

You are to  
give him the name  
**JESUS**, because  
he **WILL SAVE**  
**HIS PEOPLE**  
from their sins.

M A T T H E W 1:21, NIV

**ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**JANUARY 2, 2022 - 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

As our children do not remain so small for very long but grow up quickly, so our celebration of our Lord's Nativity moves on quickly. On this the ninth Day of Christmas, Luke has us fast-forward twelve years and Jesus has already grown and increased not only physically but especially in the Wisdom of God. As Solomon prayed for wisdom as God's greatest gift, today we are given a glimpse into God's Wisdom. It is the greatest and highest wisdom that a person is not and cannot be saved by his own works or actions, but solely by faith in the Gift of Jesus Christ. We become God's children, God's family by God's Action of adopting us in Baptism. For all who may doubt this wisdom or their salvation, here the Bible teaches that God has chosen us in Christ. It is totally God's Action and Gift, not ours.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

**PRELUDE**

*Partita on St. Anne – P. Manz*

**GREETING**

❖ **INVOCATION**

*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.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, we bless You for Your Light that is growing among us. We rejoice in the lengthening of daylight and in the hope and promise of the New Year. We bless You for the growth of Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem and the Light of the World. Look with favor upon Your people gathered for worship at this time. Be our Light in all times and places. May Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His Gifts that we may reflect Your Glory in all that we say and do. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## OPENING SONG

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

LSB 733

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

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## ❖ CONFESSIOIN OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
C **Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

P He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,  
C **that we should be holy and blameless before Him.** *Ephesians 1:3-4*

P Dear friends, we gather here as our Christmas celebration continues. But we are aware how quickly time flies, and there is more to the story of the Gospel and so much more for us to learn. Let us begin by recalling that which makes any hope of Salvation impossible: our sin and our inability to free ourselves from sin's grasp. Yet we are bidden to confess our sins to God in the confidence that He has first chosen and loved us, and gives us forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

**LSB 395**

**1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious, All victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

3. Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

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## ❖ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 3:4-15 [ESV]

*(Solomon asks not for riches but wisdom.)*

<sup>4</sup> And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said,

“Ask what I shall give you.”

<sup>6</sup> And Solomon said,

“You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.

<sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.

<sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good

and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

<sup>11</sup> And God said to him,

“Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

<sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word.

Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

<sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

<sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup> And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:97-104 [ESV]*

*(The Psalmist celebrates the Law and Wisdom of God.)*

A <sup>97</sup> Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C <sup>98</sup> **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

A <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

C <sup>100</sup> **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

A <sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

C <sup>102</sup> **I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.**

A <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C <sup>104</sup> **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

**Glorify 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.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3-14*[ESV]

*(God chose us in His wisdom.)*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

<sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will,

according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA VERSE**

P Alleluia. The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

C **And the Favor of God was upon Him. Alleluia.** *Luke 2:40*

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:40-52 [ESV]*

*(Jesus grew in wisdom and stature.)*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

<sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

<sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

<sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."

<sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

<sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.

<sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

## HYMN

*Within the Father's House*

LSB 410

1. Within the Father's house The Son has found His home,  
And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come.
2. The doctors of the Law Gaze on the wondrous child  
And marvel at His gracious words Of wisdom undefiled.
3. Yet not to them is giv'n The mighty truth to know,  
To lift the earthly veil that hides Incarnate God below.
4. The secret of the Lord Escapes each human eye,  
And faithful pond'ring hearts await The full epiphany.
5. Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace.
6. Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.

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## SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

A New Year Begun in the Grace of God  
Luke 2:21, 40-52  
(Sermon Notes on Page 14)

## ❖ CREED

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- 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.

## ❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)  
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

## OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Cantus Christe*

*Tollite Hostias* from *The Christmas Oratorio* – C. Saint-Seans, arr. L. Mulder, R. Unger

*Tollite hostias, et adorate Dominum in atrio sancto ejus.  
Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra.  
A facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord of Hosts, and adore His Holy Shrine.  
Sing, oh heavens, and be joyful on earth.  
Sing praises to the Lord, for He comes. Alleluia*

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord of hosts, preserve Your Church and look favorably on her ministers. Give them delight in this joyful season and restful reflection on the mystery of Your incarnation, that they may preach Your Word boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, uphold and strengthen Joseph, our president; all public servants; and those who protect us in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], and heal them according to Your will. Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people in Christ [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the forgiveness of our trespasses. So now according to the riches of Your grace, receive those who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day.

P Grant worthy repentance and confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of family. In Your mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children, youth, and those we care for, that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit and our homelife may advance Your glory, honor and praise as well as our own improvement and welfare, giving offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

### ❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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.**

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A New Year Begun in the Grace of God (Lk 2:21, 40-52)  
Circumcision and Naming of Jesus/Christmas 2, Series C

For many people even today, and certainly in Jesus' day, a name was everything. The name "Jesus" means "God saves." We begin 2022 with a focus on how God does for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. It all began with the obedience of Jesus, the Son of God, to be our Savior.

1. **Jesus was obedient to His earthly mother Mary and adopted Father Joseph.** Mary and Joseph were faithful in their worship life (2:21-24, 41-44) and Jesus, their son, took part in it according to the "custom" they established (2:41-42).
2. **Jesus was obedient to His true Father, God, and from His early years was "about [His] Father's business" (Lk 2:49).** Jesus' shedding of blood in His circumcision and naming was a preview of the blood He would shed as Savior of the world on the cross. Though His earthly parents did not yet fully understand it He was under a divine obligation ("must"; cf. 4:43, 9:22, 19:5, 22:37) to live out the love and grace of God for a world in need.
3. **We are all sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:26) and live by grace, not by guilt.** Jesus is truly "God saves." Grace is receiving something good that we don't deserve. We have been rescued from sin, death, the curse of the law, and a life lived by a "have to" rather than a Spirit-inspired "can do" attitude. And we've done nothing to deserve it!
4. **How will the new beginning 2022 offers be different, due to the grace of God at work in your life?** Write your answer below: