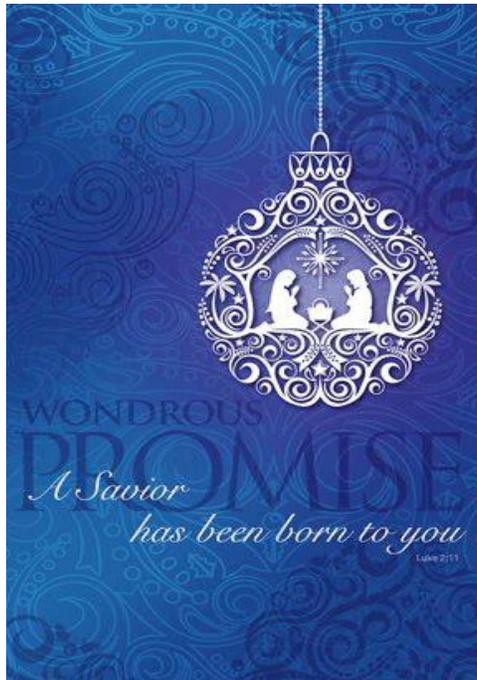


Christmas Morning – Worship with Communion

Saturday – December 25, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

*On this Christmas Morning
We Meditate on How Our God Has Come into our World
to Heal Our Separation.*



Come Emmanuel, to be our 'God-With-Us' forever!

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† Call to Worship †

Prelude

Hymn # 386:1-2 “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”



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.



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation & Exhortation (Tune: “Oh, Come, All ye Faithful” LSB 379)



L The Lord - be with you **C** And with you, His ser - vant **L** Oh,



come -, lift up your hearts un - to - the Lord.



C With hearts up - lift - ed Thanks to Him we ren - der.

Refrain



With joy we come be - fore Him, In grate - ful - ness im - plore Him,



With thank - ful hearts a - dore Him, E - ver - more!

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Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are

truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Hymn # 360:1,4,5 "All my Heart Again Rejoices"



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing
Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

5 Softly from His lowly manger Children, from the sins that grieve you
Jesus calls You are freed;
One and all, All you need
"You are safe from danger. I will surely give you."

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Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in human 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.

Sit

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.



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Stand

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 366 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"



1 It came up-on the mid- night clear, That glo- rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo- ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un- furled,
3 All you, be- neath your heav- y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an- gels bend- ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu- sic floats O'er all the wea- ry world.
Who toil a- long a drea- ry way With pain- ful steps and slow:
When down in- to the cir- cing years Came Christ as was fore- told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all- gra- cious king."
A- bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov- 'ring wing,
Look up, for gold- en is the hour, Come swift- ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an- cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol- emn still- ness lay To hear the an- gels sing.
And ev- er o'er its ba- bel sounds The bless- ed an- gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an- gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an- gels sing.

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Sermon: "A Full and Holy *Pedi* - Cure"

Isaiah 52:7-10

Stand

“He’s Your Immanuel”

(Tune LSB # 362)



1. O sing to God a brand new song, For now the world's re-deemed.
For He has giv - en us His Son And in that gift re - ceived,
Our hearts He calls from wan - der - ing A - way from His em - brace.
And brings us to the man - ger light That we might see His face.

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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.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Immanuel, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface (Tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368)



- L**: May the good Lord be with you. Lift your hearts to God in praise.
2. In the Word of God made flesh Great and wondrous my-ster-y
3. There-fore with the church on earth And the hosts of heav'n a-bove



- C**: May the Lord be with you too. To the Lord our hearts we raise.
Now we see with vi-sion fresh God's a-bun-dant ma-jes-ty.
Let us praise His name, whose birth, Brings to us e-ter-nal love



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- 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, archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of hosts, by all a - dored!



Heav'n and earth can-not con-tain All the glo-ry of Your name!

Hail, ho-san-na, God Most High! Blest is He who now draws nigh

In the name of God the king! Je-sus at Your birth we sing:

Refrain
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord! God of hosts by all a-dored!

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Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- 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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My ~~F~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~F~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

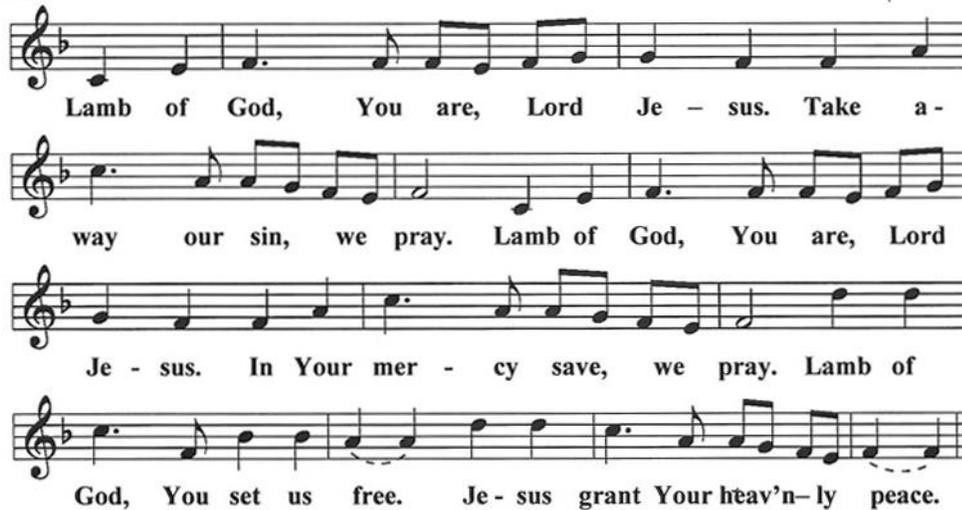
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LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

(Tune: LSB 376)



Lamb of God, You are, Lord Je - sus. Take a -
way our sin, we pray. Lamb of God, You are, Lord
Je - sus. In Your mer - cy save, we pray. Lamb of
God, You set us free. Je - sus grant Your heav'n-ly peace.

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

Nunc Dimittis (Tune: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")

- C**  Oh, thank the Lord and sing His praise,
What He has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear His name
Who leads His thankful people forth
His promises to claim.
Refrain: Oh, tidings of com - fort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, ti-dings of com - fort and joy!,

Lord, let Your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the saving work
Which for the world You willed;
The glory of Your chosen race
As light for all revealed. *Refrain*

Oh, praise to God the Fa - ther,
And praise to God the Son,
And praise to God the Spi - rit.
Most bless-ed Three in One,
As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be
While endless ages run! *Refrain*

Collect

LSB 166

- P** Let us pray.
O God the Father, fount and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may

enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 376:1-4 “Once in Royal David’s City”



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid’s cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood’s pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav’n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.

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