

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Divine Service 1, p. 151)

HYMN #410

"Within the Father's House"



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.
To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

Text: James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

1 Kings 3:4–15

EPISTLE

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1:3–14

Stand

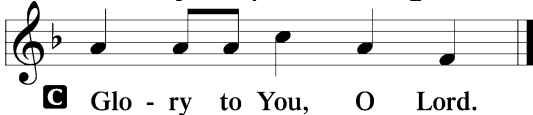
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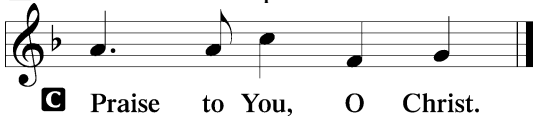
HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40–52

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



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

HYMN #696

"O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing;
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;

By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;

And let my body have A quiet resting place

Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day When all the dead are waking,

Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.

Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,

And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . .
Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

SERMON

"The Gift of Discernment"

1 Kings 3:4-15

Stand

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI (Sung)

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

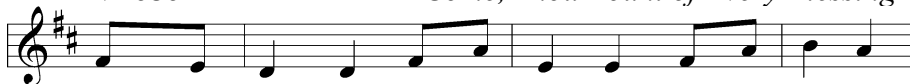
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN #686

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-90, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg

HYMN #376

"Once in Royal David's City"



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-95, alt. Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-76

HYMN #397

"As with Gladness Men of Old"



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ry day Keep us in the nar-row way,
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt. Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

Stand

THANK THE LORD (Sung)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray...one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

From Our Library: Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? Need a puzzle for the upcoming cold weather? Drop off or pick up a puzzle at the puzzle cabinet in the library.

Next Sunday's Lutheran Hour is "What's This Neighborhood Coming To?" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone. (John 1:14)

Watch Main Street Living on TV, a service led by local LCMS pastors. See it Sundays on Ch 15 KVRN Fargo (Ch 10 on Arvig) at 9 am, on Ch 29 WFTC at 9:30 am from the Cities (including on DISH if you have the Twin Cities stations or on Selective TV 9.2) or at mainstreetliving.com anytime. Rev. Arie Bertsch, North Dakota D. P., preaches January 12.

Lutheran Island Camp summer registration is open online.

Check out our website at www.immanuelparkersprairie.com.

Life Thoughts: No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians' first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven's household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

Thank you to all who helped us surpass our TIM Mission goal for 2024!

Pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the coat area. If you would like 2025 envelopes and haven't received them in the past, or if you would like to sign up for electronic giving for 2025, let the office know.

Want to give electronically? You can make a text gift by texting \$xx (the amount) to 844-330-1376. Or you can give through the church website.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Attend 12-28	20	Communed	19
Attend 12-29	80	Communed	57
Offering	\$2,107.00	Home Use	\$205.00
TIM	\$200.00	Total	\$2,312.00
Attend 12-31	15	Communed	15
Offering	\$602.00	Home Use	\$180.00
TIM	\$150.00		
Sunday School Offering for TIM			\$150.00
Electronic Giving December	\$1,490.00	Trustee	\$46.35
Offerings for December			\$25,993.00
Offerings Needed each Month			\$21,848.00
TIM Goal: \$3,000		Receipts:	\$3,039.00

OUR MISSION:

Empowered by God's Word; we know, love and share Jesus Christ.

INFORMATION FOR TODAY

Who can I tell about the wisdom and discernment God gives?

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Marvin Duberowski (12/31/24 he would have been 100) by the Duberowski family.

The first Sunday of every month is **LWML Mite Sunday**. We invite you to drop your loose change into the LWML mite box in the narthex. 25% of our mites go to the national biennial goal of \$2,350,000, including \$70,000 for Life Connection Events and Kits, Lutherans for Life. The remainder of our mites are sent to the Minnesota North District for grants of \$147,000 biennially, including \$15,000 for Pastoral Care and Well Being. There is also a box for Canadian coins and other donations for Michael Thomas.

Circuit Epiphany Service is tonight at 6:30 PM at Trinity, Carlos. Plan to come to this special service! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Portals of Prayer for January - March are available in the narthex.

Sign up at the narthex to serve coffee after worship. If you like to bake and prefer not to serve, you can put items in the church freezers.

We are taking pictures for a new church directory. Sign up today at the narthex counter, sign up at ucdir.com or call the church office. The church code is MN528 and password is photos. There are openings on Friday, January 24.

If you would be willing to call people to set up directory picture times, contact the office.

We are in need of facilitators for some work groups. Please contact the office if interested. We will be coordinating the work groups through the church office.

Wednesday Bible Class will begin a study of the Gospel of John on January 8.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study resumes this week at 6 PM.

Confirmation classes and ACT class resume on Wednesday.

We are beginning an adult confirmation class. If you would like to attend, see Pastor.

A new member welcome and dinner will be held January 19. If you would like to become a member of Immanuel, see Pastor. If you'd like to be a new member sponsor, see Pastor.