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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

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## Gathering Song

### ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – No. 270***

**Vs. 1** Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

**Vs. 2** Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

**Vs. 3** Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth.

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

## Hymn of Praise

### ***Angels We Have Heard on High – Pg. 289***

**Vs. 1** Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Vs. 2** Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Vs. 3** Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.



## Psalm 147:12-20

***Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God,  
O Zion.*** (Ps. 147:12)

<sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;  
praise your | God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup> **who has strengthened the bars | of your  
gates and has blessed your chil- | dren within  
you.** <sup>14</sup> God has established peace | on your borders  
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **God sends out a command | to the earth,  
a word that runs | very swiftly.**

Refrain: ***Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise  
your God, O Zion.***

<sup>16</sup> God gives | snow like wool,  
scattering | frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **God declares the | word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any <sup>1</sup> other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Refrain: ***Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise  
your God, O Zion.***

# **Gospel Acclamation– No. 289**

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo***

## **Hymn of the Day**

### ***In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness – No. 1093***

**Vs. 1** In a deep, unbounded darkness,  
long before the first light shone,  
you, O God, beyond all merit  
worked a wonder faith makes known:  
in your mercy, in your mercy,  
you embraced us as your own,  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 2** Though our world is everchanging,  
you are constant, firm, and sure,  
faithful to your cov'nant promise.

Trusting you, we live, secure:  
singing praises, singing praises,  
long as heart and breath endure,  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 3** Joy transforms our lips to boasting  
only in your matchless grace,  
sending Christ to dwell among us,  
Word made flesh in time and space:  
Friend and Saviour, Friend and Saviour,  
in whose life we glimpse your face,  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 4** God of Hagar, God of Sarah,  
God of nomad Abraham;  
God of Miriam, God of Moses,  
Fi'ry Pillar, great I Am:  
lead us homeward, lead us homeward,  
to the love-feast of the Lamb,  
evermore and evermore.



# **Peace Sharing**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Offering Song

### ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – No. 272***

**Vs. 1** Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

**Vs. 2** Isaiah had foretold it,  
the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Saviour,  
when half-spent was the night.

**Vs. 3** This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendour  
the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens ev'ry load.

**Vs. 4** O Saviour, child of Mary,  
who felt our human woe;  
O Saviour, king of glory,  
who dost our weakness know:  
bring us at length, we pray,  
to the bright courts of heaven  
and into endless day.

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# Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# **Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.



# **Thanksgiving Prayer**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# **Lamb of God**

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, grant us peace.

**Communion Songs**  
***In the Bleak Midwinter* – No. 294**

**Vs. 1** In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
long ago.

**Vs. 2** Heaven cannot hold him,  
nor earth sustain;  
heav'n and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign;  
in the bleak midwinter  
a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

**Vs. 3** What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—  
give my heart.

## ***Away in a Manger* – No. 278**

**Vs. 1** Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he  
lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**Vs. 2** The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

**Vs. 3** Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.



# ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* – No. 276**

**Vs. 1** Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

**Vs. 2** Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

**Sending Song**  
***Jesus, the Light of the World* – No. 914**

**Vs. 1** Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of  
the world;

"Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the  
world.

**Refrain:** We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Vs. 2** Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of  
the world;  
join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the  
world.

**Refrain:** We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Vs. 3** Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the  
Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the  
world.

**Refrain:** We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Vs. 4** Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the  
Light of the world;  
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the  
world.

**Refrain:** We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Assisting Minister:** Don Storch

**Kantor:** Nathan McDonald

**Choral Scholar:** DJ McGrath

**Reader:** Jane Wicksteed

**Livestream:** Boston Laferté

**Communion:** Ben Lukenchuk, Rebecca Wong

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