

# THE CHRIST MASS OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Friday 25 December A✠D 2020



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**Abiding Savior/Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church** is a combined congregation of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ fully presented in the Holy Scriptures, rightly explained in the Lutheran Confessions, and reverently proclaimed in the Divine Service.

**Visitors, welcome!** We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

**This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion.** 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, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or [rev.mccall@pm.me](mailto:rev.mccall@pm.me)



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

**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).*

**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.

**Amen.**

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 28:19B; [18:20]

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 (HEBRÄER) 10:22]

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

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 124:8

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

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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 (JOHANNES) 20:19-23]



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 98:1-4;  
ANTIPHON: ISAIAH (JESAJA) 9:6



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
**and his name shall be called Wonderful, | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done | marvelous things!\*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked  
salva- | tion for him.

**The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the  
sight of the | nations.**

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.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

***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 forever. | Amen.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
**and his name shall be called Wonderful, | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

KYRIE

ST. MARK (MARKUS) 10:47



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

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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 2:14; ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 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** 2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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 sin; 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*

**OLD TESTAMENT** EXODUS (2. BUCH MOSE) 40:17-21, 34-38

*In those days,* <sup>17</sup> in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. <sup>18</sup> Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. <sup>19</sup> And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>20</sup> He took the testimony and put it into

the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. <sup>21</sup>And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup>Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup>But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 118:26A, 27A, 23



Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

The LORD is God, and he has made his  
light to shine up- | on us.

**This is the LORD's | doing;\***

**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**EPISTLE**

HEBREWS (HEBRÄER) 1:1-6

*Brethren:* <sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the

Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

LITURGICAL TEXT



Alle- | luia.\*

Alle- | luia.

**A holy day has dawned up- | on us.\***

**Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord!**

Alle- | luia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.’”) <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**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*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**382** *We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth*

**SERMON**

*STAND*

**OFFERTORY**

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 51:10-12



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.

**OFFERING** – Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership:

*Abiding Savior*—wooden; *Mount Olive*—brass.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 TIMOTHY (I. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 2:1-4]

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. . .

**Amen.**

*SIT*

**HYMN**

**368** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*STAND*

THE SERVICE OF  
✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

**PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS (KOLOSSER) 3:1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM (DER PSALTER) 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto 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**

ISAIAH (JESAJA) 6:3; ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 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.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 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

**WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT**

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 26:26-28; ST. MARK (MARKUS) 14:22-24;  
ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS (I. BUCH KORINTHER) 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.

**PAX DOMINI**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - - - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 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.

*SIT*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

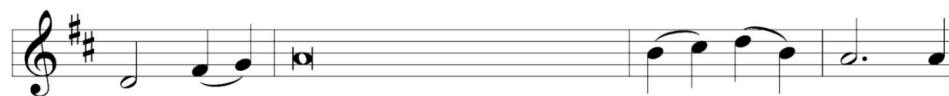
375 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

360 *All My Heart Again Rejoices*

*STAND*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 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 (DER PSALTER) 107:1

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

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

**SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

**BENEDICAMUS**

[PSALM (DER PSALTER) 103:]

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

NUMBERS (4. BUCH MOSE) 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.

**RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

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

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