

*The Lutheran Church*  
of the  
*Resurrection*

Our Mission is “To Open Hearts”  
Through the message of Christ Crucified

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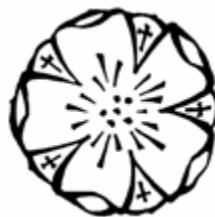
# Welcome!

**A warm welcome to our guests and visitors!** We pray that your spirit would be uplifted and your faith strengthened as we gather together to receive God's Divine Service.

We recognize that little children may not be able to sit patiently through the entire worship service. **There is a 'Cry Room'** just outside the sanctuary where parents may tend to infants during the service. A window and speaker allow parents to continue to follow and participate in the service.

Our Communion practice: This morning, we joyfully celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We believe that we receive Christ's body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith. We therefore invite all communicant members of any congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to commune. Guests are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to receive this sacrament here but are not a member, please speak with the pastor.

Cell Phones: As Lutherans, we believe that God speaks to us through Word and Sacraments. Therefore, please be sure to turn all cell phones off before entering the sanctuary.



## + CHRISTMAS DAY +

### PRELUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo* Franz Liszt

(Stand)

### HYMN OF INVOCATION: #379 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

LSB 184

- 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.)

### CONFESSON OF SINS

LSB 184

- 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

**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

*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1-4*



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.**

### KYRIE

LSB 186



**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

LSB 187

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,



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup>Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,\*  
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,  
<sup>3</sup>“Let us burst their | bonds apart\*  
and cast away their | cords from us.”  
<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*  
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.  
<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,  
<sup>6</sup>As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”  
<sup>7</sup>I will tell of | the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have be- | gotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.  
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.

## 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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

## ALLELUIA

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

(Sit)

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

#384 OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

## SERMON

(Stand)

### 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition is concluded with, "Lord, in your mercy." Our response is, "Hear our prayer.")

- (If you would like to submit a prayer request, please use the form provided on the table in the Narthex.)

(Conclusion)

**P** ...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)

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

*Of The Father's Love Begotten*

*Flor Peeters*

(Stand)

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE

¶ It is truly meet, right, and salutary...we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 195

C 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

162

¶ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

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.

(Sit)

### THE DISTRIBUTION

[Please see the Communion Statement on the first page.]

*[Communion Wine: The lighter colored wine among the individual cups is de-alcoholized wine in which all the alcohol has been removed.]*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#390 LET US ALL WITH GLAD SOME VOICE

(Stand)

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

202

- 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** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART:

#388 GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

## POSTLUDE

Now Praise We All      Healey Willan

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**Worship 1st Sunday After Christmas**

Sunday - 12/27 - 8:30am and 10:45am

*Sunday School / Bible Study In Recess*

**In The Service Of God's House Today:** 12/25/20

Comm. Assist:	Chris Batson
Ushers:	John Ayotte
Cantor:	Sharon Conover
Flowers:	Sharon Klipp
Altar Guild:	Sasha Fitzpatrick

**In The Service Of God's House Sunday:** 12/27/20

Acolyte:	10:45 Andrew Farr
Ushers:	8:30 Rick Drageland 10:45 John Ayotte
Cantor:	8:30 Jared Goldsmith 10:45 Steve Farr
Greeters:	8:30 The Dragelands 10:45 The Cotes
Flowers:	Sharon Klipp
Altar Guild:	Krista Carlson