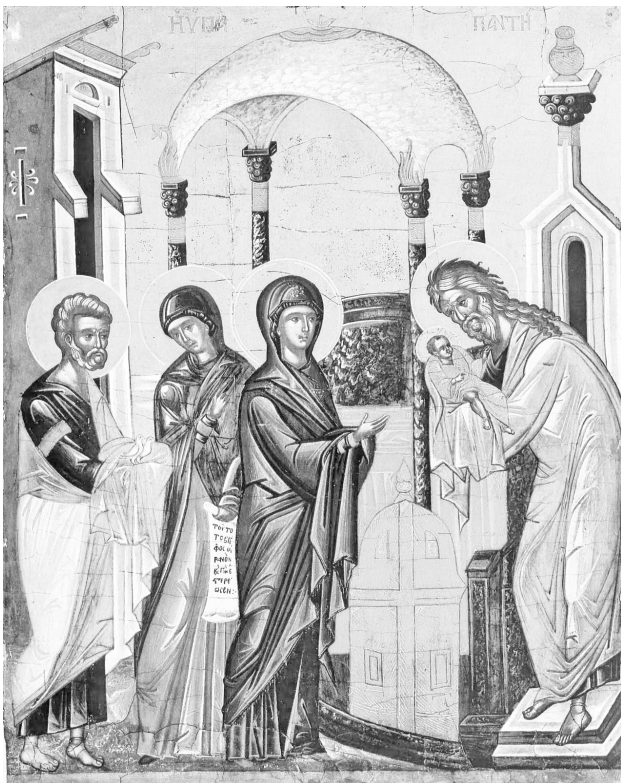


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday 31 December A+D 2023



OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠

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Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

384 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.

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.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 93:5, 2; 1, 3-4



| Thy tes- | timonies are / very sure:
holiness becometh thine house, O / LORD, for ever.

**Thy throne is established of / ôld:
thou art from / everlasting.**

The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with / majesty;
The LORD is clothed with strength,
wherewith he hath / girded himself:

**The world also is / stablished,
that / it cannot be moved.**

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted / up their voice;
the floods / lift up their waves.

**The LORD on high is mightier
than the noise of many / waters,
yea, than the mighty waves / of the sea.-
*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 for- / ever. Amen.**

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THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



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

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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. 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.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Thus says the LORD God: "Behold, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant

that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 45:2A, 1



Thou art fairer than the children of / mên:
 grace is poured in- / to thy lips.–

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the / kîng: my tongue is the pen of a / ready writer.

THE EPISTLE

GALATIANS 4:1–7

Brethren: The heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 93:1



Alle- / luia!
 - / Alleluia!

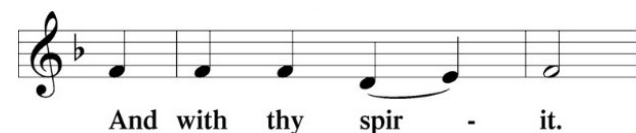
**The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with / majesty;
 the LORD is clothed with strength,
 wherewith he hath girded himself. / Alleluia!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 382 *We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 2:33–40

The Lord be with you.



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



✠ *At that time:* Joseph and Mary marveled at those things which were spoken of Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming

in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED

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

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

519 *In His Temple Now Behold Him*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



SIT

THE OFFERING

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

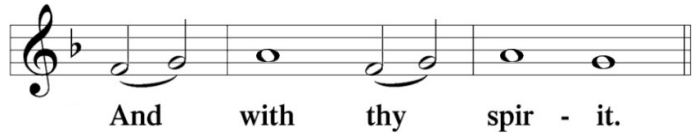


THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

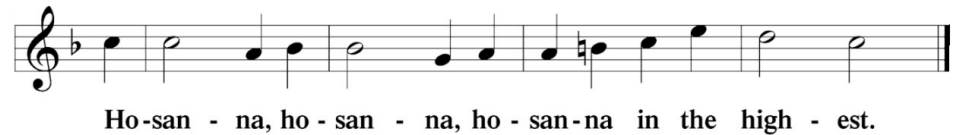
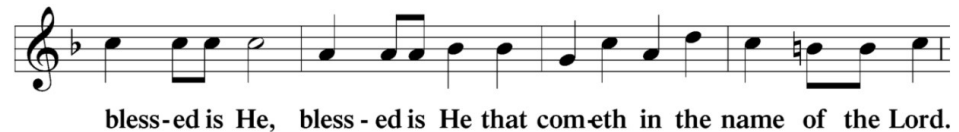
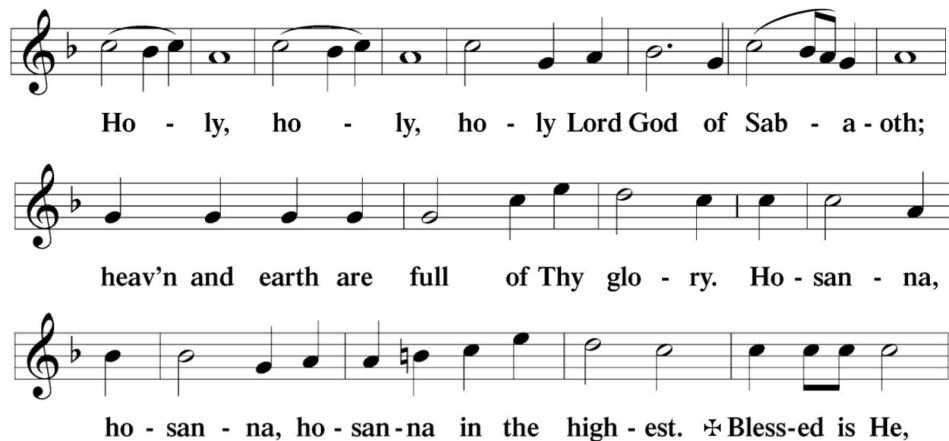
[PSALM 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. 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 CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.



THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

Seven lines of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The notation includes various note values, rests, and a final cadence.

SIT

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

- 393 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
- 383 *A Great and Mighty Wonder*
- 897 *O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Eight lines of musical notation in D major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The notation includes various note values, rests, and a final cadence.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

A single line of musical notation in D major, 4/4 time. It consists of a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, a half note C, a half note D, and a whole note E. The lyrics "and His mercy endureth for - ev - er." are written below the notes.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in 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.



A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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.



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

STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes your pew.

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.



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