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₩₩ The Festival Eucharist ₩₩₩ December 25, 2020 ₩ 9:30 AM

Whether you join us today in person or online: In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome!



Since the beginning of time, the coming of light has been a sign of life and hope. The sun transforms the darkness into an inhabitable space. On the Festival Day of our Lord's Nativity, the Church gathers to celebrate the light of God's grace present in Christ. In the Holy Bath of Baptism, He enlightens and claims us as brothers and sisters. In the Holy Word of Scripture, He speaks to us of God's love for each human being. In the Holy Meal of the Eucharist, He gives to us the Bread of eternal life. From this festive liturgy we go forth to be lightbearers in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. May our Newborn Savior, King, and Lord

richly bless our worship this day as we adore Him at His Altar! As He comes to us today in His Gifts of Word and Sacrament, this place is Bethlehem; this is the stable; this is where He lies now in the manger of Word and Bread and Wine. Come, Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

A Prayer As We Gather for Worship

God of tender compassion, whose love has dawned upon us in the birth of Jesus, remember the work of Your grace and establish Your Church as a holy people saved by Your mercy and made heirs of eternal life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who is one with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ON THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

№ In the Name of Jesus Christ **№**

▼ The Preparation **▼**

The Christmas Music for Meditation

The Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 379

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain

Refrain O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

- 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain*
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

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The Invocation:

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P On this most holy feast of Christmas, the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us approach His manger-throne in humility, confessing our need for this Savior that we may receive Him and the forgiveness He came to deliver for the life of the world.
- **P** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
- **C** He is to be feared above all gods.
- **P** He will judge the world in righteousness,
- and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 96:4, 13

Silence is kept for a time of reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

▼ The Service of the Word **▼**

The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 368

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 Which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see

L This is the Word of the Lord.

the salvation of our God.

C Thanks be to God.

- Ant. I will tell of the decree:
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
- 3"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- ⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- P 10Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- In Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- P 12Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- Ant. I will tell of the decree:
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
 today I have begotten you.



The Epistle Hebrews 1:1-12

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but 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. ³He 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.

⁵For 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"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

¹⁰And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment,

¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

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

The Congregation rises

- P 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.
- **P** Sing to the Lord a new song,
- **C** for he has done marvelous things!
- P Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- Glory to You, 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 enlightens 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."") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated



"What Child Is This"

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The babe, the son of Mary!
- Why lies He in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
 The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high,
 The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

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The Sermon The Infant King

The Congregation rises



The Nicene Creed

C 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.

The Prayer of the Church

- P To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; let us offer praise, thanks and prayer to God the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for all the people of God and for all people according to their needs.
- Let us pray for all who celebrate the incarnation, that the knowledge that their God reigns would cause them to lift up their voices and sing for joy, and that they would always be ready to tell others about the Word made flesh. Lord in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- Let us pray for all pastors, teachers, and ministers of the Church, that God would work through their proclamation of Christ to bring the good news of happiness and salvation to all who hear them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for the nations of this world, that they would be given a spirit of peace so that conflicts cease and all see in the birth of Jesus the salvation of our God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for those who suffer persecution for the sake of Christ, that they would be kept firm in their faith as they bear witness to the light of the world, and that they would never lose sight of their identity as children of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for the destitute, those recovering from natural disaster and those who find themselves in want, that they would receive the necessities for daily life, that the agencies who serve them would receive generous support, and that those who serve and those who are served would come to see God as the Giver of daily bread. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for those who suffer sickness in mind or body, those who are homebound, for those suffering in any way from the effects of this pandemic, and for all those who have asked for our prayers whom we name now in the silence of our hearts...that God would grant to them all healing, peace, patience, and faith that endures. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for those who commune today, that they would receive the Body and Blood of Jesus worthily with faith in His bodily presence here in the Sacrament for them, and that they would depart having received grace upon grace from His fullness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us give thanks for all the people of God who have gone before us and who now rest in His presence. And let us pray that we, too, would be kept faithful until that day when He makes all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, the Word become flesh, the Savior of the nations, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God.
- C Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and His Name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you.

The Congregation is seated

▼ The Service of the Sacrament **▼**

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 374

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

1 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefiled,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.

- 2 Angels sang about His birth,
 Wise Men sought and found Him;
 Heaven's star shone brightly forth
 Glory all around Him.
 Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
 Heard the angels singing;
 All the plains were lit that night,
 All the hills were ringing.
- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child
 Lowly in a manger;
 He is still the Undefiled
 But no more a stranger.
 Son of God of humble birth,
 Beautiful the story;
 Praise His name in all the earth;
 Hail the King of glory!

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The Congregation rises

The Preface Dialogue and Sanctus:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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:
- sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"
 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of hosts, all praise be giv'n!
 All Your glory fills the earth,
 All Your power fills the heav'ns!
 Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Blessed is the King who came, Bringing love and light divine! Blessed is the King who comes In the Bread and in the Wine! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Thanks be to You, O Lord, because in these last days You did send to us Your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of Your will; Who is Your Word inseparable from You; through whom You made all things and with whom You were well-pleased; whom You did send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as Your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin.

Who, when He was betrayed to His voluntary suffering, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread hell underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish a memorial, and manifest the resurrection, took bread, gave thanks to You, and said: "Take eat, this is My + Body, which is broken for you." Likewise also the cup, saying: "This is My + Blood which is poured out for you. As often as you do this, you shall do it in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to You, because You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve you. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your holy people who partake hereof; fill them with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth; and grant that we may praise and glorify You through Your Servant, Jesus Christ; through whom all honor and glory belongs to You, the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P Commanded by Christ's saving precepts and informed by His divine instruction, we are bold to say:
- 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 *Pax Domini*:

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Sung to the Tune of "Once in Royal David's City"

Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, Mercy to Your people give. Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, May we in Your mercy live. Lamb of God, we all implore: Grant us peace forevermore.

The Congregation is seated



The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music at the Distribution: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

The Congregation rises.

The Nunc Dimittis

Sung to the Tune of "Away in a Manger" (Cradle Song)

Lord, now in Your mercy Your servants release
As Your word has promised. Oh, grant us Your peace.
Our eyes Your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold,

A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see The glory of Israel, the Promised One He Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Sun, With Father and Spirit eternally One.

The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- **P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- **C** And His mercy endures forever.

- **P** Let us pray.
 - We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament, and we beseech You to make us partakers of Your divine life through the Incarnation of Your beloved Son, with whose Body and Blood You have now nourished us; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Benedicamus and Blessing:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God!
- May Christ, who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
- C Amen.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 380

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the_incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

The Hymn continues on the next page...

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

▼ To God All Praise and Glory! ▼

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Christmas Worship Schedule



Please join us for worship either in person or by livestream as we greet the Lord who comes again to us.

Livestream Worship is available on our Church Facebook Page either live at the scheduled time or at any time from the Facebook Page under "Videos". The link to the Facebook Page is available on the Church Website: www.tlcmr.org Also available are the orders of service on the Church Website.

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The First Sunday after Christmas – December 27, 2020 – 9:30 AM Divine Service with Christmas Carol Sing

Join us for this opportunity to sing the well-loved songs of Christmas as we sing out our joy in the Savior's birth.

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord – January 3, 2021 – 9:30 AM Festival Eucharist

Let us go with the Magi to Bethlehem to greet the One who is our King and as He gives us His gifts of grace which come through His Word and Sacraments.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord – January 10, 2021 – 9:30 AM Festival Eucharist

We conclude our Christmas celebrations as we remember our Lord Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan and reconsecrating ourselves as we remember our own baptisms.



Christmas Flower Donations, 2020

We thank the following for helping to adorn our Lord's Altar this Christmas with the gift of flowers:

Skip and Rachel Hall in Memory of Chuck Sinkoske

The Juhasz Family in Memory of Loved Ones

The Peele Family in Memory of Rhonda Clark

Sylvia Royal in Memory of Loved Ones

Pastor and Kim Schiebel in Memory of Departed Loved Ones

Sam and Judy Welch to the Glory of God

The Special Altar Floral Arrangement is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Betty Kruelle by Gus Kruelle



Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.