

Christmas 1B Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

P The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

C Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C Glory 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.

P The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

CATECHISM

Holy Baptism – Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

LEARN BY HEART

Revelation 7:17

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

COLLECT

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1 Kgs 3:4-15; Eph 1:3-14; Lk 2:40-52

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	12/27	Isaiah 51:17—52:12	Matthew 2:1–12
M:	12/28	Isaiah 52:13–54:10	Matthew 2:13–23
T:	12/29	Isaiah 55:1–13	Luke 1:1–25
W:	12/30	Isaiah 58:1—59:3, 14–21	Luke 1:26–38
TH:	12/31	Isaiah 60:1–22	Luke 1:39–56
F:	1/1	Isaiah 61:1–11	Luke 1:57–80
SA:	1/2	Isaiah 62:1–12	Luke 2:1–20

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #332 Savior of the Nations, Come

APOSTLES’ CREED**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away;
- Brad; River; Tyler; Kathy; Mary Ellen

COLLECT (front page); **LORD’S PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

C Amen