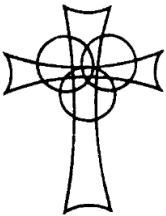




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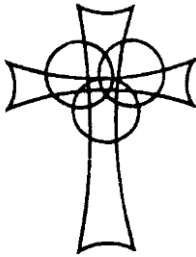
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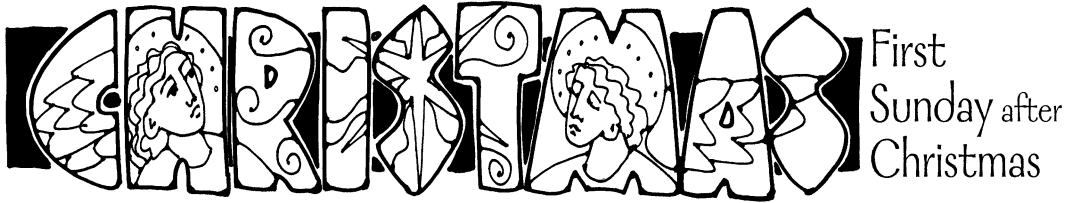


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. Even though the world says that the celebration of Christmas is over, we still take the time to unpack and rejoice over the great Gift that God has given—His only Son, Jesus Christ. We hope that you will celebrate with us the gift of life and love that Jesus came to bring as He still comes among us even now in His holy Word and Sacraments.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Shine into our hearts the light of Your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of Your Word, that in all things we may think and act according to Your good will and may live continually in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT IN THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ The Preparation ✘

The Christmas Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening 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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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 Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: “You shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Let us then seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Savior of the world. *Matthew 1:21*

Silence is kept for a time of reflection and self-examination

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,

C and the peoples in His faithfulness. *Psalm 96:4, 13*

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 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

- P** 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.
- C** **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- C** **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**
- P** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 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** 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.



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 - - -



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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, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may 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 is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Hymn of the Day

The Revised English Hymnal Hymn # 64

Tune: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

“The Growing Limbs of God the Son”

The Boyhood of Christ

- 1 **The growing limbs of God the Son,
The Father's sole-begotten One,
Prepare Him for His work on earth,
Who for mankind took human birth.**

- 2 **In wisdom and in grace He grows,
Each step of human life He knows,
In all save sin, like us was made,
To be a fallen people's Aid.**

- 3 **His Father's house He enters in,
Where rabbis teach their cure for sin,
While in His heart He hears the call
Which through His cross won life for all.**

- 4 **And He who rules angelic bands,
Who high in heav'nly glory stands,
Now yields Him to His Mother's will,
A boy's obedience to fulfill.**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

**5 He all His radiant splendor hides,
And He who made the stars abides
With Joseph and the Mother blest,
In form of Servant manifest.**

**△ 6 To Him, the Father's only Son,
Let praise and honor now be done,
Who by the Holy Spirit's grace
Took flesh to save our human race.**

*Text: George Boorne Timms, 1910-97; based on Divine crescebas puer; Jean-Baptiste de Santeuil, 1630-97
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The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

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 Congregation is seated.

The Congregational Carol Sing

See “Carols of Christmas” Sheet and
Lutheran Service Book Hymns 331-393

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** The fullness of time has come, God has sent forth His Son to redeem us. Therefore, with confidence that He will hear us, 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 the Church, that all who have been baptized into Christ may grow in grace and knowledge of Him and ever love, revere, and study His holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Let us pray for our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations, and for Christians everywhere, that we may witness to the love of God in Christ to family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances, boldly shining the Light of Christ into the lives of those who do not yet know or love Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the nations of the world and our nation, that our leaders may serve faithfully and wisely, making God-pleasing decisions and walking in integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray at this the passing of time from year to year, that we may commend to the Lord the year now about to pass, give thanks for all of the blessings we have received, asking forgiveness for what we have done amiss, and praying that He who has led us in the past will continue to go with us into the coming new year supported by His love and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who are sick and those who suffer, especially _____, that they might be surrounded by God's love in Christ and healed according to His gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all those who mourn, that the comfort of the resurrection might fill their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** With those who have received special blessings from God, especially _____, we rejoice; and we pray that all of God's people would continue to offer their thanks and praise to the Lord for every blessing given to them from His gracious hand. Lord, in Your mercy
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially _____ and all that we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all who partake of the Savior's Body and Blood this day, that welcoming Him with faith like Simeon's they too may face life and death unafraid. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, David the King, Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, and all of our brothers and sisters who have departed in the peace of faith. And we pray that we too may be brought with them to see at length with our own eyes Him who is the Light of the nations and the glory of Israel. 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.



Peace on Earth

GOOD WILL TO MEN

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 390

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
 2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
 3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.
 That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
 There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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Tune: Ander Theil Des Dreszdenischen GesangBuchs, 1632, Dresden

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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;

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."

P 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 Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 375

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”



1 Come, your hearts and voices rais - ing, Christ the
 2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
 3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with
 4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
 love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
 com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
 fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
 ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
 tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

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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.

PEACE PEACE PEACE

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 # 386

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”



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| 1 Now sing we, now re - joice, | Now raise to heav'n our voice; |
| 2 Come from on high to me; | I can - not rise to Thee. |
| 3 Now through His Son doth shine | The Fa - ther's grace di - vine. |
| 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? | Where but on heav'n - ly ground? |



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| He from whom joy stream - eth | Poor in a man - ger lies; |
| Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, | O pure and ho - ly Child; |
| Death was reign - ing o'er us | Through sin and van - i - ty |
| Where the an - gels sing - ing | With all His saints u - nite, |



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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Not so bright - ly beam - eth | The sun in yon - der skies. |
| Through Thy grace and mer - it, | Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild, |
| Till He o - pened for us | A bright e - ter - ni - ty. |
| Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing | In heav'n - ly joy and light. |



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| Thou my Sav - ior art! | Thou my Sav - ior art! |
| Draw me un - to Thee! | Draw me un - to Thee! |
| May we praise Him there! | May we praise Him there! |
| Oh, that we were there! | Oh, that we were there! |

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

✠ ✠

The floral arrangement on the Altar today is given to the Glory of God
by Joy Sandiford in memory of her mother, Jean Elias.

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CHRIST
THE SAVIOR
IS BORN!

THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher
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 Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord:
January 5, 2025**

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord:

The First Sunday after the Epiphany – January 12, 2025

Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... Copies of the January-March 2025 edition of our church's daily devotional guide can be picked up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and both regular and large print versions are available.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... have arrived! This annual aid to stewardship is available for you to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave. If you do not see a set prepared for you and would like to have one for your use, please speak with Pastor and he will be sure that a set is made ready to be given to you. The envelope in the front of the box marked Initial Offering is to be used to help offset the cost of the envelopes for the church. A suggested offering is \$12.00.

UPCOMING DATES AS WE CELEBRATE THE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

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| Sunday, January 5 at 9:30 AM | Epiphany Festival Divine Service |
| Saturday, January 11 at 10 AM | Church Undecorating |
| Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 AM | Festival Divine Service on the Baptism of Our Lord |

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ... During the Christmas Holiday, December 24-January 3, the church office will be closed to allow our staff to have time at home with their families. The staff will be checking the office answering machine daily for any messages. Should any pastoral emergencies arise during this time, you may also contact Pastor directly on his cell phone: 202-288-0652. Pastor will return to his study on Monday, January 6th, and the church office will return to full staffing on Tuesday, January 7th.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

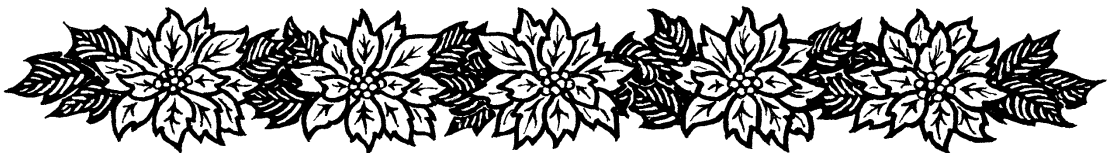
ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2025** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is now **\$50.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continue enjoying the Twelve Days of Christmas on KFUE Radio, with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings until January 6. Regular programming will resume on January 7th. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app! Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word. Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 5, 2025, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "In the Beginning Was Dialogue", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATIONS...

December 29 **David, Old Testament King and Prophet**

January 1 **The Feast of the Circumcision and Holy Name of Jesus**

January 2 **Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed), January 5, 2025

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of December 29, 2024 – January 4, 2025

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Tracy, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;
Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;
Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie;
Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Craig, husband of Edith; Virginia, mother of Sam;
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole;
Aidan & Family, friends of Joyce; Raymond, brother of Joy;
Nancy & Family, sister of Vincent; Joyce, friend of Tracy; Daniel, friend of Cullen;
Donald, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;
Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Beatrice Kelly, Noel Pratico, Alana Sandiford, Cashlan Kelly, Charles McNear,
Reinhart Kelly, Delores Donald, and Peter Schiebel, who celebrate their birthdays
this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political discourse, especially during this time of our country's leadership transition.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.

