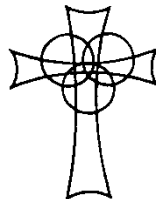




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The Nativity of our Lord

✠ ✠ ✠ *The Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist* ✠ ✠ ✠
December 24, 2021 ✠ 7:00 PM

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



Tonight, the Church throughout the world gathers to recall the blessed event of the birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son and Savior of the World. In the still quiet of this evening hour, Christ comes again among His people to give us the gift of Himself as He comes to us in His Holy Word and Sacraments. May our Newborn Savior, King, and Lord richly bless our worship this night as we adore Him at His Altar! As He comes to us this night 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 wonders, on this most holy night Your grace has appeared to humankind, for by a lowly birth, Your eternal Word has come to live as one of us. Let the life of Christ be the life of Christians; let Christ's death be their new birth; and Christ's Gospel, their inspiration. So shall You receive glory, and the whole earth be held in Your peace. We make this prayer 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 EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 358

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

- 1** “From heav’n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 2** “To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 3** “This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.
- 5** “These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”
- 6** How glad we’ll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son.

The Hymn concludes on the next page...

7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
And see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.

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The Blessing of the Crèche:

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, for us and for our salvation our Lord Jesus Christ came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man, thus fulfilling the word of the prophet Isaiah, “a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

Let this crèche remind us that the Lord Jesus came into our flesh and is truly our Savior.

P Welcome all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span.

C Summer in winter, day in night,
heaven in earth and God in man.

P Great Little One whose all-embracing birth

C brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

Richard Crashaw

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, on this night You caused Your only-begotten Son to be born of the blessed Virgin Mary for our salvation. Bless this crèche, which shows the wonders of that sacred birth, that all who behold it may ponder and adore the mystery of His holy incarnation and may joyfully partake in His divine grace unto life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this crèche for use in His Church.

C Amen.



“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That You might share Your joy with me.**
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.**
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:**
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav’n,
Who unto us His Son has giv’n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.**

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The Confession of Sin:

- P** Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts and to forgive and heal us. In His light, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

A time of silence is kept for confession and self-examination

- P** You, O Lord, were born for our salvation.
Lord, have mercy.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** You, O Christ, came as our Savior to bring us wholeness and peace.
Christ, have mercy.
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
- P** You, O Lord, came to bring light into the darkness of our lives.
Lord, have mercy.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** The God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to Himself, that we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all our sins, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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.

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

- 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.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same 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 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For 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.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

The Trinity Singers

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice Medley”

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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

The Candlelighting:

Owing to the current conditions, tonight we will be using battery operated candles for both safety and distance keeping. As the Hymn is introduced, please turn on your candle by turning the “flame” until it lights.

For those joining us online, please light a candle that you have available with you where you are to share with us in this moment of light.

The Anthem at the Candlelighting “The First Noel” – The Trinity Singers

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

1 **Silent night, holy night!**
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

- 2 **Silent night, holy night!**
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 **Silent night, holy night!**
Son of God, love's pure Light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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The Versicles and Prayer for Light:

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
C **The Light no darkness can overcome.**
- P** The Word became flesh and dwelled among us.
C **And we have beheld Christ's glory.**
- P** For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.
C **In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men.**
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your Incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may always shine forth in our lives; through the same 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 extinguishes their candles and is seated

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 359

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

- 1 **Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming**
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a Flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

The Hymn continues on the next page...


- 2 **Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.**
- 3 **This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True Man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.**
- 4 **O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.**

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The Sermon

Breaking News: A Child Is Born
Text: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Congregation rises



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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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty God, by the incarnation of Your eternal Son, You revealed that You are love. Give us true faith in Christ and His promise, that by His conception, virgin birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection our sins are forgiven and we are Yours. Increase our love for one another — for as You abide in us, we abide in You and Your love is perfected in us. Fill us with joy, and lead us to proclaim Your glad tidings to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God, by His birth in human flesh, Your dear Son took His place in the family of Mary and Joseph. Bless the families of our church and our country, that men and women would live faithfully as husbands and wives, loving and caring for their children and nurturing them in the grace of Baptism and all the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, by Your gracious provision You created Your Church to be Your family, where, nurtured by Your Word and Sacraments, all of us may find a home filled with sisters and brothers to care for us, love us and increase our joy. Make of us a refuge for the weary, a family for the lonely, a safe place for those who are afraid, and a help to one another in all our burdens. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, guide and defend the President, Congress and all who administer and judge our laws. Change the hearts of those who would lead us away from Your justice and truth. Preserve in this land the freedom to serve You, and lead us to be faithful citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, in love You declared us to be Yours and promised to hear our prayers. Protect the police, fire personnel and other emergency workers whose duty and service to us has called them away from their loved ones this night. Keep safe all who are traveling during this holiday time. Relieve the sufferings of Your people, and heal their diseases according to Your mercy. We pray especially for all those who have been committed to our prayers which we lift to You from the silence of our hearts ... Give Your attention to all of our prayers and grant them according to Your good will and pleasure. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, our Savior and Brother, You feed us in both body and soul. Give true faith in Your Word and promises to all who will receive Your Body and Blood this night. Through this holy Meal, sustain Your people in humble repentance and in godly living. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving God, You have made us Your children through faith in Your Son who was born for us, and by His death and resurrection, He has brought life and immortality to light. We praise You for all of Your faithful ones who rejoice with us this night, but on another shore and in the greater light of Your eternal presence. Grant to us the same faith as they kept in Jesus, the Word made flesh, that we too may live our lives for You and come at last to share with them in the joy and rest of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

P 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 # 361

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

- 1 **O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**
- 2 **For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to all the earth!**
- 3 **How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**

The Hymn concludes on the next page...



- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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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.

- P** 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:

- C** *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

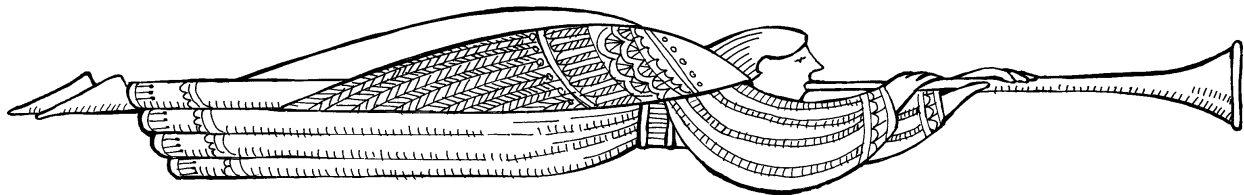
P Commanded by Christ's saving precepts and informed by His divine instruction, we are bold to say:

C **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.



- C** 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: "Never Been a Night Like This" – The Trinity Singers

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.

Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY

C 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!

P 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 # 387

“Joy to the World”

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

Three Piano Postludes on “Joy to the World”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

Those Who Serve Us Tonight

The Celebrant & Preacher
The Choir
The Flutist
The Percussionist
The Parish Musician

The Rev. Peter A. Schiebel
The Trinity Singers
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as we greet the Lord who comes again to us.*

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The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day – December 25, 2021 – 9:30 AM
Festival Eucharist

As we greet the Lord on the happy morning of Christmas, join us for this time of worship
celebrating Jesus, the Word made flesh for us.

The First Sunday after Christmas – December 26, 2021 – 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 2, 2022 – 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 9, 2022 – 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, 2021

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

Delores O. Donald in Memory of Daniel Donald and Wigfall families

Cullen & Roxanne Elias to the Glory of God

Rachel & Skip Hall in Honor of our grandkids – Nathan, Kelsey, Kristen, & Evan

The Juhasz Family in Memory of Loved Ones

The Peele Family in Memory of Our Loved Ones with us now and gone to be with
the Lord. To God be the Glory!

Pastor & Kim Schiebel in Memory of Departed Loved Ones

Judy Welch to the Glory of God



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.)
- ❖ As the county has reinstated the indoor mask mandate, we ask everyone to once again wear a mask while in the church building.
- ❖ Physical Distancing Requirements have been lifted, so you are free to sit where and as you wish. Use your own best judgement as to how close you wish to sit to others.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.

Thank you all for your continued patience and concern for one another during this time.