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## *Mission Statement of Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

*As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of  
Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of  
God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will  
nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our  
community and throughout the world, all to His glory.*



## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

*January 3, 2010*

### **Prayer before worship**

Dear Jesus, in the opening days of this new year, I ask that you would be with me in all I do. Most importantly, I ask you to lead me in seeking your Word this year...starting with today. I come, Lord Jesus, as your invited guest. Amen.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Divine Service II*

**OPENING HYMN**

**Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**  
(Hymn 34)

*please stand*

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**ABSOLUTION**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

**GLORY BE TO GOD**

*(there will be a musical introduction; sung to the tune of Hymn 21)*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
 You take all hu - man sin a - way,  
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,  
 For all, O Father, you have done;  
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
 We pray by your Spirit sing a gain:

Your favor toward our fallen race,  
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son,  
 From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
 "All glory be to God!" Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*please be seated*

**LESSON**

**2 Samuel 7:8-16**

8 "Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. 10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also

give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: 12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.

### ALLELUIA RESPONSE

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*please stand*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 1:68-75**

68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come and has redeemed his people.  
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David  
70(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),  
71 salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us—  
72 to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear  
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Let Us All With Gladsome Voice**  
(Hymn 64)

**THE SERMON ~ *Colossians 1:13-20* ~**

**JESUS CHRIST IS ALL WE NEED!**

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to rec-

oncile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

*please stand*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*please be seated*

**OFFERING**

*Guests and visitors, please do not feel that we expect an offering from you; but we thank you if you wish to assist us in our efforts to carry out our ministry of the gospel. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

*please stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE SACRAMENT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

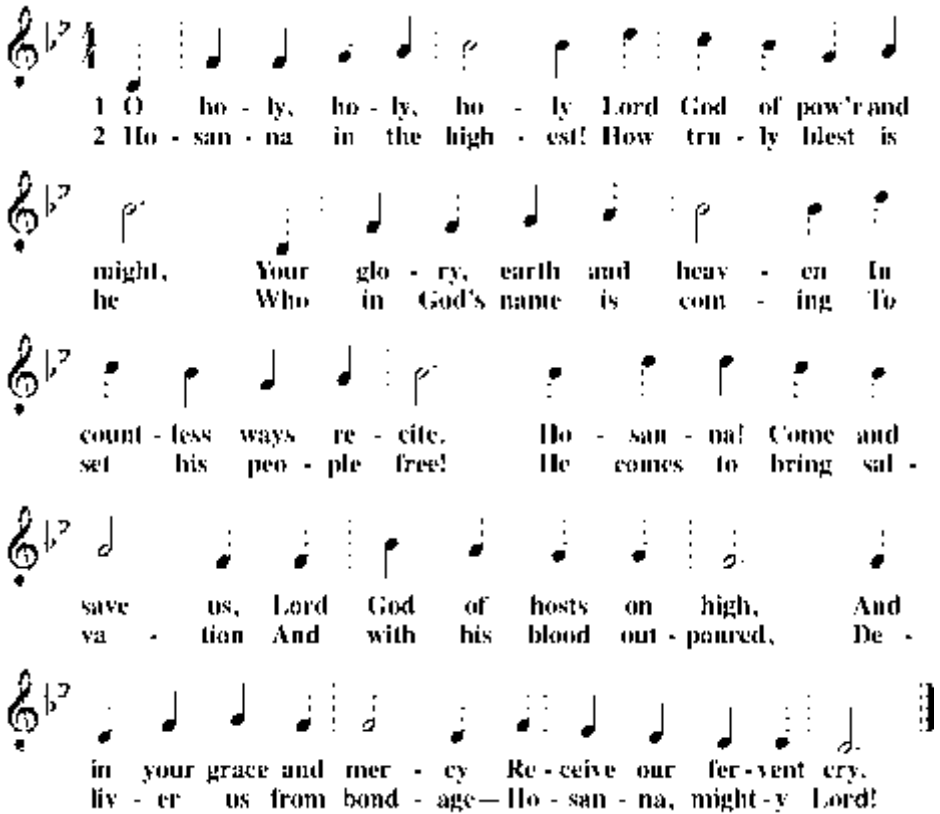
P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his wondrous birth became our Brother, taking on human flesh to live in righteousness before God and to become obedient even to death on a cross.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(there will be a musical introduction; sung to the tune of Hymn 19)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is  
might, he Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en in  
Who in God's name is com - ing To  
count - less ways re - cite, Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -  
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -  
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry,  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true

faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{✠}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*(there will be no musical introduction)*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Angels We Have heard on High  
(Hymn 63)  
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry  
(Hymn 16)

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*(there will be a musical introduction; sung to the tune of Hymn 336)*

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it. For -

car - nate, say - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
ev - er three in one; For us in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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 on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

**Away in a Manger**  
(Hymn 68 vs. 3)