

Christmas Day

December 25, 2025; 9:00 am
Divine Service, Setting Four



WORD OF WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

—Roger Fox

HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (LSB #379)

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

C: **On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

Isaiah 9:2

P: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given,

C: **And the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

C: **The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this!**

Isaiah 9:6-7

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of His Son whom He sent, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Through faith in Jesus our Savior, so let it be. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I announce God's full and complete forgiveness to you, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

All sing: **O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12

Gospel: John 1:1-18

CONFESSION OF FAITH

(Martin Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, 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 with His innocent suffering and death. That I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

HYMN: "Joy to the World" (LSB #387)

SERMON

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with gladness as we remember the birth of Jesus and joyfully receive Him as our Savior. Grant that we may, with greater joy and gladness, share our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we have in Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS

PREFACE

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

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. . .

. . . 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 *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

John 1:29

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

HYMN: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (LSB #358, verses 7-15)

NUNC DIMITTIS (*sung*)

Luke 2:29-32

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,

For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,

All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;

For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,

God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

DISMISSAL & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS

Psalms 103:1

P: Let us bless the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (LSB #388)

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