

# THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thursday 24 June AÆD 2021



ABIDING SAVIOR/  
MOUNT OLIVE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

✠ Hymns ✠  
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**This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion.** 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, 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.

**Using the bulletin.** Parts spoken by the Pastor are printed in regular type font. (ex. In the name of...). Parts spoken by the congregation are in bold type font. (ex. **O Almighty God...**). All parts accompanying printed music are sung by the congregation.

**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.

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

### 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** 347 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

✠ 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]

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]



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**THE INTROIT**

MALACHI 3:1; LUKE 1:68, 76-79



| Behold, | I will send my messenger,  
and he shall prepare the way be- / fore me:  
and the Lord, whom ye seek,  
shall suddenly come / to his temple.  
**Blessed be the Lord God of / Israel;**  
**for he hath visited and re- / deemed his people.**  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of  
the Lord / to prepare his ways;  
**To give knowledge of salvation unto his / people**  
**by the re- / mission of their sins,**  
Through the tender mercy / of our God;  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath vis- / ited us,—  
**To give light to them that sit in darkness**  
**and in the shadow of / dêath,**  
to guide our feet in- / to the way of peace.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Ho- / ly Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now and will be for ev- / er. Amen.**

| Behold, | I will send my messenger,  
and he shall prepare the way be- / fore me:  
and the Lord, whom ye seek,  
shall suddenly come / to his temple.

**THE KYRIE**

ST. MARK 10:47



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. Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

*SIT*



## THE OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 40:1-8

*In those days, the prophet Isaiah said,*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, “Cry!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## THE GRADUAL

JEREMIAH 1:5, 9



Before I formed thee in the belly I / knew thee;  
and before thou camest forth out of the womb

I sanc- / tified thee;—

**Then the LORD put forth his hand,  
and / touched my mouth.**

**And the / LORD spoke unto me.**

## THE SECOND READING

ACTS 13:13-26

*In those days,* <sup>13</sup> Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup> After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” <sup>16</sup> So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup> The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. <sup>18</sup> And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup> And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. <sup>20</sup> All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup> Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup> And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ <sup>23</sup> Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. <sup>24</sup> Before his coming, John

had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup> And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

<sup>26</sup> “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

ST. LUKE 1:17



Alle- / luia!

Al- / lelulia!

**He shall go before him in the spirit and  
power of / Elias,  
to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.  
Al- / lelulia!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. LUKE 1:57-80

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ <sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup> but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup> And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup> and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow  
 of death,  
 to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in  
 the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**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**

346 *When All the World Was Cursed*

**THE SERMON**

*STAND*

**THE OFFERTORY**

PSALM 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.

*SIT*

**THE OFFERING**

*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, 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.

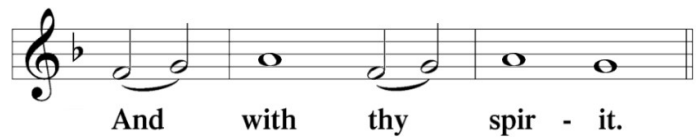
**Amen.**

## 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.

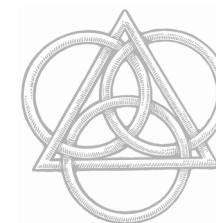
[PSALM 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



## 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

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## 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

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*

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

226 *The Benedictus*

518:1, 18, 3 *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

406 *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

*STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 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.

### THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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