



**LUTHERAN
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OUR SAVIOR**

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Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Divine Service

Sundays

10:00 a.m.

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"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42

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GUESTS! Welcome! We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present – to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who – before the service – inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune

with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. **All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.**

COMMUNION in the PEW... If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins

Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must "*take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt*" (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He "*had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'*" (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing "*his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses*" (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. "*He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them*" (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we "*receive adoption as sons*" in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: "*Abba! Father!*" (Gal. 4:4-6).

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Two

PRELUDEPROCESSIONAL HYMN # 389

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.

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.

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P *Let us then 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.**

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

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.**

The Service of the Word

INTROIT

Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1



- P** *When Israel was a child, I | loved him,*
and out of Egypt I | called my son.*
- C** **Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in | Ramah,*
lamentation and bitter | weeping.**
- P** *Rachel is weeping for her | children;*
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they | are no more.”*
- C** **Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from | weeping,*
and your | eyes from tears,**
- P** *for there is a reward for your work, de- | clares the LORD,*
and they shall come back from the land of the | enemy.*
- C** **There is hope for your future, de- | clares the LORD,*
and your children shall come back
to their own | country.”**
- C** **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.**
- P** *When Israel was a child, I | loved him,*
and out of Egypt I | called my son.*

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C Amen.

READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Isaiah 63:7-14

⁊ I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
 the praises of the LORD,
 according to all that the LORD has granted us,
 and the great goodness to the house of Israel
 that he has granted them according to his compassion,
 according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.
So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

P *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: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia:

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.*



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



THE CREED ~ *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.



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
 God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

- 5 "These are the signs that you shall mark:
 The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
 There you will find the infant laid
 By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."
- 6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 To see what God for us has done
 In sending us His own dear Son.
- 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
 And see what in the manger lies.
 Who is this child, so young and fair?
 It is the Christ Child lying there.
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 Through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery
 That You might share Your joy with me.

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SERMON

12 And so it pleases You to see
This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth, and might
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.

14 My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.

15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or **P** "Let us pray to the Lord"
 C "Hear our prayer!" **C** "LORD, have mercy."

OFFERTORY

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The Service of Holy Communion

- ✠ **Guests** (*both returning and first-time*), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✠ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

PREFACE


2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.




C And al-so with you.




P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



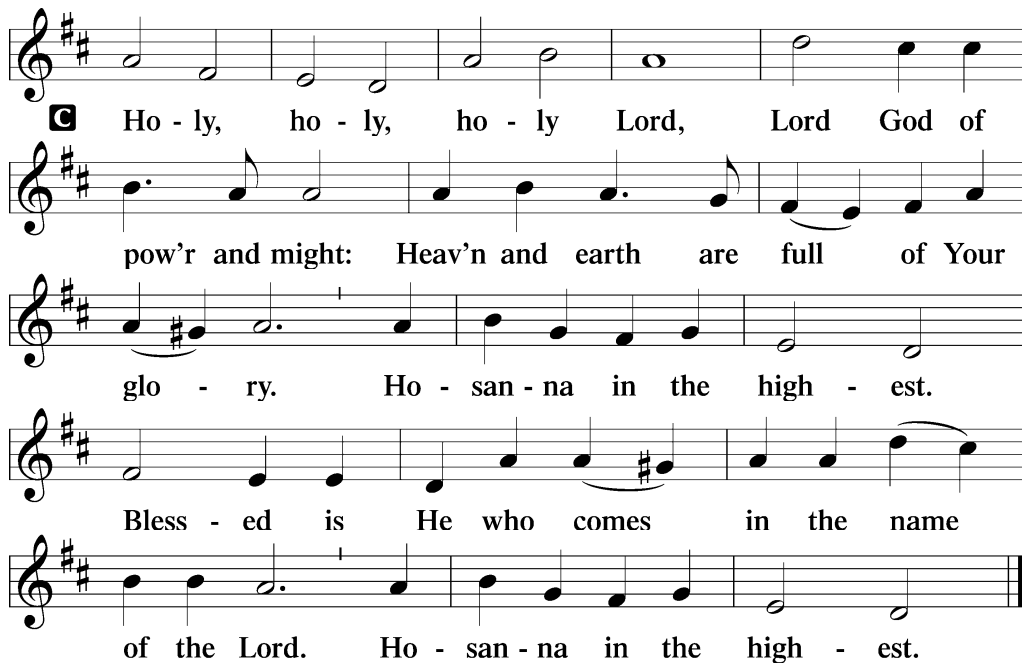
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:*

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

(*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)

C *Our Father who art in heaven, and forgive us our trespasses as we
hallowed be Thy name, forgive those who trespass against us;
Thy kingdom come, and lead us not into temptation,
Thy will be done but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven; For Thine is the kingdom and the power
give us this day our daily bread; and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



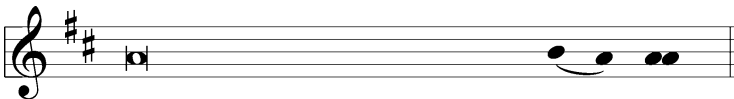
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.





1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.



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!



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 2 All praise for in - fant mar - tyrs, Whom
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 Your mys - te - rious love Called ear - ly from their
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
 war - fare To share Your home a - bove. O
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 Ra - chel, cease your weep - ing; They rest from earth - ly
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 cares! Lord, grant us crowns as bril - liant
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
 And faith as sure as theirs.
 And praise to God a - lone.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



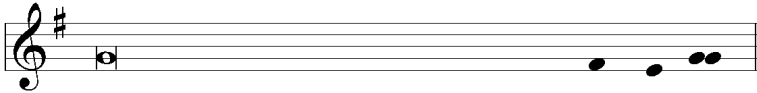
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P *Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



C A - men.



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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN # 380



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!



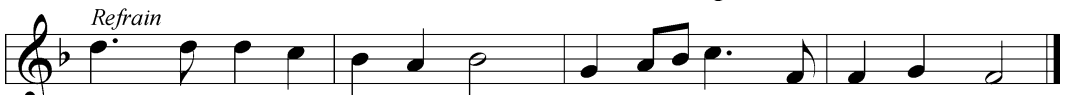
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



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.



Refrain
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

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~ Announcements ~

◆ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ◆

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

SUNDAY SCHOOL ... *PK-Grade 5* – Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m. Sunday School includes instruction in the Holy Scripture and choral participation in Christian hymnody and song.

YOUTH CLASS ... *Grade 6-High School* – Topic: *The Epiphany of Our Lord*. Class meets in Fireside Room.

ADULT CLASS ... Topic: *“Advent’s Event According to Saint Luke.”* Class meets in Parish Hall, and taught by Pastor D. Bestul.

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Mon: 9:30 am – **Church Office Closed**

Tue: 12:00 pm – **Phone-In Bible Study** – Meets by phone or online

Thu: 9:30 am – **Church Office Closed**

10:00 am – **New Year’s Day Divine Service** (*The Circumcision & Name of Jesus*)

Sat: 10:00 am – **Tischreden: Study of Lutheran Confessions** – Meets in Fireside Rm

Sun: 8:30 am – **Christian Education** (*See above for class meeting locations*)

10:00 am – **The Divine Service**

11:45 am – **Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal**

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD” ...

- ◆ **For the HARD-OF-HEARING** ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers. [Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ◆ **For CHILDREN** ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS ... The Lord bids us pray for each other (1 Tim 2:1; Jms 5:16); therefore, we name in prayer: Jimmy Coffey (medical); Michael Grunow, Edmund Burdin, William Whorton, Benoit Kai (homebound, or otherwise unable to attend).

WORDS OF WISDOM ... “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.” Proverbs 27:9

New Year's Day Divine Service

Begin the new year 2026 by commemorating with us...
The Circumcision and Name of Jesus – a principal feast of the Church Year.

Thursday ♦ January 1 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

(Please note: There will be no New Year's Eve service this year.)

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU! ... Our sincere thanks to the organist, the vocalists and director, instrumentalists, ushers, Altar Guild members, liturgical assistants, and the many others who assisted in facilitating Christmas services and activities at LCOS. Your contributions and your dedication are much appreciated!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ... If you purchased a poinsettia to adorn the chancel during the Christmas festivities, thank you. If you have yet to submit payment, checks (\$10/each poinsettia) may be made payable to "Lutheran Church of Our Savior," and given to Heidi (Church Office). You may take your poinsettia after today's service.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... The latest installment of the quarterly devotional, *Portals of Prayer*, is available on the cart in the Admin Wing hallway.

LCOS 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... LCOS offering envelopes for calendar year 2026 are found on a table in the Admin Wing hallway. Please don't use until 2026. Thanks.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ... Through the years the Lord richly has blessed spiritually and materially members of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and through their regular and extraordinary contributions (i.e., special gifts; estate planning) these have responded in gratitude, generously funding the ministry of the gospel near and far. Please prayerfully consider individual weekly and/or extraordinary giving that we may meet the present circumstances of funding the ministry of the gospel in our day. Thank you.

PREPARING FOR NEXT DIVINE SERVICE ... In preparation for next Divine Service... Occasion: The Circumcision & Name of Jesus; Lessons: Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 2:21; Hymn of the Day: 900, "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love."

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| SERVING WEEK OF: | December 28 | January 4 |
| Ushers | D. Pries, E. deVries <i>NY Day</i> T.B.D. | D. Hall, T. Lung, A. Sacarelos |
| Acolyte | Isaac Bestul <i>NY Day</i> Joseph Bestul | Crucifer David Mitby |
| Altar Guild | Sally Jo Pries, Mary Carlson <i>NY Day</i> Heidi Carlson, Mary Carlson | Torchbearers Henry Mitby, Luukas Kiiski Stephanie Bestul, Julie Gould |
| Comm. Music | Paul Kvamme <i>NY Day</i> T.B.D. | T.B.D. |
| Counters | Team 1 | Team 2 |
| Greeters | David & Stephanie Bestul & family | David & Mary Carlson |