

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



T DIVINE SERVICE T

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Joy to the World"

(LSB 387)

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

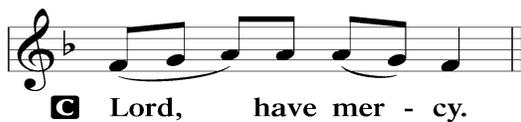
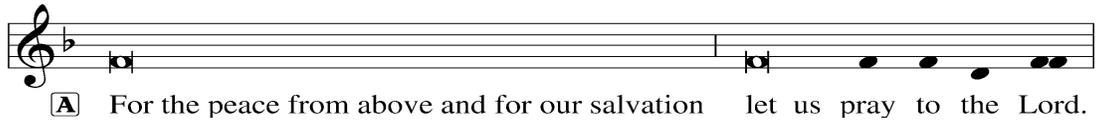
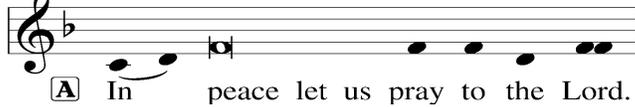
T WORD T

INTROIT

Ps 98:1-4 (antiphon: Isaiah 9:6)

- P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
C **and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- P 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.
C **The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P 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.
C **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 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
C **and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

KYRIE





A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



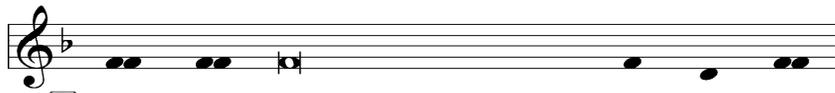
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-*thy* is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of our sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:7-10

(The Lord's coming salvation)

After the reading:

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

ANTHEM

“REGENT SQUARE/GLORIA” (arr. Kathleen M Basi)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12) (The supremacy of God’s Son)

After the reading:

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

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-11 (The Angels and the Shepherds)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

After the reading:

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

- P Your Son upholds the universe by the word of His power. Grant our nation to walk humbly before You. Bless our soldiers who stand watch this day. Keep them in safety as they serve us, and uphold their families while they are apart. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Merciful Father, guard and keep all who are sick, lonely, overwhelmed by grief or poor in spirit, [*especially _____,*] that they may be comforted and healed according to Your good and gracious will. Let them look to Jesus Christ and be reminded that He is the light no darkness can overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new; for You live and reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.**

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT † **Both services**

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

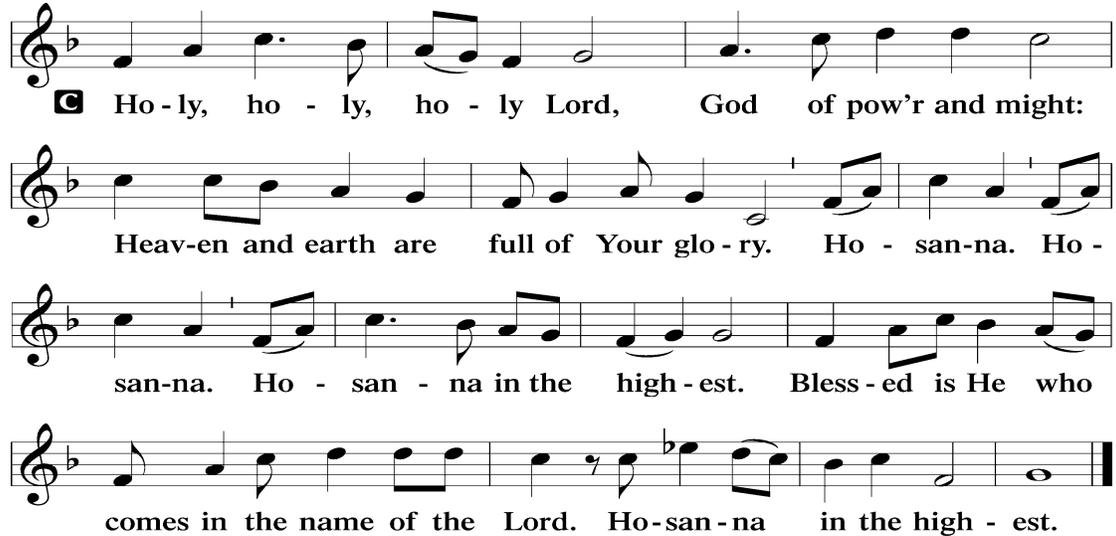
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O

Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

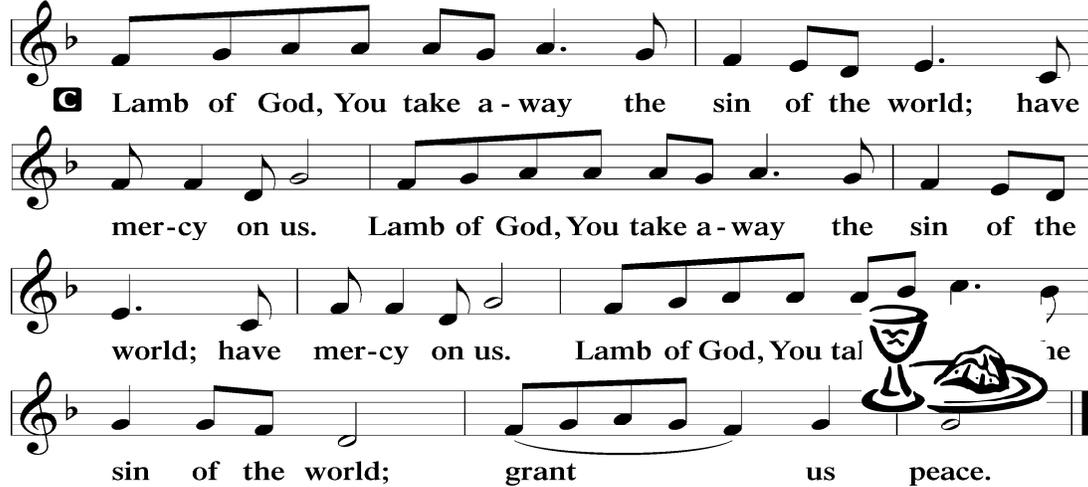
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You tal
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes. An illustration of a chalice and a plate with bread is placed over the final two staves of the music.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Child Is This" (LSB 370)

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (LSB 393)

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu -

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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 **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

(LSB 388)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY



AS WE GATHER During Advent this year, we focused on the messages brought by angels: to Zechariah, to Joseph, and to Mary. Last evening—Christmas Eve—it was a multitude of angels singing God’s glory and peace to shepherds. Now, on this Christmas Day, we hear from yet one more angel: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for

you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:10–12).

Imagine the surprise of the shepherds when the sign of Christ the Lord was not a palace or a crib radiating light beams or a baby surrounded by a fierce army of guards. The sign was just a baby in a manger, wrapped in swaddling cloths! As John declares in today’s Gospel, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Even today, the Word comes to us in plain spoken words, in the water with God’s promise of Baptism, and in the bread and wine of Communion. God’s ways are not our ways; He comes in seemingly lowly, simple, and unspectacular ways that we end up discovering are full of His grace and truth.

*Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King. LSB367:1*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Christmas Day! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Brad Urbach. Reverend Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Dec. 14, Att. 2; Offering \$270.00; **Sun., Dec. 18, Att. 186;** General Fund \$9,302.27; Sunday School \$6.55; Building Fund \$290.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Flowers \$64.00; Preschool \$500.00; Mexico Mission \$915.00; Sanctuary HVAC \$1,000.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$6,000; Endowment Fund in memory of Linda Denke (Undesignated) \$20.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

2023 Offering Envelopes are now on tables in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up today.** They are arranged numerically and semi-alphabetically. **If you give automatically by EFT or phone you still need to pick up your envelopes.** There are special envelopes for Missions, Advent, Lent, Christmas, Endowment, etc. that may be used. If you cannot find your envelopes let Helen know. She will find them or if you do not already have envelopes, she will issue you a number. Thanks!

All tithes and gifts to be included in your 2022 financial statement MUST be submitted on or before December 31st. Anything given January 1st or later, even though dated for December 31st will be included in your 2023 statements.



Our last round of church directory photos will be taken the first week of January beginning Tuesday, January 3 and running through Friday, January 6. We would love to have all our members included in this directory.

We have received a number of 8 x 10 photos in the church office. **If you have had your photo taken for the Church**

Directory (and did not order extras, maybe even if you did order) your FREE 8 x 10 is in the church office. Stop by the office and Helen will be glad to give you your photo.

Life Quotes “There is no more clear-pointed, rest-giving demonstration of the love of God for you than the gift of His Son.” *Paul Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

On the Lighter Side...

Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

A: Because He felt crummy!

Q: Where do sheep go to get Woolcuts?

A: To the Baa Baa shop!

On the Lighter Side:

Q: Why are Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen always wet?

A: Because they are “rain” deer.

Q: Who delivers Christmas presents to good little sharks when they’re sleeping?

A: Santa Jaws!

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 25 Christmas Day

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Communion

Wed: Dec. 28

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

Thurs: Dec. 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Fri: Dec. 30

Sat: Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

7:00 pm Worship with

Communion

Sun: Jan. 1 New Year's Day

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Worship

Merry Christmas

