvin Nelson
1/1 Mary Jo Jiter

ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls (36 years)
12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings (33 years)