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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: Tyler Nehls

Ushers: Scott Tobalsky & Artyom Varvil

Greeters: Dave & Connie Mickelsen

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Amy Vallis & Dorothy McConville

Fellowship: Scott & Kate Tobalsky

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+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, for- | evermore.

Your throne is established | from of old;*

you are from ever- | lasting.

The LORD reigns; he is robed in | majesty;*

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.

Yes, the world is es- | tablished;*

it shall nev- | er 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 be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*

holiness befits your house, O LORD, for- | evermore.

Your throne is established | from of old;*

you are from ever- | lasting.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

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

Galatians 4:1-7

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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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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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Benediction

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice *LSB 390*

+ V D M A +

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

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✠ Those who serve in our armed forces: Lena Roemke, Rianon Asbury, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✠ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Michelle Knull, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg), Sarah Hagerman, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), Wayne & Jeannie Pannette (brother-in-law and sister of Marilyn Dissen), Linda Davis (sister of Steve Billings), Larry Mills (friend of Mike & Sandy Martin), Jim Knuth, and Mary Jo Jiter.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28th+

- ✠ **HYMN DEVOTIONS:** Jane Gundlach's family has used the memorial donations given to Messiah in her memory to purchase the devotional book, *Abide With Us*, a daily devotion that focuses on the beauty of God's Word and our beautiful and rich Lutheran hymnody. There is one available for every household. They will be located in the fellowship hall; please take one if you would like for your household and use it and remember Jane and her love for the Word and the Lutheran theology handed down in our hymnal! Each week one of the hymns from the devotion will be sung in the Divine Service during 2026.

ATTENDANCE 12/21: 99

ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls (40 years)
12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings (37 years)