



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH REGINA, SK



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Sunday, December 27, 2020 - 9:30 am

As We Gather: The Gospel for the First Sunday after Christmas takes us to the temple in Jerusalem, where Jesus is brought by Mary and Joseph. In presenting Him there, they are affirming that He is dedicated to God as a firstborn son. But He is much more than a son—He is the Son. In her classic hymn text, German hymnist Elisabeth Cruciger celebrates His coming as she writes, “The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears. No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining As He, our Morning Star” (LSB 402:1). Jesus is the One in whom we see our salvation, whose light guides our way through life, and whose presence enlightens our world. With joy, we worship Him!

Order of Service – Divine Service One, LSB p.151

HYMN #386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Confession and Declaration of Grace *LSB p.151*

ENTRANCE HYMN #380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Kyrie *LSB #944 Kyrie — II*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB p.154*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *Christmas 1*

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist - Celebration of the Day

HYMN #517 *sts. 1, 8* **By All Your Saints in Warfare**

P The son of a successful fishing businessman and a caring mother, John was in the inner circle of the disciples of Jesus. From the cross, Jesus entrusted His mother, Mary, to the care of John because He knew she would be cared for in a kindly way. Tradition suggests that Mary lived with John for some fifteen years after the time of Jesus’ ascension. Through the words of John’s writing, we hear Jesus confidently affirm who He was and is, and why He had come to earth. “I am the bread of life; I am the resurrection and the life,” He says (John 6:35; 11:25). Those words, recorded and shared by John, have inspired all generations of Christian people. We join in the unending chorus of thanks and praise as we sing stanza 3 of “By All Your Saints in Warfare.”

HYMN #517 *st. 3* **By All Your Saints in Warfare**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

Epistle *Galatians 4:4–7*

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

Holy Gospel *Luke 2:22–40*

HYMN OF THE DAY #563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Sermon "Christmas Clothes" *Text: The Old Testament Reading*

Apostles’ Creed

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Concluding Collect

Benediction *LSB p.166*

CLOSING HYMN #374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



**For my eyes have
seen Your
salvation that You
have prepared
in the presence of
all peoples.
*Luke 2:30–31***