

# Christmastide

DECEMBER 24, 2024 • TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

## VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



*Adoration of the Shepherds.* Philippe de Champaigne (1602–1674). Oil on canvas.

**L**ET THIS, THEN, BE THE SUM OF THIS ARTICLE [SECOND ARTICLE OF THE CREED]: THE LITTLE WORD *LORD* MEANS SIMPLY THE SAME AS *REDEEMER*. IT MEANS THE ONE WHO HAS BROUGHT US FROM SATAN TO GOD, FROM DEATH TO LIFE, FROM SIN TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND WHO PRESERVES US IN THE SAME. BUT ALL THE POINTS THAT FOLLOW IN THIS ARTICLE SERVE NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO EXPLAIN AND EXPRESS THIS REDEMPTION. THEY EXPLAIN HOW AND BY WHOM IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED. THEY EXPLAIN HOW MUCH IT COST HIM AND WHAT HE SPENT AND RISKED SO THAT HE MIGHT WIN US AND BRING US UNDER HIS DOMINION. IT EXPLAINS THAT HE BECAME MAN [JOHN 1:14], WAS CONCEIVED AND BORN WITHOUT SIN [HEBREWS 4:15], FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FROM THE VIRGIN MARY [LUKE 1:35], SO THAT HE MIGHT OVERCOME SIN. FURTHER, IT EXPLAINS THAT HE SUFFERED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED SO THAT HE MIGHT MAKE SATISFACTION FOR ME AND PAY WHAT I OWE [1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4], NOT WITH SILVER OR GOLD, BUT WITH HIS OWN PRECIOUS BLOOD [1 PETER 1:18-19]. AND HE DID ALL THIS IN ORDER TO BECOME MY LORD. HE DID NONE OF THESE THINGS FOR HIMSELF, NOR DID HE HAVE ANY NEED FOR REDEMPTION. AFTER THAT HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD, SWALLOWED UP AND DEVoured DEATH [1 CORINTHIANS 15:54], AND FINALLY ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND ASSUMED THE GOVERNMENT AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND [1 PETER 3:22]. HE DID THESE THINGS SO THAT THE DEVIL AND ALL POWERS MUST BE SUBJECT TO HIM AND LIE AT HIS FEET [HEBREWS 10:12-13] UNTIL FINALLY, AT THE LAST DAY, HE WILL COMPLETELY DIVIDE AND SEPARATE US FROM THE WICKED WORLD, THE DEVIL, DEATH, SIN, AND SUCH [MATTHEW 25:31-46; 13:24-30, 47-50].

-*LARGE CATECHISM*. ARTICLE II. THE APOSTLES' CREED, 31

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -*Augsburg Confession*, Article XXIV. The Mass, 1-2a



## PRELUDE

*Hodie Christus Natus Est*

Benjamin Britten

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 379*

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:6-7*



- L** The LORD | said to me,\*  
"You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.  
As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill."
- L** The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- C** Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?\*
- And who shall stand in his | holy place?**
- L** He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,\*  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- | ceitfully.
- C** He will receive blessing | from the LORD\*  
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.



- L** The LORD | said to me,\*  
"You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.  
As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill."

## KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*



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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high; 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 up -  
on 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

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sitting*

## PROPHECY

**Isaiah 62:1–4a**

**A** The Prophecy for the Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord is from Isaiah, chapter 62.

**A** Thus says the LORD God: For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name.

You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

Psalm 98:3b-4a, 2



- L** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.\*  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth.
- C** **The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\***  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

## EPISTLE

### Romans 1:1–6

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter one.
- A** Brethren: Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 2:7



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

**L** The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 1:18b–21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

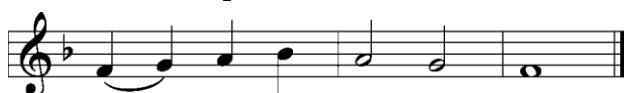


**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** At that time: After Mary the mother of Jesus was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of

David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:2*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
**very God of very God**, *Colossians 2:9*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
**came down from heaven** *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Acts 1:9*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Acts 7:55*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *2 Peter 1:11*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Ezekiel 11:5*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48*

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 359

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

## SERMON

THE NATIVITY

OF CHRIST



Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

## OFFERING

*Once in Royal David's City*

Henry J. Gauntlet

Standing

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Lord God Almighty, on this most holy night we wonder at the majesty of the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ. With joy we greet our newborn King, the Savior of the nations. Let Your Church throughout the world proclaim His birth. Give her faithful preachers to proclaim these glad tidings and ears to hear and believe them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Remember all families, Lord. Make each household a place of prayer and devotion to Your Word. Bless parents of young children with patience. Give comfort to the childless. Abide with the fatherless, widows and orphans, the lonely and those separated from their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Remember this country, O Lord. Grant our leaders wisdom and justice as they exercise Your authority to punish wrongdoers and protect the righteous. Use all citizens to speak in defense of the defenseless. Abide with those who labor on behalf of others, especially all who must work this night for our protection. Bring wars to an end, defend the innocent and bring Your healing peace to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, in the birth of Your Son You have visited and redeemed Your people. Continue to visit those who are lonely, sick, recovering or near death [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Let Your presence be a comfort to them, and give them perseverance until the time You grant healing, relief, deliverance and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Send Your Spirit to us, O Lord, in rich measure, that all who commune may do so in true faith for their souls' well-being and strength. Let us take to heart the glad tidings of great joy that today, in bread and wine, we will receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, in the birth of Your Son You have called people from every time and place into His Body, the Church. We give You thanks for the believers who went before us, especially those who were with us in Christmases past and who now live with You. Grant us sure confidence in the promise of resurrection and eternal life, and bring us with them at last into Your presence; 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** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

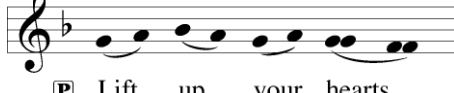
*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



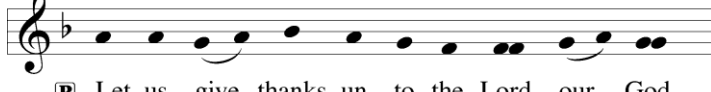
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

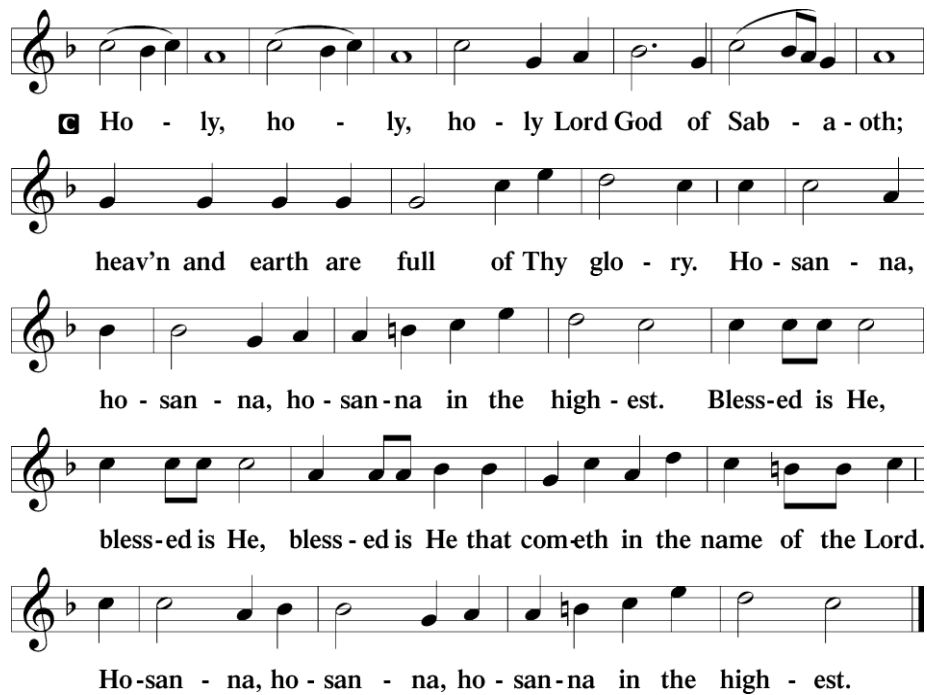


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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



**C** 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.

*Kneeling or sitting forward.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C** **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

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

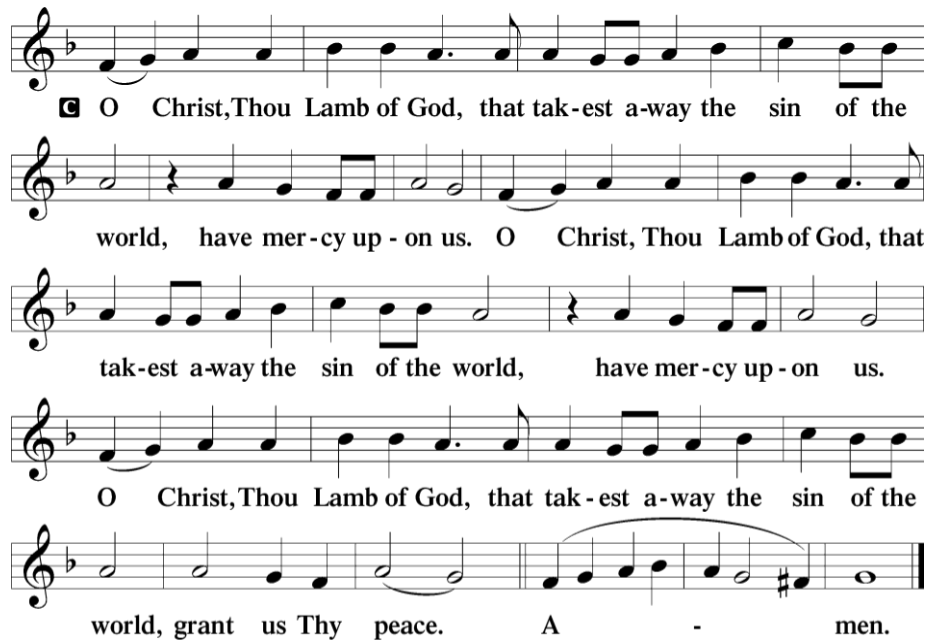
John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** 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.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 366*

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king.”  
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,  
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

*Lutheran Service Book 364*

**“Away In a Manger”**



1 A-way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a-wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je-sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit-tle Lord Je-sus, no cry-ing He makes.  
Close by me for-ev-er and love me, I pray.



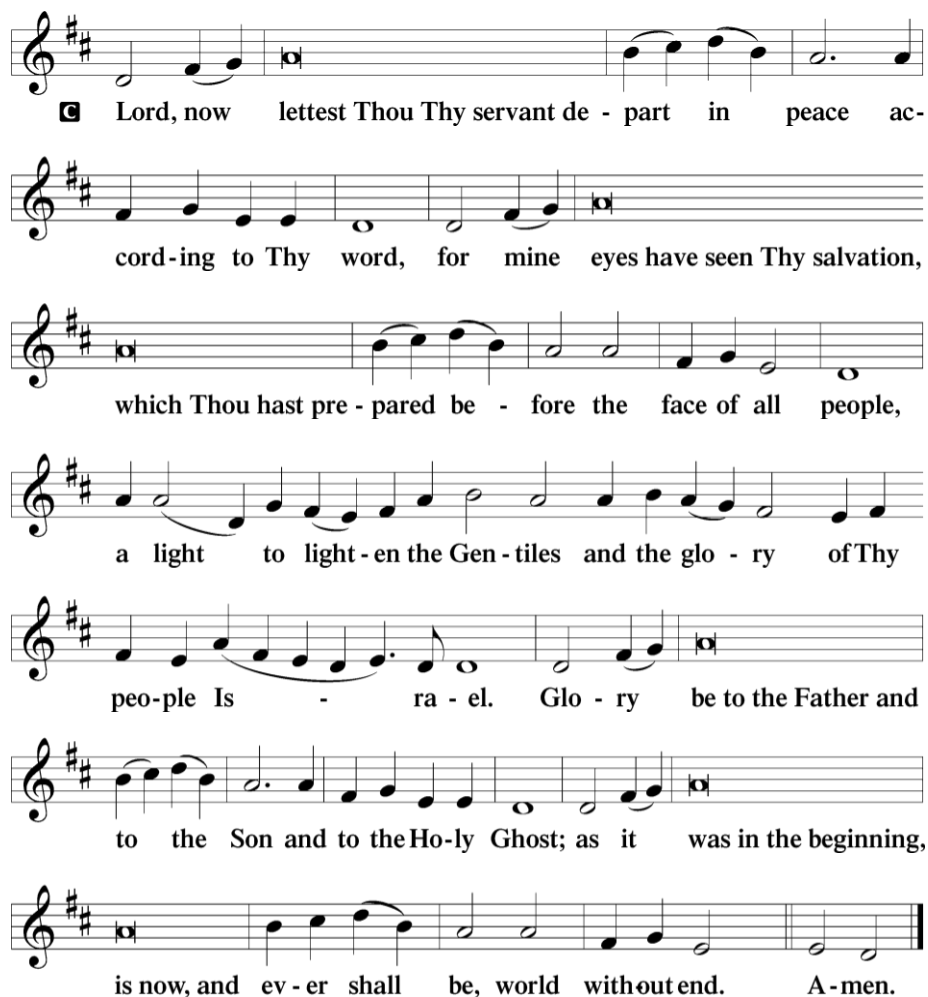
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je-sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil-dren in Thy ten-der care,



The lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra-dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav-en to live with Thee there.

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

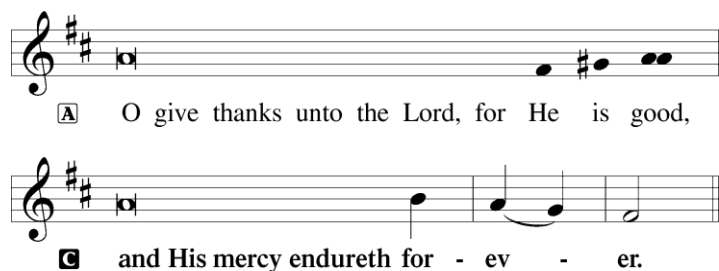
Luke 2:29-32



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

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

*The ushers will approach your pew with lighted individual candles to symbolize that we have received the Light of the world in the newborn Christ child.*

*Lutheran Service Book 361*

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.  
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!



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.

All may now extinguish their individual candles. After service, candles may be returned to the designated box located in the narthex.  
Standing

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

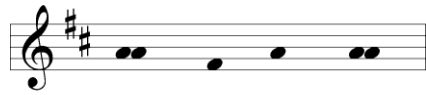
2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



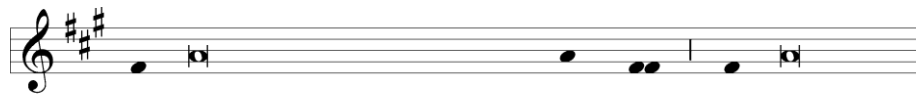
**A** Bless we the Lord.



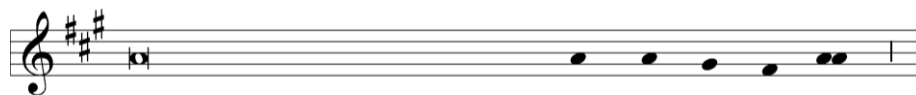
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

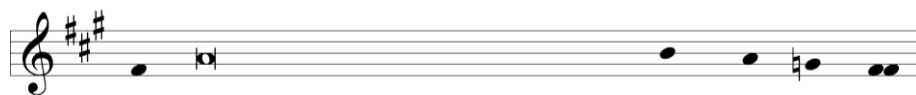
Numbers 6:24-26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 387*

**"Joy to the World"**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
poy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

# POSTLUDE

*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

Sussex Carol



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

Grayson Beckman, *Elder*

Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Laura Darden, *Interim Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Altar Guild**

Whitney Worthington/Jeni Miller

### **Usher(s)**

Brian Beckman/Greg Ison



THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE ALTAR  
WERE GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED BY:

Brian & Darlene Beckman,  
to the glory of God.

Anne Bigelow,  
in memory of Marlys & Bob Bigelow,  
in memory of Robert Bigelow,  
and in memory of Mary B. Huntoon.

Eileen Buehl,  
in memory of Dan Buehl Sr.

Nancy Grossberg,  
in memory of Fred & Ruth Honea.

John Kateen,  
in memory of Arlene Kateen.

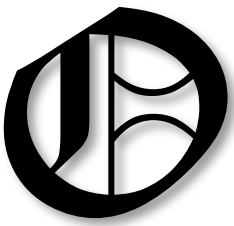
Jan Knehans,  
in honor of Leslie Clarke,  
and in memory of Gerhard & Lenora Knehans.

Tom Lawton & Linda Rathje,  
in memory of Harriet Rathje.

John Reichman,  
To the glory of God.

Clara Smith,  
in memory of Thees & Rachel Schnakenberg,  
and in memory of John & Dolores Schnakenberg.





UR CHURCHES TEACH THAT THE WORD, THAT IS THE SON OF GOD,  
ASSUMED THE HUMAN NATURE IN THE WOMB OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY.

*-AUGSBURG CONFSSION, ARTICLE III. THE SON OF GOD, 1-2*



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