

# CHRISTMAS DAY

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



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

***At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Philippians 2:10***

### OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful "

(LSB 379)

### INVOCATION

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

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P** Jesus is our Lord Emmanuel, God With Us. He laid aside his heavenly glory and humbled himself to be born among us.  
**C** O come, let us adore him!  
**P** Jesus, the Son of God, humbled himself to the point of death on a cross. He humbled himself to as the sacrifice for our sins.  
**C** O come, let us adore him!  
**P** God raised his Son from the dead and exalted him in glory. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus.  
**C** O come, let us adore him!



### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.



Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

"Jesus Messiah"

(Tomlin, Cash)

Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

**EPISTLE**

Philippians 2:5-11

**P** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 1:14-18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

(LSB 387)

**SERMON**

"Bethlehem, The Bible's Bookmark" *(Philippians 2:10)*

*Pastor Brad Urbach*

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*Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

## **OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

*(Please stand)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord Jesus, you are the Word from the beginning, the Word who is God, the Word made flesh. Grace and truth were made known to us through your humble birth and life and through your suffering, death and resurrection. Through faith in your name, we receive forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus, whose name is above all names,

**C** Hear our prayers and accept our joyful praise.

**P** Lord Jesus, obedient to your heavenly Father, you humbled yourself to take on human flesh and to suffer death on the cross for the sake of our salvation. You were raised in triumph over death and crowned with glory. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to you. Jesus, whose name is above all names,

**C** Hear our prayers and accept our joyful praise.

**P** Lord Jesus, as we rejoice to remember your birth in Bethlehem, we pray for those who may not be rejoicing on this day. We pray for those who are suffering in illness or grief and sorrow. Lead us to serve them in love and to bring them comfort through the promises of your holy Word. Jesus, whose name is above all names,

**C** Hear our prayers and accept our joyful praise.

**P** Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, you lived among us in a life of love and compassion



toward others. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to follow in your steps, caring for others and sharing with them the Good News of salvation through faith in your name. Jesus, whose name is above all names,

**C** Hear our prayers and accept our joyful praise.

**P** Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your First Advent, your birth in Bethlehem, we look forward to your Second Advent, when you will come again on the Last Day. On that day, we will see you crowned with glory, and we too will be raised up from death as you were raised. We pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Jesus, whose name is above all names,

**C** Hear our prayers and accept our joyful praise.

**P** 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 pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

**Communion Distribution:** We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus’ blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you

row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

**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.

*(Please be seated)*

**ANTHEM**

“Wisemen Saw the Light”

(Larson/Martin)

Tim Larson, vocal soloist

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

(LSB 618)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

(LSB 361) Tune 362

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

(LSB 368)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

(LSB 380)



*(Please stand)*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

Philippians 2:5-11 and 2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** “Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
- C** **And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**
- P** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
- C** **So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**
- P** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



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

## CLOSING HYMN

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

(LSB 386)

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