

THE CHRIST MASS OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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✠ Hymns ✠
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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. 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 Lord's Body and Blood. If you have not had the opportunity to speak with him, we kindly ask that you abstain from seeking the Sacrament until you have spoken with Pastor McCall. 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 can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or 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 as it passes.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

386 *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 184)

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

ISAIAH 9:6; PSALM 98:1-4



|Unto| us a child is born, unto us a son is / given:
and the government shall be up- / on his shoulder:
and his name shall be / c alled:
Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The / Prince of Peace.–
O sing unto the LORD a new song;
for he hath done marvellous / things:
his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten / him the victory.
The LORD hath made known his sal- / vation:
his righteousness hath he openly shewed
in the sight / of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth
toward the house of / Israel:
all the ends of the earth have seen the sal- / vation of our God.
Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the /  arth:
make a loud noise, and re- / joice, and sing praise.
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 up- / on his shoulder:
and his name shall be / c alled:
Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The / Prince of Peace.–

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;



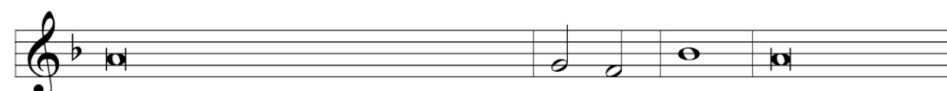
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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. 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

THE OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 40:17-21, 34-38

In those days, ¹⁷ in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸ Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹ And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ 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.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 118:26A, 27A, 23

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the / LÔRD:
 God is the LORD, / which hath shewed us light:

This is the LORD's / doing;
it is marvelous / in our eyes.-

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 1:1-6

Brethren: ¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² 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. ³ 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, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ 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”?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

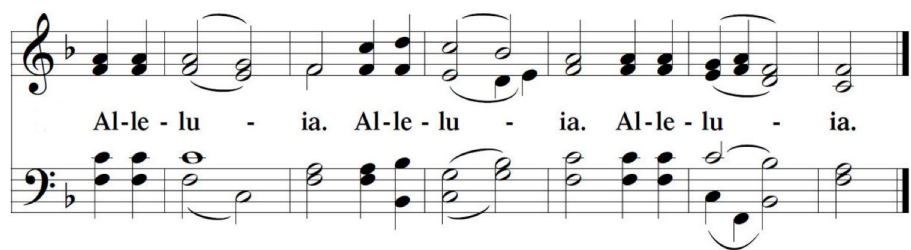
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

LITURGICAL TEXT

Congregation sings the Alleluia; pastor chants the verse; congregation repeats the Alleluia.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



The hallowed day hath shined up- / on us.
Come ye nations, and adore the LORD,
for today a great light hath de- / scended on the earth.

Repeat triple alleluia

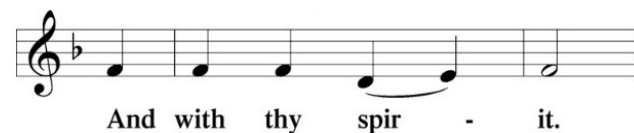
THE SEQUENCE HYMN

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

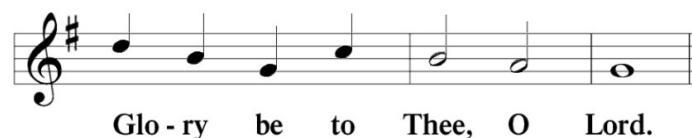
ST. JOHN 1:1-18

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.’”) ¹⁶For from his fullness

we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ 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.

THE NICENE CREED (pg. 191)

SIT

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 368 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- please see your insert for the full lists

[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



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 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:

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 196; *entirely spoken*)

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT (pg. 197)

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28; ST. MARK 14:22-24
 ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25



THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

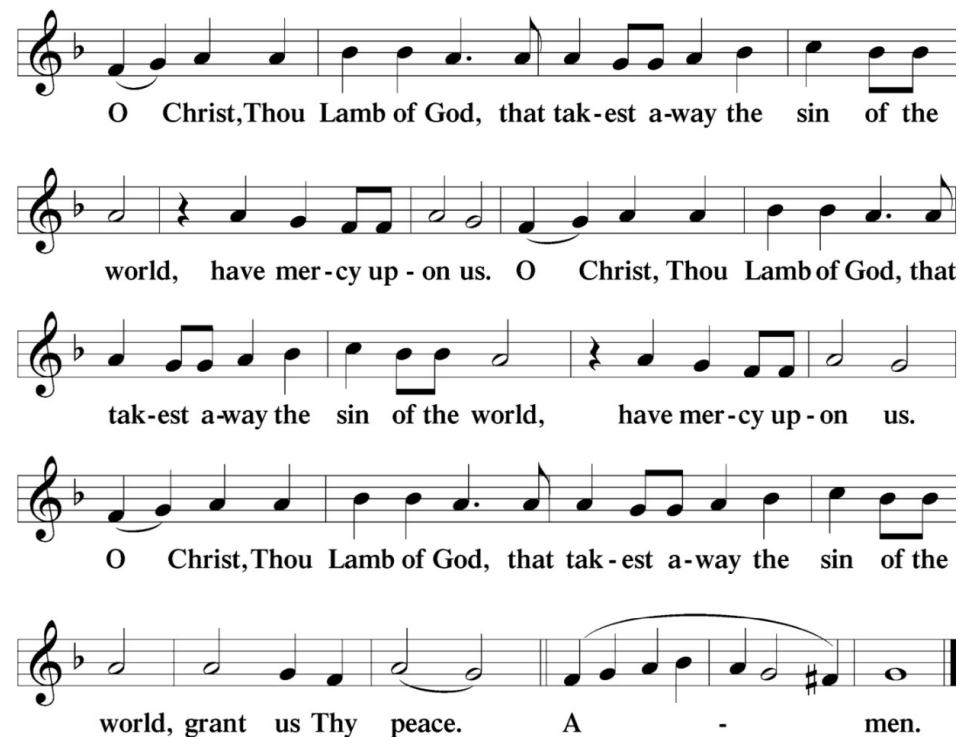
The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



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

- 379 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
- 375 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*
- 360 *All My Heart Again Rejoices*
- 387 *Joy to the World*

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.

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



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