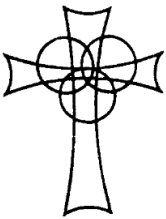




And she gave birth
to her firstborn, a son. She
wrapped him in cloths and
placed him in a manger.

Luke 2:7



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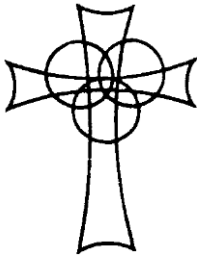
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The Nativity of our Lord

✱ ✱ ✱ *The Christmas Day Festival Eucharist* ✱ ✱ ✱

December 25, 2023 ✱ 9:30 AM

*Whether you are joining us in person or online today—
To our Members, Friends and Guests: 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!

Concerning Holy Communion at Trinity

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. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.





**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”



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee___ be___ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God___ In___ the___ high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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 Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786
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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

Psalm 96:4

P He will judge the world in righteousness,

C and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 96:13b

Silence is kept for a time of self-examination and personal confession.

PEACE PEACE PEACE

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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 Introit of the Day

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

C **and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C **The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

C **and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 368

“Angels We Have Heard on High”



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.

Text and tune: French

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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.

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
 the salvation of our God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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,

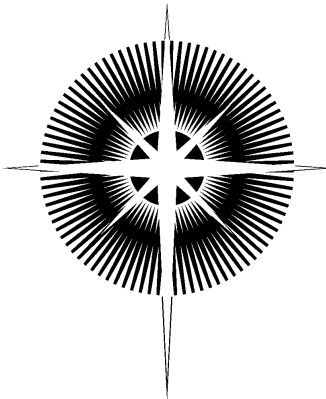
¹²like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.



The Alleluia Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 381

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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Text and tune: Bohemian, 15th cent.

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The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

C 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.

*Christ
IS Born!*

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 370

“What Child Is This”



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98

Tune: English, 16th cent.

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The Sermon

From Cradle to Grave

Text: Luke 2:7

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** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Let us pray for all who celebrate this day the wonder of the incarnation, that the knowledge that their God reigns would cause them to lift up their voices and sing for joy, that they be always ready to tell others about the Word made flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Let us pray for pastors, teachers, church workers, and for all the people of God, that through our joyful sharing of the Good News of Jesus in word and deed, all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Let us pray for those who suffer persecution for the sake of Christ, that they be kept firm in their faith as they bear witness to the light of the world, and that they never lose sight of their identity as children of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the leaders of nations and for all in positions of authority, that they may rule wisely and find ways to protect and bless the most vulnerable people among us. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who serve in our armed forces and are far away from home during this festive season, for all victims of violence and war, and for our enemies, that their lives may be touched by the Prince of Peace. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the destitute, those recovering from natural disaster and those who find themselves in want, that they receive the necessities for daily life, that the agencies who serve them receive generous support, and that those who serve and those who are served come to see God as the giver of daily bread. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who are lonely and depressed during this season, that we may notice them and shine the light of Christ into the midst of their darkness. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who travel, that they may arrive safely at their destinations and enjoy the company of family and friends. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for ourselves, that with great zeal and joy we may bring to our neighbors and to the whole world the Good News of peace and salvation in the Word-Made-Flesh. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who suffer sickness in mind or body, those who are homebound and all who have asked for our prayers, that God would grant them healing, peace, patience and faith that endures. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all that we have been asked to remember at this Altar, especially all the people and concerns that we lift before the Lord from the silence of our hearts... We ask that the Lord will indeed remember us and receive our prayers, granting us that which we ask according to His good and gracious will. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for those who commune this day, that they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus worthily with faith in His bodily presence here in the Sacrament for them, and that they depart having received grace upon grace from His fullness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With thankfulness and affection we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. And as we give thanks to the Lord, we pray that we may follow their example of faith and love in this life, and break forth together in singing eternally in the joy of the Lord. 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 # 359

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”



1 Lo, how a rose e’er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah ’twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow’r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se’s lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ’ry -
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - ’ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God’s love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - ’ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Text (sts. 1–2); tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (sts. 1–2, 4): German, 16th cent.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layritz, 1808–59; (st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925; (st. 4): tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948

Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln

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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*

Tune: *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 and the Words of Our Lord:

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;

- P** 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.

The *Agnus Dei* Hymn:

Tune: *Once in Royal David’s City*

- 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

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Congregational Carol

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 365

“Away in a Manger”

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Text (sts. 1–2): Little Children's Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt.

Tune: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

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The Congregational Carol

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 393

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new
 Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
 Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.
 Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:
 Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.

Text and tune: Polish

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The Congregation rises.

The *Nunc Dimittis* Hymn

Tune: *Away in a Manger* (Cradle Song)

**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 Almighty God, who sent His Son to take our nature upon Him, bless you on this holy day, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of His holiness.

C **Amen.**

P May God, who sent His angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

C **Amen.**

P May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you His peace and favor.

C **Amen.**

P And the blessing of Almighty God, 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 her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
 Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im-man-u - el!
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born King!”

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

✠ To God Be All Praise and Glory! ✠

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The Lector

The Communion Assistant

The Worship Assistant

The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

Paul Ritter

Paul Ritter

Skip Hall





CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



The First Sunday after Christmas
Eve of the Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus
New Year's Eve – December 31, 2023

No Adult Bible Class

Festival Worship Service with Christmas Carol Sing and Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

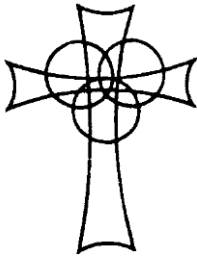
Celebration of The Epiphany and The Baptism of our Lord:
The First Sunday after the Epiphany – January 7, 2024

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class at 8:30 AM

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!





Christmas Flower Donations 2023

*We thank the following for helping to adorn our Lord's Altar
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