



**Sunday, December 26, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

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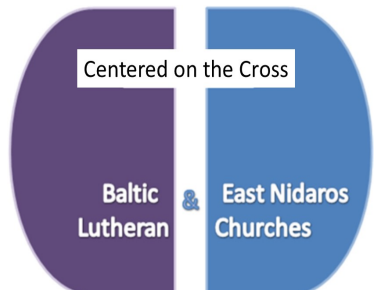
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## **WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING TWO**

**LBW** (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

**WOV** (*Blue*) With One Voice

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** LBW p. 77

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** *Most Merciful God,*

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**OPENING HYMN** *"In The Bleak Midwinter"* ELW #294

**GREETING** LBW p. 78

**P** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

**KYRIE** LBW p. 78

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Glory To God"* LBW p. 79

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Let us pray.*

**C** **Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

## FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 148 (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD;  
for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>**He made them stand fast forever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal  
servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *"Jesus Loves Me" (1<sup>st</sup> verse only)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *"Alleluia" LBW p. 83 (Sung)*

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.*

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

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual

for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search 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>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**P** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: "Jesus and the Law"**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Once In Royal David's City" WOV# 643

**APOSTLES' CREED** LBW p. 85

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** .....*Lord in your mercy,*

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** LBW p. 91

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** "We Are An Offering"

**C** **We Lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 87

**P** *Let us pray. Merciful Father,*

**C** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## BLESSING

**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.*

**C** *(Sung)* **Three Fold Amen**

## YEAR IN REVIEW

## DISMISSAL

**P** *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

**C** **Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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## FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Darrel McMahon—Brother of Ann Romsdahl

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Fred Tidemann—Brother of Melva Hilmoe

Javin Ihnen—Son of Justin and Jessica Ihnen

Eugene Haux—Father of Shane Haux

Jessica Shaw—Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe

Brenda Bertrand—Mother of Julius Allgier

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom

Shari Brende—Sister-in-Law to Lynda Johnson

Sandy Gregg—Sister-In-Law of Gary Gregg

## In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

## Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Baltic** 9:00 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch

**East Nidaros** 10:30 am Worship

## Things Happening Week of December 26<sup>th</sup>

Sun Dec 26 Year In Review

Tue Dec 28 NO Bible Study

Wed Dec 29 NO Confirmation

Thu Dec 30 9:00 Bulletin & Newsletter Assembly

## Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Baltic** 9:00 am Worship

**East Nidaros** 10:30 am in person and Live Streamed on Facebook @EastNidrosLutheranChurch

## Things Happening Week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>

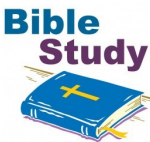
Sun Jan 2 Holy Communion at the rail

Mon Jan 3 Annual Report Deadline

Wed Jan 5 5:30-6:30 6th grade Intro to Confirmation  
6:30-7:30 7th and 8th grade Confirmation

### DECEMBER NOISY CAN

**Baltic:** Baltic Food Bank  
**East:** Ronald McDonald House



NO Bible Study  
Tuesday Dec 28