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**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a “communion,” something done in “community.” It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



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+ CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT +

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Friday, 24 December A+D 2021 • 11:00 P.M.

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High” LSB 367*

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 184*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** When all was still, and it was midnight,  
**C** **your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.**  
**P** Why do the nations rage  
**C** **and the peoples plot in vain?**  
**P** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,  
**C** **against the LORD and against his anointed.**  
**P** He who sits in the heavens laughs;

**C** the Lord holds them in derision.  
**P** **Then he will speak to them in his wrath,**  
**C** and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
**P** **“As for me, I have set my King**  
**C** on Zion, my holy hill.”

**C** **♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P** When all was still, and it was midnight,  
**C** **your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.**

**KYRIE**

*LSB 186*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*LSB 187*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB 189*

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup> 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.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## GRADUAL

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1*

- P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
**C** **and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**  
**P** And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
**C** **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
**P** Sing to the LORD a new song,  
**C** **for he has done marvelous things!**

## EPISTLE

*Titus 2:11-14*

<sup>1</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>2</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>3</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190; Luke 2:11*

Alleluia. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

## NICENE CREED

*LSB 191*

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" LSB 358*

*Sit*

**SERMON***“Peace in the Manger” Luke 2:1-14**Stand***OFFERTORY***LSB 192**Sit***OFFERING***Stand***+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +****PREFACE***LSB 194***SANCTUS***LSB 195***LORD’S PRAYER***LSB 196***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD***LSB 197***PAX DOMINI***LSB 197***AGNUS DEI***LSB 198**Sit***DISTRIBUTION***“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB 621**“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” LSB 624**Stand***NUNC DIMITTIS***LSB 199***THANKSGIVING***LSB 200***SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS***LSB 201***BENEDICTION***LSB 202***HYMN TO DEPART***“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” LSB 366*

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**+ SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE +****ELDER****ACOLYTE****ORGANIST***Today, 12/24**Saturday, 11:00 P.M.*

Jim Reed

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