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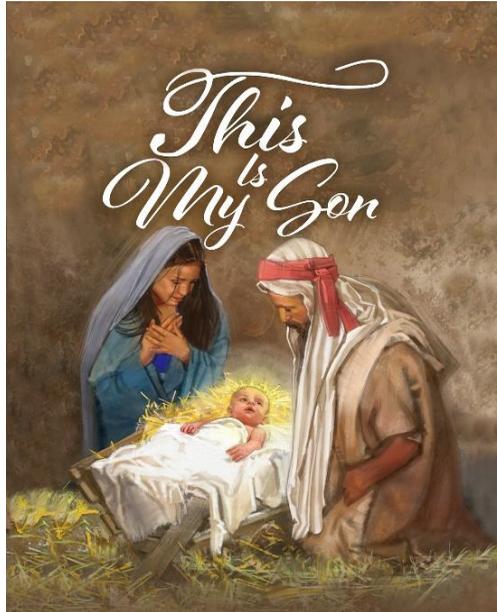
## **The Nativity of Our Lord**

December 25, 2022

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**10:30\* am**

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## **AS WE GATHER**

### **SON OF MAN AND SON OF GOD**

Who is the Son of God? That first Christmas, the baby lying in the manger appeared to be the son of Mary and Joseph. Yet, this infant boy is so much more than meets the eye. He is the Son of God! How do we know? Just listen to God’s Word in the proclamation of the angels: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). Or hear the words of John 1: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). This Christmas, through faith, you also are more than what meets the eye. You are a child of God! How do you know? God’s Word connected to water declares it because you are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Celebrate this Christmas that “when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4–5).

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## PROCLAMATION OF CHRISTMAS

The **Christmas Proclamation** was historically sung on December 24<sup>th</sup> as part of the daily cycle of prayers.

It is printed here for you to ponder before we begin our worship service as a reminder that the birth of Jesus Christ in the flesh is at the center of all history.

Come, let us adore Him!

*The eighth day before the first of January, first day of the lunar month.*

*Innumerable ages having passed since the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created Heaven and earth and formed man in his own image;*

*many more centuries after the flood, when the Most High placed his rainbow in the heavens as a sign of the covenant and of peace;*

*from the migration of Abraham, our father in faith, from Ur of the Chaldeans, twenty-one centuries;*

*from the exodus of the people of Israel out of Egypt, led by Moses, thirteen centuries;*

*from the anointing of David as King, about one thousand years;*

*in the sixty-fifth according to Daniel's prophecy;*

*in the year of the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;*

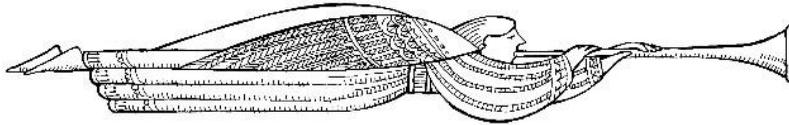
*from the founding of the city of Rome, seven hundred and fifty-two years;*

*in the rule of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the forty-second year;*

*the whole world being at peace:*

*Jesus Christ, eternal God, the eternal Father's Son, being pleased by His coming to consecrate the world, by the Holy Spirit conceived, nine months having passed since His conception, in Bethlehem of Judah was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

*The Nativity of our Lord JESUS CHRIST according to the flesh.*



# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (arr. Jeffrey Blersch)

*Infant holy, infant lowly  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!*

*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 child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 379 – O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God\_\_\_ In\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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*O Come  
Let Us  
Adore Him*



## LSB 268 – SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Teo LeRoy Battaglia

*After the baptism, the service continues with the service of the Word on page 5.*

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES - *John 1:14*

- P** And the Word became flesh  
**C** **and dwelt among us,**  
**P** and we have seen His glory,  
**C** **glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – *John 1:9–13*

- P** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

As we gather together this Christmas, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

- C** **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.**

- P** But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Because of the Savior who is the Word made flesh and dwelt among us, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

**INTROIT - Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6**

**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.

**C** **Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

**P** The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**C** **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.**

**P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
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.**

*rejoice!*  
**Rejoice!**  
*Rejoice!*

**HYMN OF PRAISE – LSB 391 – Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn**

Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -  
to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!  
His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels from  
on high pro - claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!  
My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless Him ev - er



For sal - va - tion; Give Him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

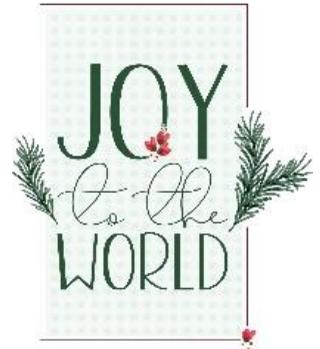
**OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 52:7-10** – The Lord’s coming salvation

<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.



**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM – Psalm 98** (with Isaac Watts’ paraphrase)



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

**A** Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;  
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**C** **The Lord has made His salvation known  
and revealed His righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

**A** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;

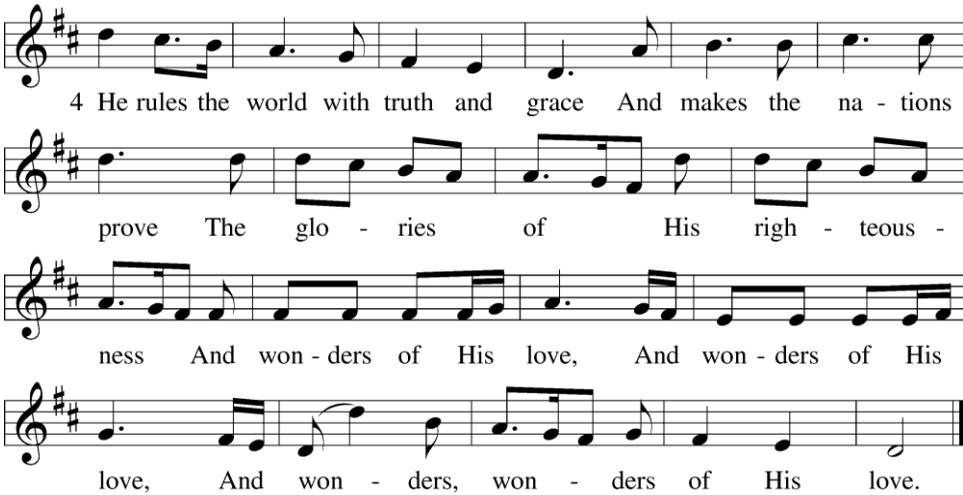
**C** **Make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the



ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

- A** Let the sea resound and all that is in it,  
 the world and all that live in it.
- C** **Let the rivers clap their hands,  
 let the mountains sing together for joy;  
 let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.  
 He will judge the world in righteousness and the people with equality.**



4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

**EPISTLE – Hebrews 1:1-6** – The supremacy of God’s Son

<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”?



**HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 384 – Of the Father’s Love Begotten**  
**Verse 1 – Men; Verse 2 - Women**



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 O ye heights of heav’n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



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  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



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  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



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  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



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



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**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE – This is My Son: Jesus – John 1:1-18**

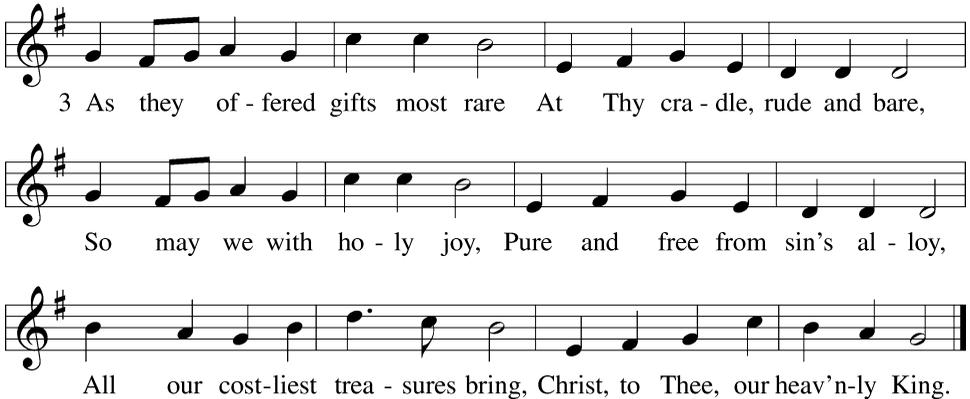
**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A** ... Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our pray.

**A** ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

**OFFERING** – *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* (Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau)

**OFFERTORY** – **LSB 397** – **As with Gladness Men of Old**



3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.

✠ ✠ ✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠ ✠ ✠  
*beginning on LSB 160*

**PREFACE**



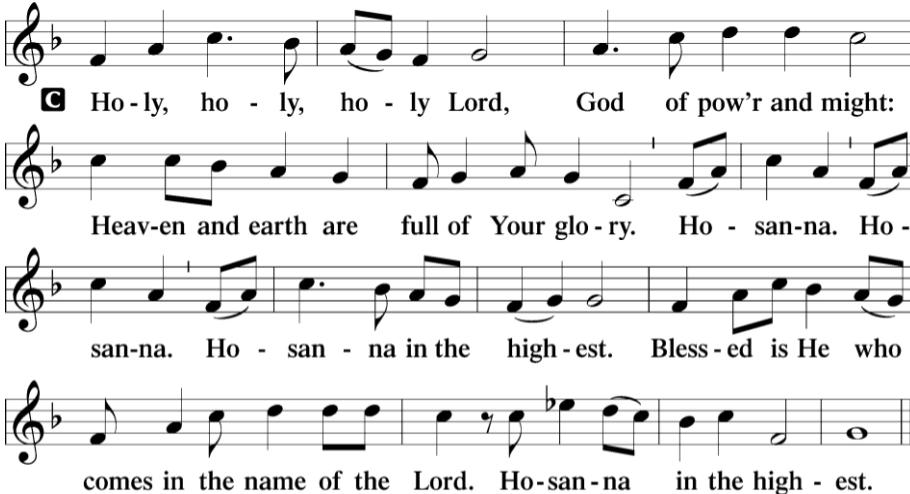
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** 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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** ...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

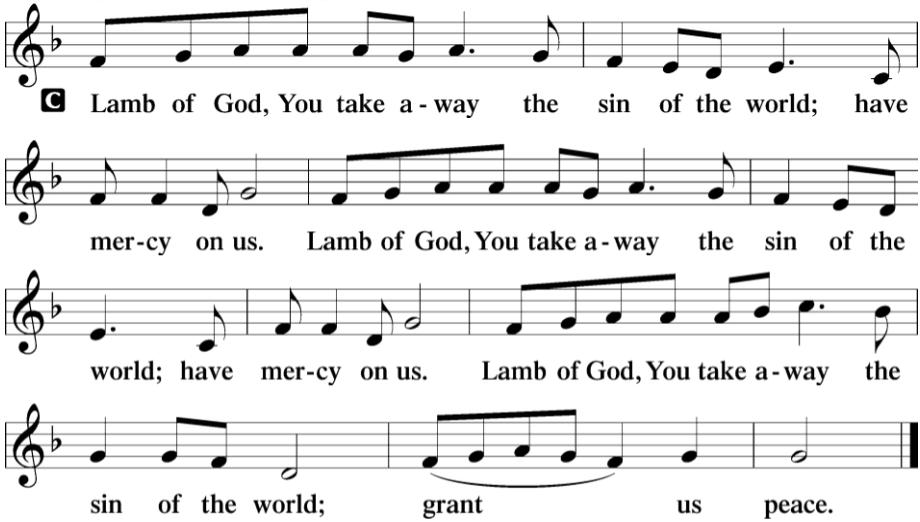
**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI** – *The Peace of the Lord* – *John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

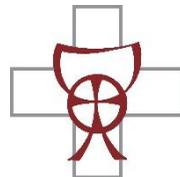
**AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29**



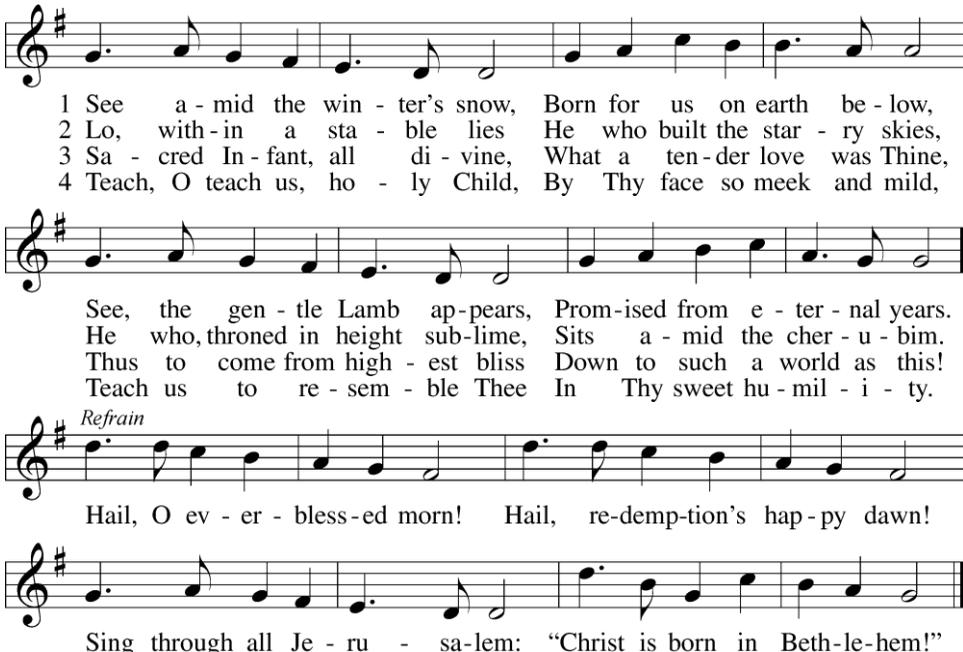
**☐** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION**

Anthem – *What Child Is This* (arr. Malcolm Archer)  
 Text at LSB 370



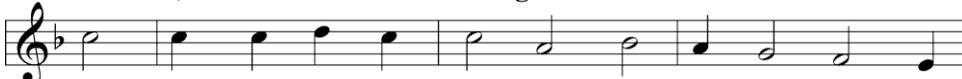
**LSB 373 – See Amid the Winter’s Snow**



1 See a-mid the win-ter’s snow, Born for us on earth be-low,  
 2 Lo, with-in a sta-ble lies He who built the star-ry skies,  
 3 Sa-cred In-fant, all di-vine, What a ten-der love was Thine,  
 4 Teach, O teach us, ho-ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,  
  
 See, the gen-tle Lamb ap-pears, Prom-ised from e-ter-nal years.  
 He who, throned in height sub-lime, Sits a-mid the cher-u-bim.  
 Thus to come from high-est bliss Down to such a world as this!  
 Teach us to re-sem-ble Thee In Thy sweet hu-mil-i-ty.  
  
*Refrain*  
 Hail, O ev-er-bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion’s hap-py dawn!  
  
 Sing through all Je-ru-sa-lem: “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”

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## LSB 359 – Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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## LSB 360 – All My Heart Again Rejoices



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near  
 2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,  
 3 Should we fear our God's dis - plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly gave  
 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing  
 Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,  
 His most pre - cious trea - sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en  
 Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.  
 And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.  
 His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en.  
 And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

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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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2:29-32**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



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



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 388 – Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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## SILENT PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *In Dulci Jubilo* (Dietrich Buxtehude)



If you have any **urgent pastoral needs** throughout this next week please contact **Pastor Beck** ([pastorbeck@faithbtown.org](mailto:pastorbeck@faithbtown.org) or 812-508-6497) *through Tuesday*, or **Pastor Woelmer** ([rwoelmer@gmail.com](mailto:rwoelmer@gmail.com) or 812-361-4504) *next Wednesday through Saturday*.  
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Please use this for *non-essential* matters only.  
Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Thank you to our musicians this morning.

Choir:  
Peter Bertermann,  
Robert Gilbert,  
Shirin Hassan,  
Trevor Jones,  
Meera Popkin,  
Vern Rogers,  
Gary Wohlfalka,  
& Louise Wohlfalka

Trumpet:  
Quinton Mashler

Timpani:  
Evan Huang

Trombone:  
Jonathan Schaefer