

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service I LW pages 136-157

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE Brass 9:20 & 10:30 a.m. *Coventry Carol God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
We Three Kings of Orient Are Hark, the Herald Angels Sing O Come All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World Angels We Have Heard on High Ding Dong, Merrily on High*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAROL 10:30 Brass Choir

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 vs. 1, 4

1. **Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!**
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;**
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:

C: **And the government shall be upon His shoulders;**

L: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Father Everlasting, Prince of Peace.

C: **To guide our feet into the way of peace,**

L: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love:

C: **According to Your mercy blot out my transgressions.**

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity:

C: **And cleanse me from my sin.**

L: For I know my transgressions:

C: **And my sin is ever before me.**

L: Against You, You only, have I sinned:

C: **And done that which is evil in Your sight.**

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

C: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

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

***THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**
L: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for our Lord's Nativity is from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, page 573:

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from Titus 3:4-7, pages 998-999:

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke 2:15-20, page 857:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE 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.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.

2. Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending;
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.
3. From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.
4. 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.

THE SERMON

“God’s Plan and Our Plans”

(Luke 2:15-20)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY 9:20 & 10:30 Brass Choir *Carol of the Drum*

***THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***LORD’S PRAYER** (Found in the back cover of the hymnal.)

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

C: ♪ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI**

♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world have mercy on us, O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Praise God the Lord Ye Sons of Men

TLH 105

1. Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, Before His highest throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
And gives us His own Son, And gives us His own Son.
2. He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an Infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
3. He serves that I a lord may be; A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need? To help me in my need?
4. He opens us again the door Of Paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more,
To God our thanks we pay, To God our thanks we pay.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 383, 368, 365

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

♪ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with Thy Spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*THE CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World

LSB 387

1. **Joy to the World, The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

2. **He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE

9:20 & 10:30 Brass Choir

Angels from the Realms of Glory

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist & Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

The Peace Brass: Bill Dalton, Trumpet; Craig McElroy, Trumpet; Cynthia Sherrill, French Horn; Brandyn Dillender, Trombone

NEWS AND NOTES:

CHRISTMAS DAY

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CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR Bible class today.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

NEW FLOWER ORDERS may now be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 8th. To order, please call the church office at 892-5610.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 15, 6-8p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER is in your mailslot.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Seniors College Prep Class begins on Jan. 8, 9:15-10:15. Parents meet in the old Sanctuary and Youth meet in the Meeting Room next to the old Sanctuary. High School Youth interested in attending TEC Retreat on Jan. 14-16 need to sign up by Jan. 1.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2016:

Today: **CHRISTMAS DAY**
 9:20 Holy Communion
 10:30 Holy Communion
Mon: OFFICE CLOSED
 Early Childhood Closed
Tue: Early Childhood Closed
 9:00 Quilters
 6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: Early Childhood Closed
Thu: Early Childhood Closed
Fri: Early Childhood Closed
Sat: 5:00 New Year's Eve Service w/Communion
Sun: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
 8, 9:20, 10:30 Services
Mon: OFFICE CLOSED
 Early Childhood Closed