



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day

Wednesday, 25 December A+D 2024 • 10:00 A.M.



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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

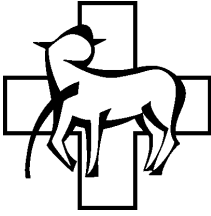
A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a “communion,” something done in “community.” It is a public confession of 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.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, “What is the Sacrament of the Altar?”)
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, “What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?”)

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6



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.

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.

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.



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



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

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How 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.”

⁸The 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.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The 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.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a



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

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but 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. ³He 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, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For 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”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 190; John 1:14

Alleluia. 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. Alle- | luia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him
was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to
bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but
came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the
world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came
to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not
of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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.

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth” LSB 382

SERMON

“The Manger of God’s Word” John 1:1-14

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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SANCTUS	LSB 195
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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 197
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AGNUS DEI	LSB 198

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read “A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion” on page 2 of this week’s bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using “Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar” on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord’s Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

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

G Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” LSB 624
“Go Tell It on the Mountain” LSB 388

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 199
THANKSGIVING	LSB 200
SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS	LSB 201
BENEDICTION	LSB 202
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>“Angels from the Realms of Glory” LSB 367</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 P.M. MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICE on either Wednesday, December 25th or Wednesday, January 1st. We will resume Midweek Divine Service at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 8th. Starting then, our Midweek Services will be distinct services from our Sunday services, so EVERYONE is urged to attend!

THERE IS NO BIBLE STUDY on Thursday, December 26th.

THERE IS NO EDUCATION HOUR on Sunday, December 29th.

THANK YOU TO ALL who brought in toys for the “Toys For Tots” ingathering!

“MERRY CHRISTMAS! And may the certainty of God’s love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort, and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – The Nativity of Our Lord: Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke 1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate (Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *John 1:12 – “But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”* In the beginning we were made in God’s image. When Adam and Eve sinned, the image was tarnished, and in some ways, it was even lost. But Christ has come to restore us, to make us God’s children again, to restore the image of God within us. The Christian life is a life of growing into that image, of struggling against sin and striving to imitate our Lord in His mercy, generosity, love, faithfulness and kindness.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>
<i>Week of 12/22</i>				
Weds., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Sleik	Jenna Long	N/A
<i>Week of 12/29</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Bradley Linsmeyer	Sue Rochon	Youth Group
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	*** NO MIDWEEK SERVICE ***			

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Wednesday (25)	10:00 A.M.	Christmas Day Divine Service
Thursday (26)		No Bible Study
Friday (27)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (28)		
Sunday (29)	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$16,088.74	\$189,220.42
Expenses:	\$13,647.02	\$214,487.37
Difference:	+\$2,441.72	-\$26,266.95

This report represents raw monthly and year-to-date receipt/expense data ("money-in"/"money-out"), including expenses for which funds were reserved from memorials and designated gifts.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Dec. 15 th , 10:00 A.M.	96	67
Weds., Dec. 18 th , 7:00 P.M.	19	N/A