

# Parkland Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*God's Protection*



January 4, 2026 — 9:30 AM | Rite I (p. 41)

*You may find the "Prayers for Worship" on page 40  
helpful for your preparation for the Divine Service.*

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## I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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*\* Indicates the congregation may stand.*

### 1. The Opening Prayer p. 41

### \*2. The Entrance Hymn

#221 - Thine Honor Save

### \*3. The Confession of Sin p. 41-42

*Form II*

### \*4. The Kyrie Eleison p. 42-43 (*Spoken*)

### \*5. The Absolution p. 43

*Form II*

### \*6. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo p. 44-45 (*Spoken*)

### \*7. The Salutation & \*8. The Collect of the Day p. 45

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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## II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### 9. The Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them

**\*24. The Words of Institution** p. 54

**\*25. The Agnus Dei** p. 55

**26. The Distribution & Hymns & 27. The Dismissal** p. 56

#165 - Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord  
stanzas 1-4

#313 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table  
stanzas 1, 5-9

#165 - Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord  
stanzas 5-9

#313 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table  
stanzas 10-15

**\*29. The Collect of Thanksgiving** p. 56

**\*30. The Benediction** p. 56 - 57

**31. The Closing Hymn**

#396 - If God Had Not Been on Our Side

**32. The Closing Prayer** p. 57

✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world* ✠  
*to shine through our vocations.*

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together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**10. Gradual**

(Soloist) Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the Gentiles/  
To give thanks to Your holy Name,  
to triumph in Your praise.

You, O Lord, are our Father;/  
Our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;/  
And all flesh shall bless His holy Name forever and ever.

Alleluia! Let the heavens rejoice  
and let the earth be glad before the Lord,/  
For He has made known His Salvation. Alleluia!

**11. The Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a

Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And *“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”* Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **\*12. The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23**

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him.”

And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, *“Out of Egypt I called My Son.”*

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: *“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”*

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: *“He shall be called a Nazarene.”* (ESV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: God be praised for His glad tidings.

### **\*13. The Nicene Creed p. 47**

### **14. The Chief Hymn**

#163 - O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly  
stanzas 1-3

### **15. The Sermon: Genesis 22:1-14**

Rev. Steven Sparley

## **Theme**

### **The Chief Hymn**

#163 - O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly  
stanza 4

### **\*16. The Prayer of the Church p. 48-49**

### **\*17. The Apostolic Benediction p. 49**

### **18. The Offering & The Offering Hymn**

Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
It yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

Thus hath it pleased Thee to make plain  
The truth to sinners poor and vain,  
That this world’s honor, wealth and might  
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight. (#123, stza. 10 & 12)

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## **III. THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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*Those who commune today have informed the pastors prior to the service. If you are not a Lutheran in our fellowship (ELS/WELS) and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with one of the pastors.*

### **22. The Exhortation p. 52**

### **\*19. The Preface p. 50**

### **\*20. The Christmas Preface p. 51**

*The appropriate Seasonal Preface can be found on pages 74-75.*

### **\*21. The Sanctus p. 51f**

### **\*23. The Lord’s Prayer p. 53**