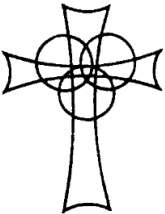


AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND  
DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN  
HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF  
THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER,  
FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

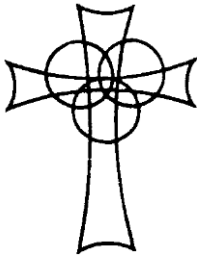
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## The Nativity of our Lord

✻ ✻ ✻ *The Christmas Day Festival Eucharist* ✻ ✻ ✻

December 25, 2024 ✻ 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 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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*The Preparatory Rites are led from the Crèche.*

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.*

**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.

PEACE PEACE PEACE

✠ 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.**

*Christ  
is Born!*

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.

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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*

<sup>7</sup>How 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.”

<sup>8</sup>The 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.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
 you waste places of Jerusalem,  
 for the LORD has comforted his people;  
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The 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*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
 “You are my Son,  
 today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
 and he shall be to me a son”?



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

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,  
“He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,  
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup>And,  
“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup>like 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.”

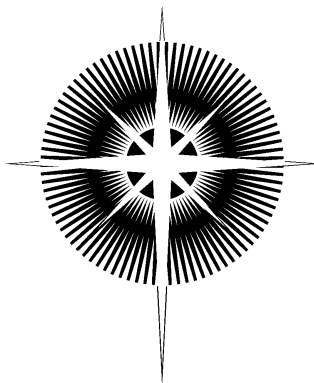
**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Trinity Singers

“Tidings Carol”

*The Congregation rises.*



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

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

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 897*

"O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly"



1 O re - joi - ce, ye Chris - tians, loud - ly, For our joy has  
 2 See, my soul, thy Sav - ior choos - es Weak - ness here and  
 3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee right - ly? I ac - knowl - edge  
 4 Je - sus, guard and guide Thy mem - bers, Fill them with Thy

now be - gun; Won - drous things our God has done.  
pov - er - ty; In such love He comes to thee.  
that by Thee I am saved e - ter - nal - ly.  
bound - less grace, Hear their prayers in ev - 'ry place.

Tell a - broad His good - ness proud - ly, Who our race has  
Nei - ther crib nor cross re - fus - es; All He suf - fers  
Let me not for - get it light - ly, But to Thee at  
Fan to flame faith's glow - ing em - bers; Grant all Chris - tians,

hon - ored thus, That He deigns to dwell with us.  
for thy good To re - deem thee by His blood.  
all times cleave And my heart true peace re - ceive.  
far and near, Ho - ly peace, a glad new year!

*Refrain*  
Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad - ness, Christ has done a -  
way with sad - ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,  
For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!

*Text: Christian Keimann, 1607–62; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.*

*Tune: Andreas Hammerschmidt, c. 1611–1675*

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The Sermon

Rich Gifts Beyond Measure

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:9

*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed:

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.
- Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** To save us and make us His children and heirs, our Father in heaven has given His most precious Treasure, His Son, to be born of the Blessed Virgin. Let us cast aside all fear, then, and come boldly to our loving Father's throne, praying in the Spirit for all mankind, for the holy Church and for our needs of body and soul.
- P** Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, that all the baptized, by their faithful witness to the Gospel, bear the joy of the Light and Life of Christ into the darkness and death of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Let us pray for this congregation, our Mekane Yesus congregation, and all Christian communities, that our members would find joy overflowing in their adoption by the heavenly Father through Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Let us pray for all who wander in the darkness still, unaware of the love of Christ, that the Holy Spirit enlighten their hearts so that they may join us in confessing and praising Him who became the Child of the Blessed Virgin Mary in order to make us all the children of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the leaders of nations and for all of our nation's elected leaders, that their governing may reflect the peace, justice, and righteousness of the Child born Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who serve in our armed forces and are far from home during this festive season, for our enemies, and for all victims of violence and war, that their lives may be touched by the Prince of Peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for emergency room doctors and nurses, police, firefighters and for all who work to provide for our safety and protection even on this day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who travel during these holy days, 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 those who are sick, for those who are dying, for the grieving and the lonely, and for all whom we have been asked to remember in prayer, especially all those we name before the Lord now from the silence of our hearts... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who approach the holy altar on this Feast, that, welcoming Emmanuel who comes in His Body and Blood, they be strengthened and sustained in living faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord for all those who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number whose hope was in the Word made Flesh and with whom in Him we are one forevermore. And we pray to the Lord that we too may be brought to share in their unending joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** These prayers and praises we offer in the Name of Him who came among us as Mary’s Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father 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 # 389*

“Let All Together Praise Our God”



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
 2 He leaves His heav’n - ly Fa - ther’s throne, Is born an  
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav’n a - gain To  
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door  
To blessèd paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

*Text (sts. 1, 3–7): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (st. 2): tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.*

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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."

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.*

*Music During the Distribution:*

The Trinity Singers

“Never Been a Night Like This”

The Congregational Carol

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 374*

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

*Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933*

*Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald*

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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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***THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP***

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector

The Communion Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Worship Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Choir

The Trinity Singers

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall





# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 29, 2024**

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

**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!***



# *Christmas Flower Donations 2024*

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

Rachel & Skip Hall, in memory of their parents and  
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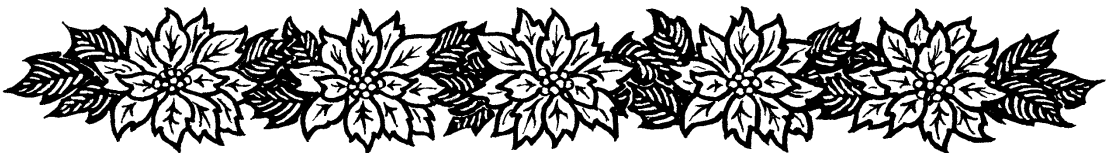
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Judy Welch, to the glory of God.



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