

# CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE



**Divine Service III  
December 25, 2024**

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### Confession and Absolution

*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.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,**

P: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

**C: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

**C: 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.

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**ALL: 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;

**C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,**

P: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

**C: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

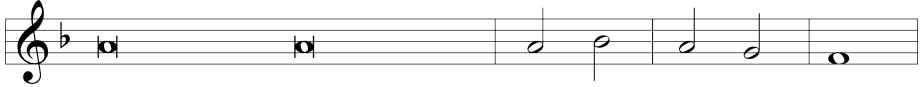
## Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward




men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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## 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Memory Verse

*Isaiah 9:6*

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

### 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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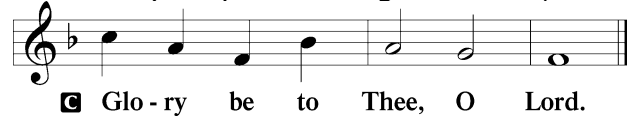
### Alleluia



### Holy Gospel

*John 1:1-18*

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



<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.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

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**Hymn of the Day**

**"Joy to the World"**

**No. 387**

**Sermon**

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P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

## Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## Offering

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**Prayer of the Church** - *After each petition*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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


### Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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**THE DISTRIBUTION** *As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.*

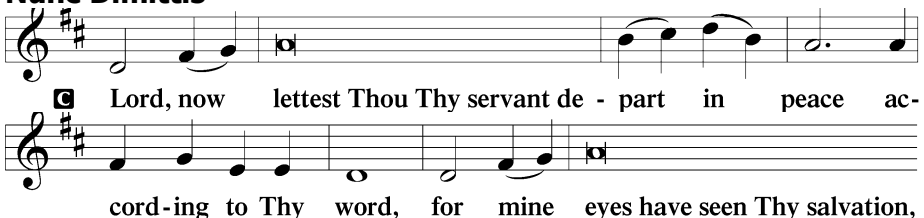
*In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.*

## Distribution Hymns

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"	No. 374
"Angels We Have Heard on High"	No. 368
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	No. 393
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	No. 621

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## Nunc Dimittis



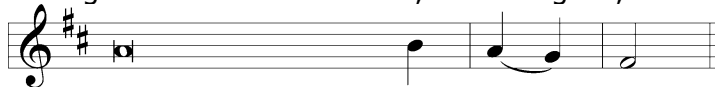
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

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**New Year's Eve Service  
December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm**