

# THE CHRIST MASS OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Wednesday 25 December A✠D 2025



## OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠

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**On receiving the Lord's Supper:** Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

### 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 as it passes.*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**386** *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

✠ 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]

*Please remain STANDING or 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]

*Please STAND*

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

ISAIAH 9:6A; PSALM 98:1A



| Unto | us a / Child is born,  
Unto us a / Son is given:

**And the government shall be upon His / shoulder:  
And His name shall be called / Wonderful, Counselor.**

O sing unto the LORD a new / sông:  
For He hath done / marvelous things.—

**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.**

| Unto | us a / Child is born,  
Unto us a / Son is given:

**And the government shall be upon His / shoulder:  
And His name shall be called Won- / derful, Counselor.**

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.

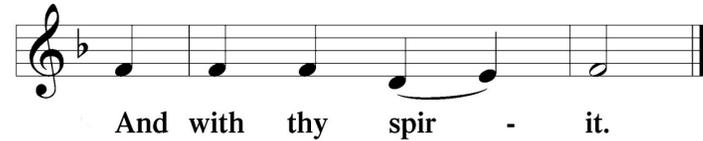
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

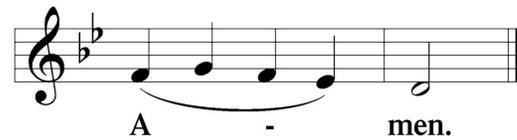
The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



A - men.

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE PROPHECY

ISAIAH 52:6–10

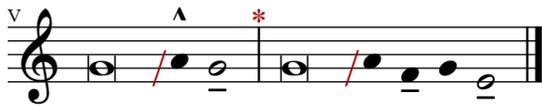
*Thus says the LORD God:* “My people shall know My name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks: ‘Behold, it is I.’ ” How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; for they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 98:3B-4A, 2



All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our / Gôd.  
Make a joyful noise un- / to the LORD, all the earth.

**The LORD hath made known His sal- / vation:  
His righteousness hath He openly showed  
in the / sight of the heathen.**

**THE EPISTLE**

HEBREWS 1:1-12

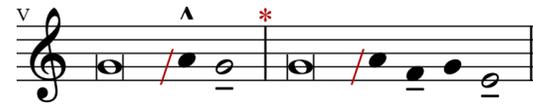
*Brethren:* God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son"? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail."

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

*Please STAND*

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

LITURGICAL TEXT



Alle- / luia!  
- / Alleluia!

**A hallowed day hath dawned up- / on us.  
O come ye nations, and adore the LORD,  
for on this day a great Light hath descended  
upon the earth. / Alleluia!**

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. JOHN 1:1-14

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ Saint John.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness

did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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.**

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### THE HYMN OF THE DAY

368 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

### THE SERMON

*Please STAND*

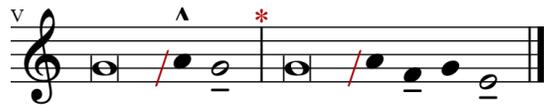
### THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



## THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 89:11, 14A



The heavens are Thyne, the earth also is / Thine:  
As for the world and the / fullness thereof:  
**Thou hast / founded them.**  
**Justice and judgment are**  
**the habitation / of Thy throne.—**

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE OFFERING

*Please STAND*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

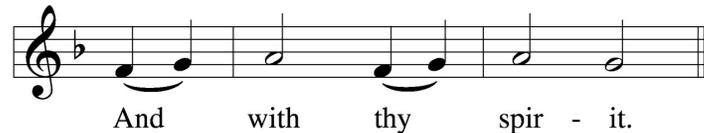
*At the conclusion:* O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

## THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

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

## THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



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.

*Please remain STANDING or 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

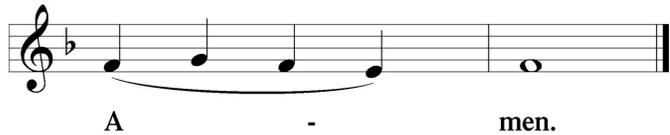
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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.



A - - - - - men.

**THE AGNUS DEI**

ST. JOHN 1:29



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

**THE COMMUNION VERSE**

PSALM 98:3B



All the ends of the / eârth  
Have seen the salvation / of our God.—

*Please BE SEATED*

**THE COMMUNION HYMNS**

- 366 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*
- 367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Please STAND*

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

ST. LUKE 2:29-32



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**THE THANKSGIVING**

PSALM 107:1

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

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that, like as Thy Son, born this day the Savior of the world, hath been made the author of our heavenly birth: so may He bestow upon us the gift of blessed immortality; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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.

*Please remain STANDING or 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.

*Please STAND*

**THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.*

