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December 25, 2020 | The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day | 9:30 a.m.



Divine Service 3 LSB pgs. 184-202

The world hears a sentimental story, a typical account of an underdog hero who has come to fight against all sorts of wrongs. Today we hear from John the same story but with the revelation that the Child is the Word, that this is no ordinary birth but the Word made flesh, and that this story is not about sentiment but salvation. In the midst of this all is the reality that the world lies in the darkness of sin and death—but not all of it. To those who believe on His name, the light shines and the darkness has not and cannot overcome it. Here is where we are. We see the Word by faith, hear His promise of salvation by faith, live in His light by faith, and rejoice that we are the sons and daughters of God by faith.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.



▼ Confession and Absolution ▼

L In the name of the Father and the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

L 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. [Hebrews 10:22]

to grant as forgiveness.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalm 124:8

C who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

L O almighty God, merciful Father,

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.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.



\mathbb{X} Service of the Word Ж

Introit

"Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6"

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; L

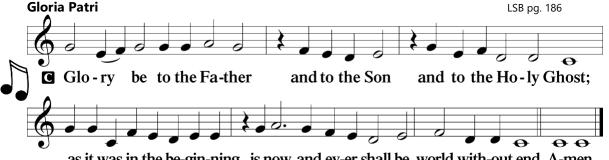
Isaiah 9:6

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C ¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Psalm 98:1-4

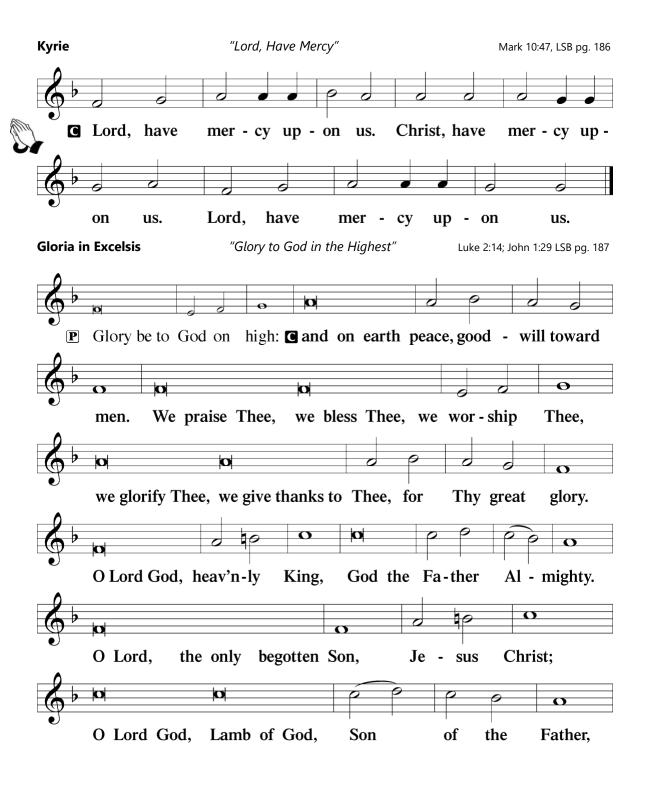
- ²The Lord has made known his salvation; L he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- ⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; L break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

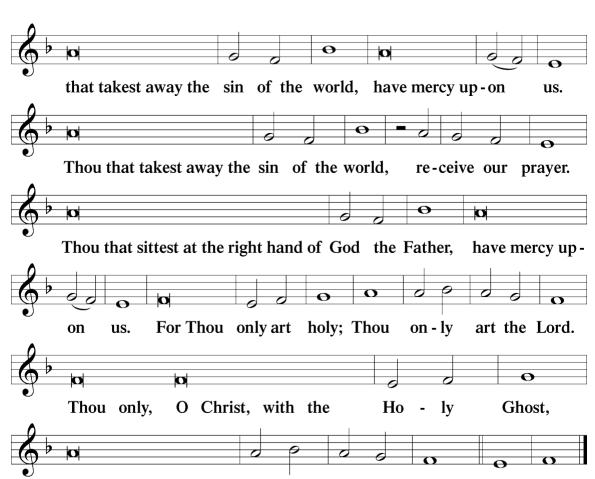


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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

Isaiah 9:6





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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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L The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C And with thy spirit.
- L Let us pray.

Almighty God,

- C grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

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.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 1:1-12



Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 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. 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, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,

and his ministers a flame of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,

the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,

and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment,

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

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L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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. (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.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

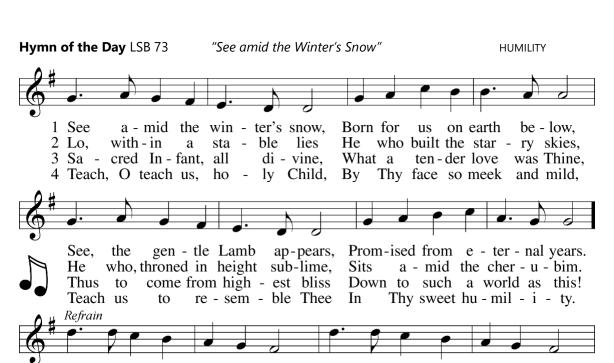
- L This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB pq. 191

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- 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.



Hail, O ev - er - bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

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Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

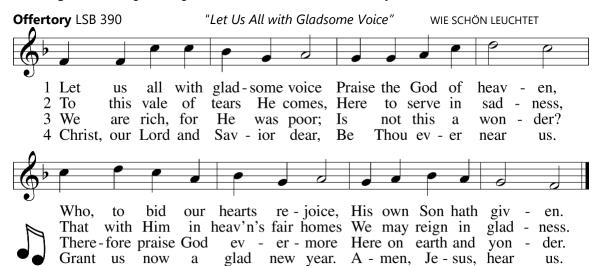
- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - For the faith to greet the news of the Word made flesh with joy and peace, for the obedience of faith to walk in the light of His ways,
- C for the strength to be steadfast in this faith, and for speedy feet to proclaim this message to the world,
- L let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For voices to proclaim faithfully the Word of God,
- C for listening ears that we grow in knowledge and faith by the preaching of the Word, for those who deliver to us the Means of Grace in which we behold God's glory and receive it with joy and thanksgiving,
- L let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the Church, here and throughout the world,
- C for every place where the Word has planted hope and displayed God's saving glory to the nations, and for the homes in which we teach this Word to our children and live it out in holy lives,
- L let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For peace in the world, for an end to violence,
- C for the restoration of hope and lives still suffering from the effects of the pandemic, for justice, for the will to protect life from its beginning to its natural end, and for those in need.
- L let us pray of the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For grace to believe the Word we hear, for repentant hearts to receive worthily the grace of Christ's body and blood in this Holy Communion,
- C for our strong unity in doctrine, and for our harmony in our life together as the Body of Christ, the Church,
- L let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For those who suffer any need of body or soul, for the sick, for the aged, for the grieving, and for those in their last days, [especially. . .], that the Lord be their healing, strength, comfort, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- L For the saints who endured in the holy confession of Your name, for the martyrs whose sacrifice inspires us still, and for all the saints who rest from their labors,
- C that we join them on that promised day when Christ shall join the faithful as one in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom without end,
- L let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

- L For all things needful to this body and life and for all things profitable to our salvation, let us pray in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh, in whom we behold the glory of the eternal Trinity, now and to the end of the ages.
- C Amen.

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L SB pgs. 194-195
L The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22



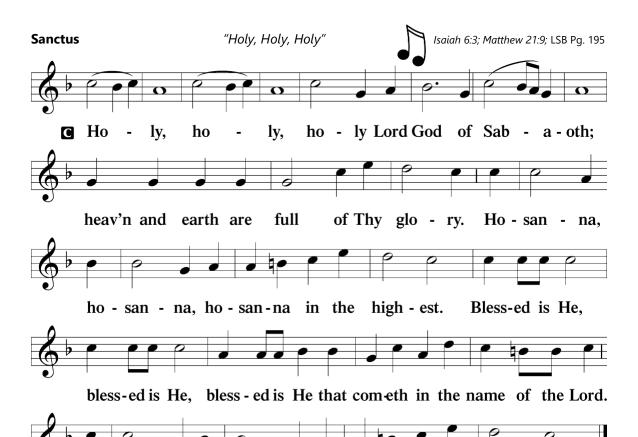
Colossians 3·1





Proper Preface LSB pgs. 194

- L It is truly meet, 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 or Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen.
- C Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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



The Lord's Prayer LSB pg. 196

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

C Our Father who art in heaven,

Matthew 6:9-13



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.

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."

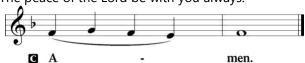
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"The Peace of the Lord"

John 20:19, LSB pg.197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.







Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB 362 "O Sing of Christ"

FOREST GREEN



- 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.

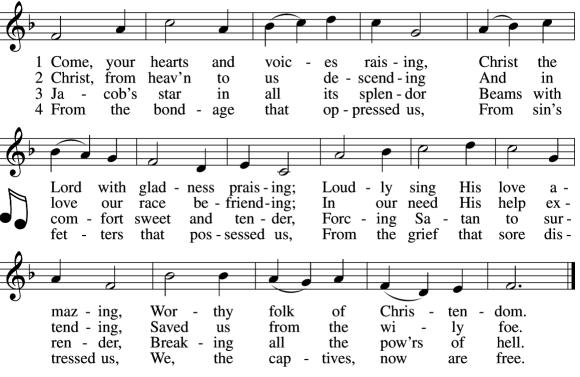


Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son; To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove, Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



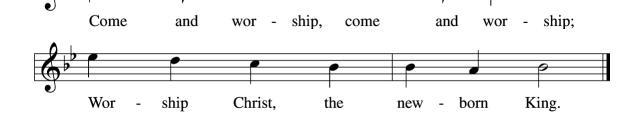
The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace. He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won. Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love. That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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- Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing, And to You we come confessing That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

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The Dismissal LSB Pg. 199

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.





Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1, LSB pgs. 200

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

Post-Communion Collect

LSB pg. 201

O God the Father, the fountain 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,

- C and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;
- L 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, Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB pgs. 201-202

L The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

L Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

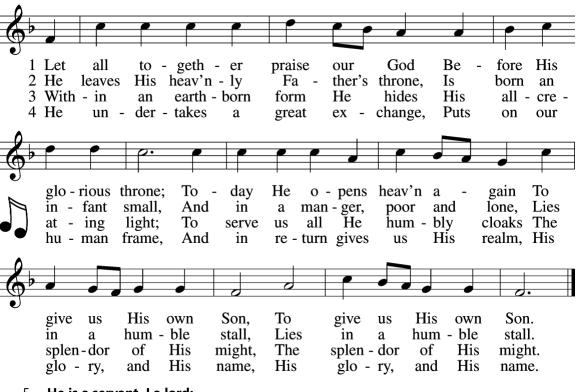
C Thanks be to God.

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

Number 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and Φ give you peace.





- 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.
- 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.

Sending

- L Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Christmas to Epiphany



Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Signing-up is not required.

December 27th 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Signing-up is not required.

January 3rd 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm

The Baptism of Our Lord
Sign up in advance for the The Baptism of Our Lord (call or email).

January 10th 8:00 am, 10:45 am & 1:30 pm

All services are held in the main sanctuary.Visit our website for more information: stjohndublin.org