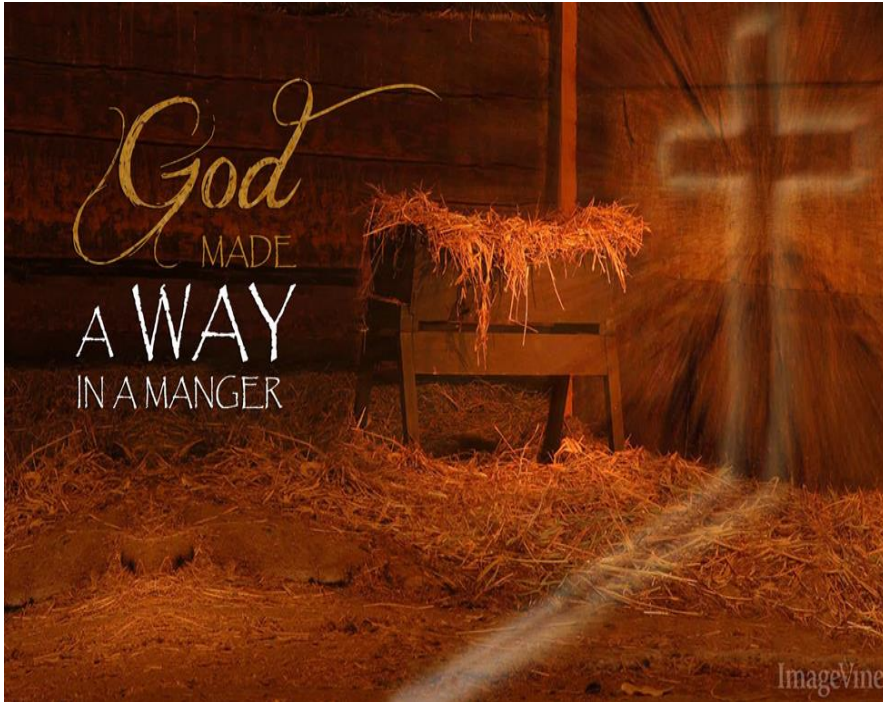


# CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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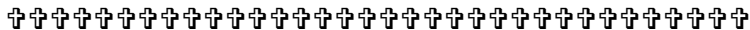
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**AS WE GATHER** Today we celebrate the mystery of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, from whose manger shines forth God's grace in all its splendor

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is the participation in the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, whose blessings are received through faith. This is a meal for those who comprehend the mystery of the Supper through instruction in God's Word and who can then publicly confess their unity of faith with us at the altar. If you are not a member of one of our sister congregations, please speak with Pastor during the week before communing. We truly want you to receive the Sacrament to your benefit and God's glory!



**A CHRISTMAS BEGINNING**

**"Joy to the World" Sts. 1 & 2**

**LSB 387**

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

**People:** **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together. *Psalm 98:4, 7-8***

**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" St. 3:**

**LSB 380**

**Pastor:** 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." 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.

**People:** **Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. 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. *Isaiah 52:7-10***

**"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"**

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
For Jesus Christ our Savior Was born upon this day.  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.**

*Stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, who sent His Son to dwell among us;  
**People:** **In the name of Jesus, the Emmanuel, God with us;**

Pastor: in the name of the Holy Spirit, by whose power Jesus was conceived, and who dwells in our hearts.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 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.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

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.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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.**

#### Angels We Have Heard on High

**LSB 368**

#### 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.**

Sit - **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.**

**Gradual**

*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

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.**

Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*

**for he has done | marvelous things!**

**Epistle**

***Hebrews 1:1-6***

<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."

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

Stand - Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

***John 1:1-14***

**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.

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

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

**Nicene Creed** (*As found in the back cover of the Hymnal*)

**Commentary on the Creed** (*From Luther's explanation of the second article of the creed*)

Pastor: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,

**People: begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

Pastor: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,

**People: purchased and won me from all sins from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death.**

Pastor: All this He has done that I might be His own,

**People:** and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

Pastor: Just as He is risen from the dead

**People:** and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

*Sit - Away in a Manger*

*LSB 382*

### **Sermon**

#### *Stand - Prayer of the Church*

Pastor: To us a child is born, to us a son is given, let us offer praise, thanks and prayer to God the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

For all who celebrate the incarnation, that the knowledge that their God reigns would cause them to lift up their voices and sing for joy, that they be always ready to tell others about the Word made flesh,

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, the Word become flesh, the Savior of the nations, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Almighty God, we are people who have walked in darkness.

**People:** **We have failed to look to the light of Christ.**

Pastor: Although we call Him the Prince of Peace

**People:** **We have fought with each other and have no peace in our hearts.**

Pastor: We proclaim the wonders of His love

**People:** **But we fail to love You or our neighbor.**

Pastor: Although we show devotion and love for You at Christmas,

**People:** **At other times of the year we forget all about You.**

Pastor: We are indeed unworthy for Christ to come among us.

**People:** **Forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus.**

Pastor: To us a child is born; to us a Son is given. The angel said: "You shall call Him Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. Because of Jesus, His birth, death, and resurrection, and by His command and in His stead, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 208*

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer, The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei**

**Distribution** - *The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** **LSB 380**

**What Child is This** **LSB 370**

*Stand* - **Nunc Dimittis, Benedicamus and Benediction**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** **LSB 359**

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**Vacancy Officiant:** *Rev. Brian Roehrborn*

**Organist:** *Chris Cutts*

**Elder:** *Jerry Strey*

**Ushers:**

**Altar Guild:** *Karen Tesch*

**Altar Flowers:**

**In memory of Ed Pflug**.....from Joanne Pflug and family

**Christmas Tree:**

**In memory of Dennis Robbert & Mike Bruesewitz**..... from John & JoAnn Robbert

**Poinsettias plants:**

**In memory of Louis & Eris Hartzke**.....from Tom and Diane Hartzke

**In memory of Ed Pflug**.....from Pflug family

**In memory of Tammy & Mark Highlander**.....from Delmar & Joan Behm

**In memory of Dennis Robbert**.....from John and JoAnn Robbert

**In memory of Mike Bruesewit**.....from John & JoAnn Robbert, Jeremy,  
Crystal, Brook, Rylei, Kolten & Matt Bruesewitz

**In memory of Raymond & Arlene Strey/ Don & LaVerne Brey**.....from Pam and Jerry Strey

**In memory of Ida Ebert & Vera Frederick**.....From John and JoAnn Robbert

**In memory of David Krause**.....from Eloise Krause and family

**In memory of Carl and Bernice Boelter**.....from Tom & Susanne Utecht

**In honor of Jesus' Birthday**..... from Myron and Lydia Wacker