

# The Nativity of Our Lord

#### As We Gather

Today the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer. Nor is it an accident...that this change occurs on the solemn day when divine life is manifested...Rather, to those who are attentive, nature manifests through visible things a hidden reality...I seem to hear her saying: "Realize...as you observe these phenomena, that the invisible is being manifested to you through the visible. You see, do you not, that night has reached its greatest length, and since it can advance no farther, comes to a halt and withdraws?...Do you see that the beams of light are more intense and the sun higher than it has been? Realize that the true light is now here and, through the rays of the gospel, is illumining the whole earth. (Gregory of Nyssa, Fourth century)

#### Prelude

"This Day is Such a Joyful Day"

Christus Choir

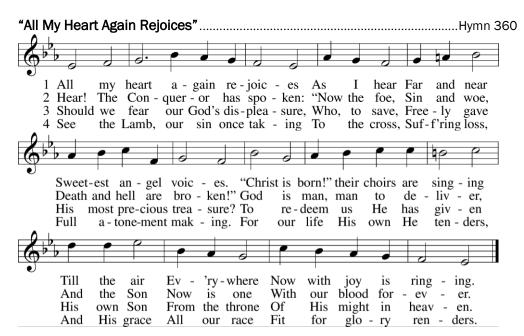
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This day is such a joyful day, Arise, your gladness voicing!
Emmanuel is born today, declare it with rejoicing!
For of a Virgin He was born, thus did the Lord a maid adorn
With joys and make her mother. What took place was strange indeed,
The Lord was made the woman's Seed, and He became our Brother.

A little Babe, a holy Child to us this day is given;
His virgin birth is lowly, mild, and brings us joy and heaven.
Now if this Child had not been born, we would forever be forlorn,
To us He brings salvation. Jesus Christ Thou Savior dear,
True God and Man, we pray Thee, hear, Save us from condemnation!

The shepherds in the field that night first heard the Gospel story, When angels came in glowing light and sang, "To God be glory!"

To you in David's town this day is born the Christ. He is the Way To life and to salvation." Then the shepherds told this thing Which they had heard of Christ, their King, Unto their land and nation!



5 Softly from His lowly manger

Jesus calls

One and all.

"You are safe from danger.

Children, from the sins that grieve you

You are freed;

All you need

I will surely give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness! One and all,

Great and small,

Come with songs of gladness.

We shall live with Him forever

There on high

In that joy

Which will vanish never.

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## Confession and Absolution

#### Stand

#### Invocation

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

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

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 and for self-examination.

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

## Service of the Word

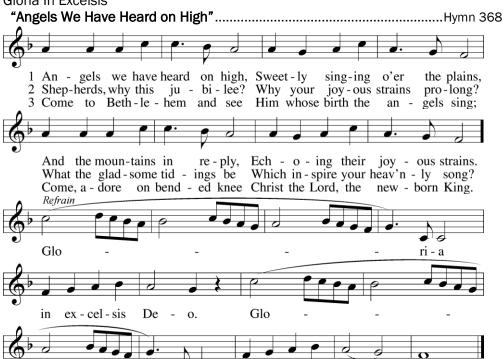
## Introit



- 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.
- P 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.
- P 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!
- P 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 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.

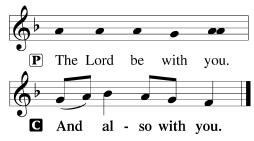


## Gloria In Excelsis



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#### Salutation



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## Collect of the Day

**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.

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o.

C Amen.

Sit

<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.

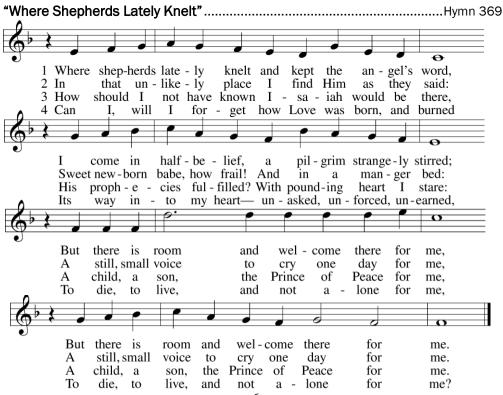
<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,

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. This is the Word of the Lord

## **C** Thanks be to God.



Epistle Reading 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.

Verse

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, all you nations and worship the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

Holy Gospel John 1:1–18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

## **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

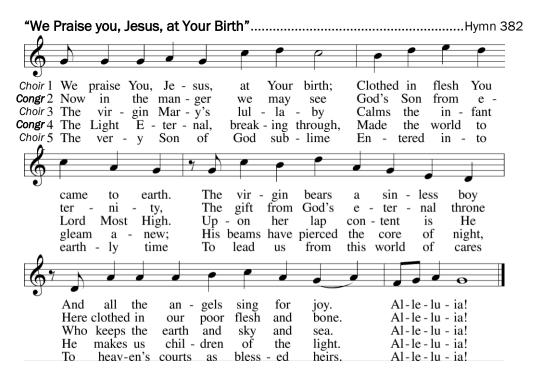
<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 
<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. 
<sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 
<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 
<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.

<sup>15</sup>(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.") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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



[Congregation]

6 In poverty He came to earth
Showing mercy by His birth;
He makes us rich in heav'nly ways
As we, like angels, sing His praise.
Alleluia!

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All this for us our God has done Granting love through His own Son. Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice And sing His praise with endless voice. Alleluia!

Sermon
"New Residence"

John 1:1-18

## Nicene Creed

© 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.

(You may be seated if necessary.)

## **Prayer of the Church**

Sit

## Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

There will be no passing of the offering plates. Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.

## Offertory

"The Glory of the Father" ...... Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word.

The Word, the God, was with God.

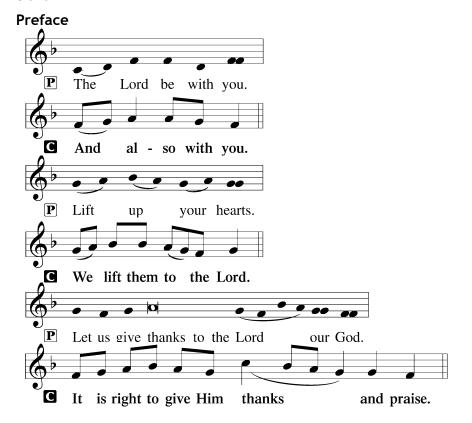
In Him was life;
and the life was the light of men.

He came to his own, and his own,
And his own received him not.

## Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 16.)

#### Stand



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, ever more praising You and saying:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

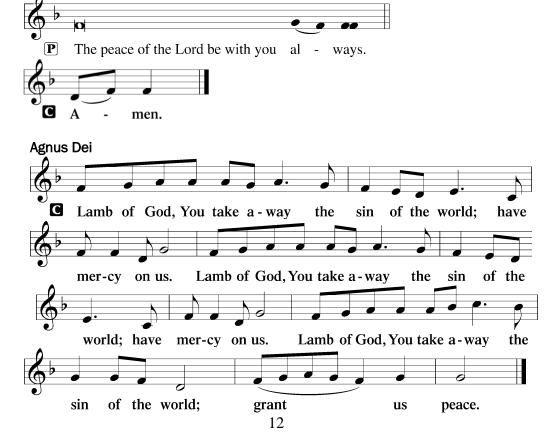
## Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

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

- 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."



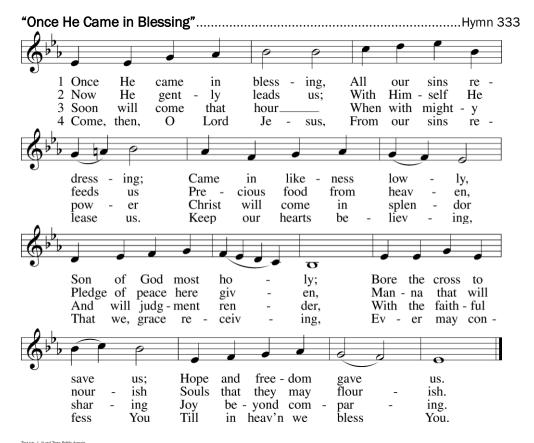
Distribution Hymn

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"......Hymn 393
[Choir]

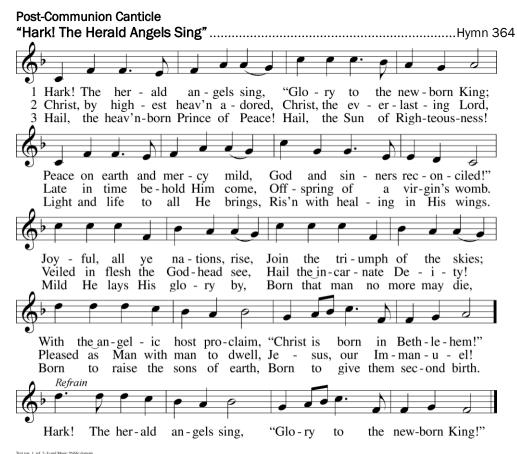
Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

[Congregation]

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you! Christ the Babe was born for you!



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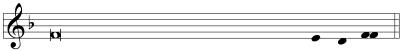
## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** 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

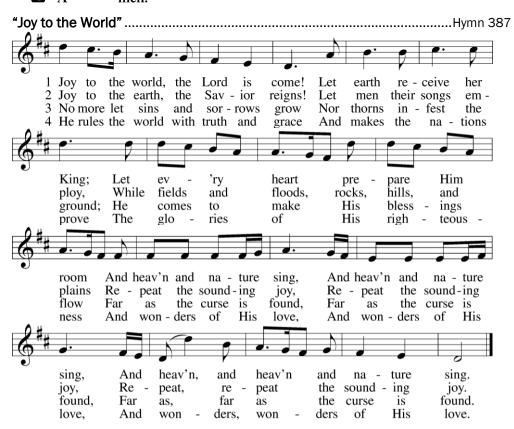
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





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## + Silent Prayer +

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THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood (Matthew 26:26-28) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their own detriment (1 Corinthians 11:28-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (1 Corinthians 10:16-18) any whom are not members, not yet instructed, or whom hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is reserved during communion services for those whom have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in this pew if you want the pastor to bring you communion.





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