



First Sunday after Christmas

12/27/20

Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting One

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GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Please stand as you are able.

In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

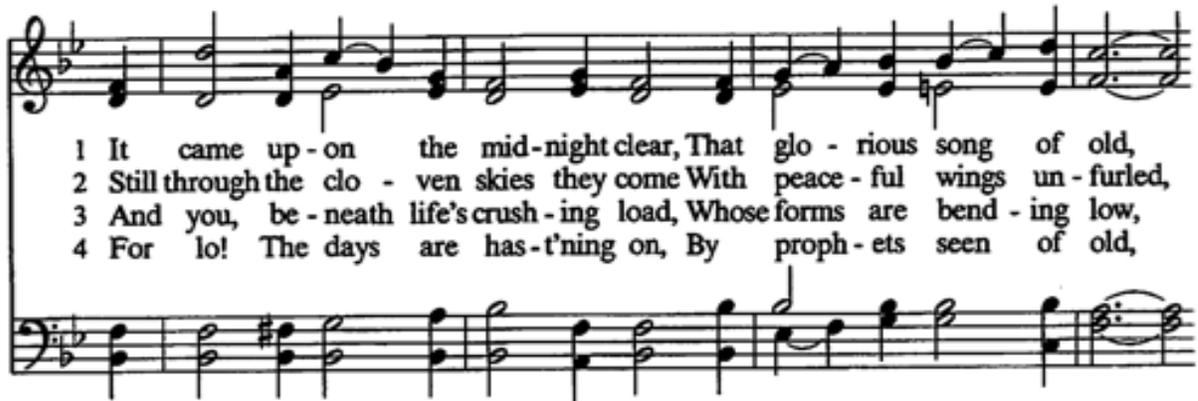
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

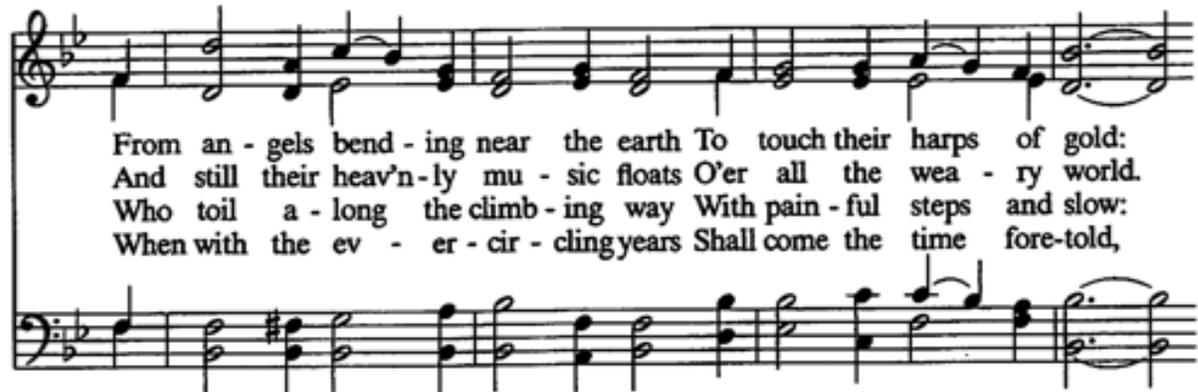
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

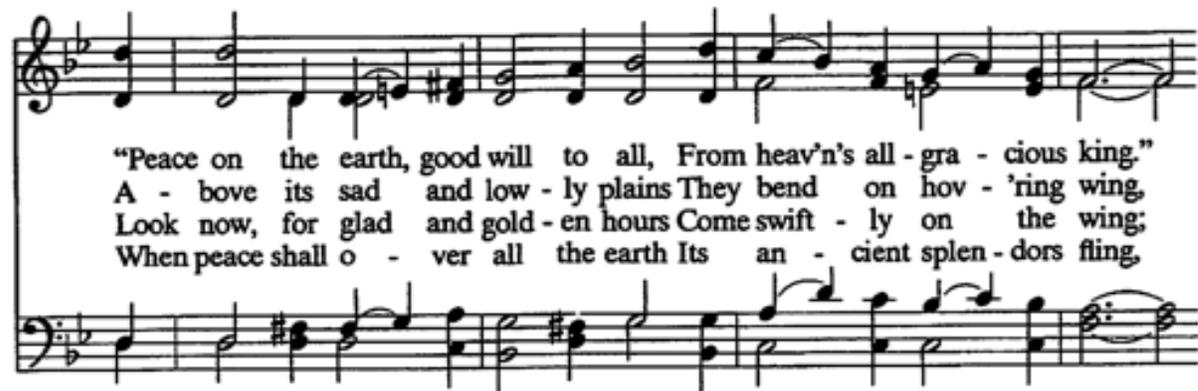
GATHERING HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"



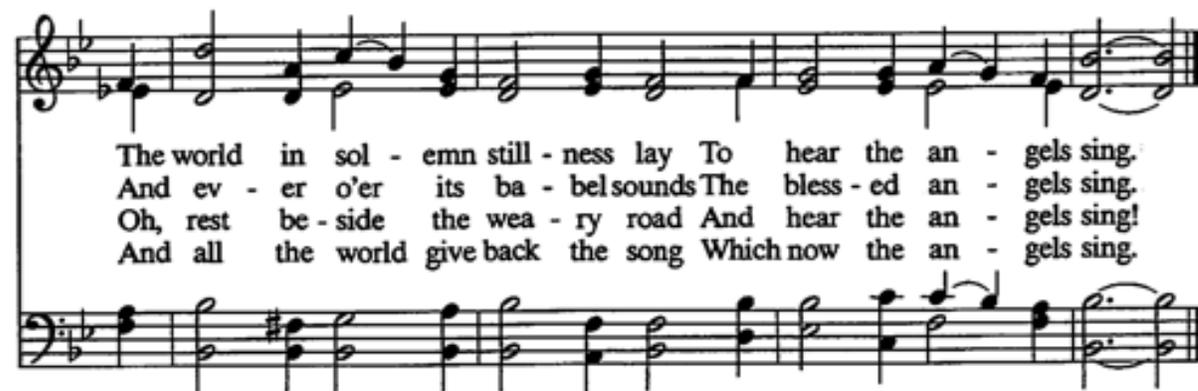
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
 Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow:
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 Look now, for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing;
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 Oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing!
 And all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt.
 Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ("Lord, have mercy..." LBW pp. 57-58) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

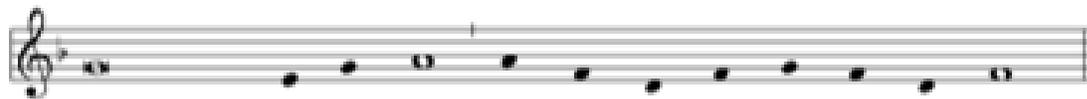
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 58-59)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

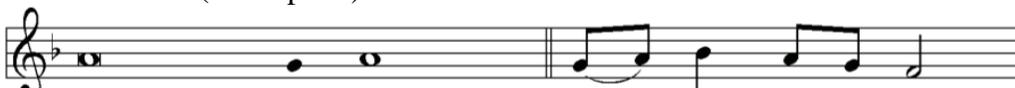


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 62) *Ruth 2:4*



Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM – Psalm 111 *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are the deeds | of the Lord!***
they are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;***
the Lord is gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him;*,
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power | of his works***
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*,
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,***
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever;*,
holy and awesome | is his Name.

¹⁰**The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;***
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise en- | dures forever.

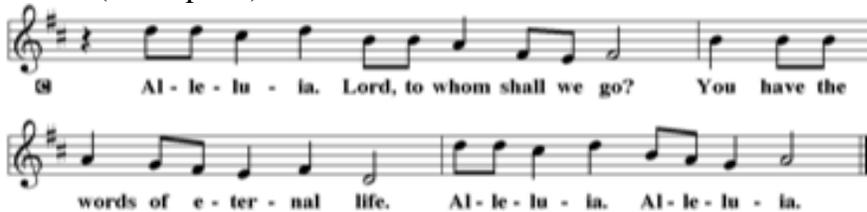
SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 62) *John 6:68*



GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

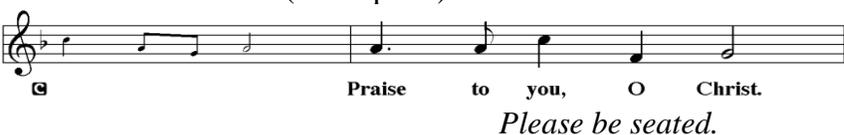


GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, {Joseph and Mary} brought {Jesus} up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” **verses 1-4** on following page

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him

He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (LBW p. 65)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs... *Each petition ends with these words:* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others in our households, on social media, and in the chapel. Share the peace without physical contact, then please be seated.

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us. Place financial contributions in the offering plate as you exit the chapel or drop them in the mail.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

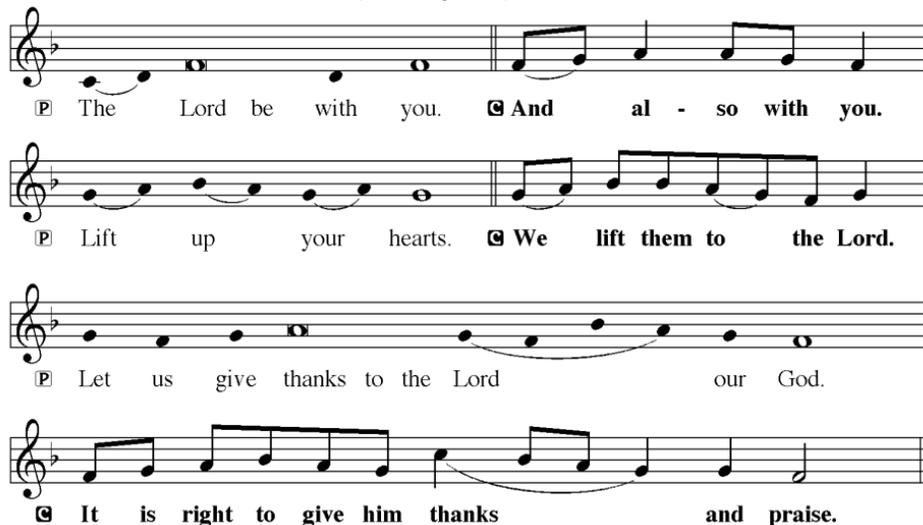


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We** lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
 plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
 Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word
 made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your
 glo - ry; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love
 the God whom we can - not see. And so, with the Church on earth and the
 hosts of heav - en, we praise your name and join their un -
 end - ing hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow’r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW, Ministers Desk Ed. p. 297)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

COMMUNION HYMN ("*Lamb of God...*" LBW p. 72) *John 1:29*

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by family groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer. Pull your mask down below your mouth before taking the bread and wine in your hand. Each group or individual will commune separately and return to their seats before the next group or individual comes forward.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
 - *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
 - *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone.*
- The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 72-73)

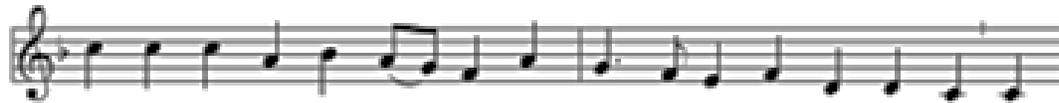
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)



☩ Almighty God, Father, † Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. ☩ A - men

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GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - jice With heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - jice With heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - jice With heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Text: medieval Latin carol; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: German carol, 14th cent.*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Love God.
Love neighbor.

Serve with joy in Jesus' name.
worship + fellowship + discipleship

Who We Are -

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold four core values, to be:
Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.



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Pastor: Rev. Paulette D. McHugh
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