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The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2022

AS WE GATHER

Deep darkness shrouds us in burden, oppression, tumult, ungodliness, and worldly passion. Sin seeps into our lives in overt and deceptive ways. But God trumps every evil in the explicit confession of the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, who is Jesus Christ. His name resonates in the courts of Caesar, the streets of Bethlehem, the skies of angels, the fields of shepherds, the feeding trough of animals, and on this night in the proclamations of His Holy Church.

Communing at this Altar

The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!

****Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.***

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28);

If this is *not* your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, *cross your arms over your chest*, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.



in excelsis deo!

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

THE MARTYROLOGY OF CHRISTMAS

△Please stand and face the cross.

ENTRANCE HYMN ~ *Angels We Have Heard On High*

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✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[Hebrews 10:22]

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Wisdom 18:14-15



P When all was still, and it was | midnight,*

Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

C Why do the | nations rage*
and the peoples | plot in vain?

P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*
against the LORD and against his a- | nointed,

C He who sits in the | heavens laughs,*
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.

P Then He will speak to them | in his wrath,*

and terrify them in his fury, | saying,

C "As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill."

C *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;*
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**You may bow your head at this point
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

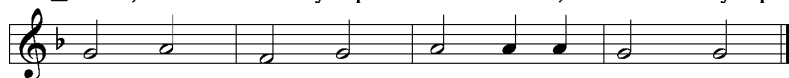
P When all was still, and it was | midnight,*
Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



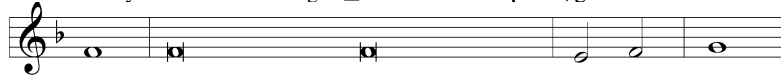
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

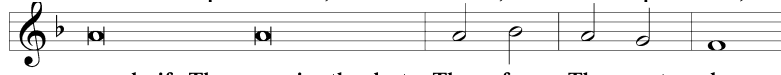
Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29



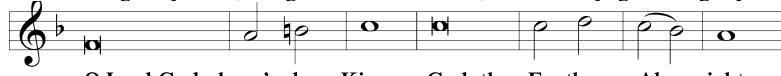
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



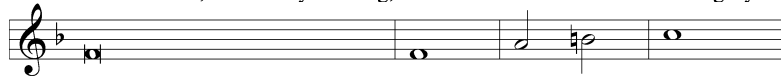
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



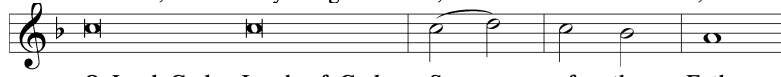
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



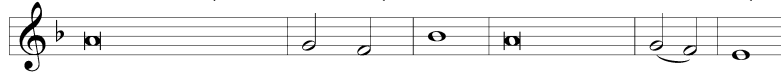
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm, 98:1a

- P** To us a child is born, to us a son is | given,*
and the government shall be upon His | shoulder.
- C** **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**
- P** Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for He has done | marvelous things!

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel procession. As the Holy Gospel comes in the midst of the congregation, we remember how Christ our God and Lord came into the midst of His people.

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- P** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD. Let us worship and | bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our | Maker!



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for,

behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

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

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *From Heav'n Above To Earth I Come*

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SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY ~ *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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Sit

OFFERING

The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.

The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.

Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



R And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136



R It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

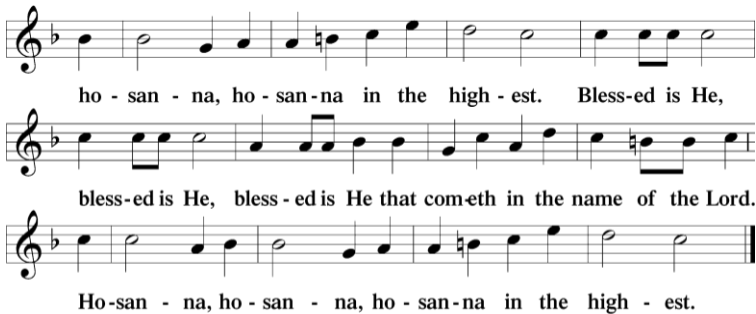
Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



R Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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



A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

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Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

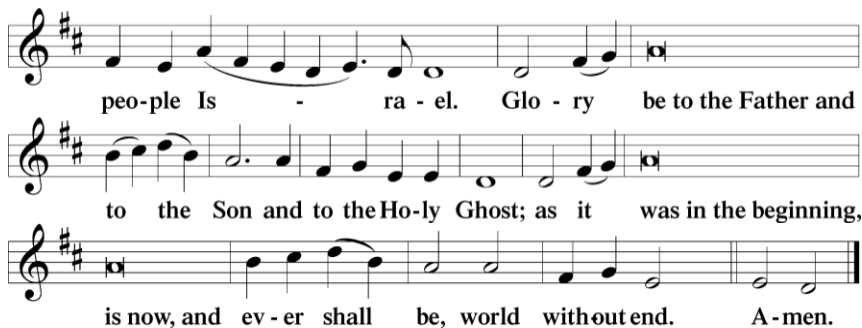
Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

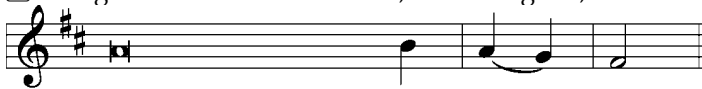
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

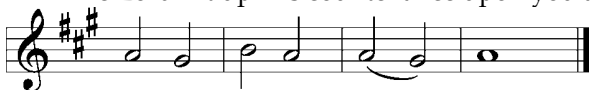


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Numbers 6:24-26

✠ SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

Pastor lights Elder's candle first, others follow.

Isa 9:2; Jn 1:5; Isa 9:2b; Jn 1:14b; Isa 9:6; Jn 1:4

- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- C** **We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
- C** **In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

CLOSING HYMN ~ "Silent Night, Holy Night"

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Please follow procession singing.



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

