



The LORD  
has bared His holy arm

Isaiah 52:10

# December 25, 2022

## The Nativity of Our Lord

### Opening Hymn: 387 Joy to the World

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.  
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## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

*[John 20:19-23] LSB 185*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

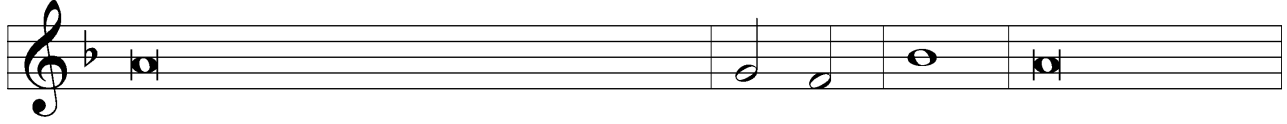
## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



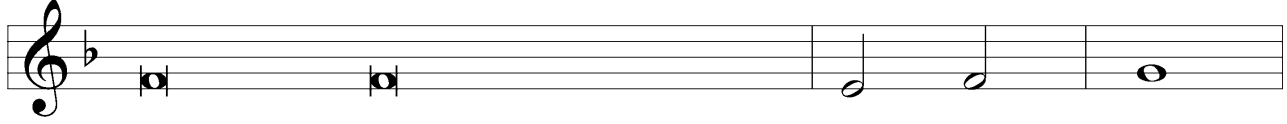
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

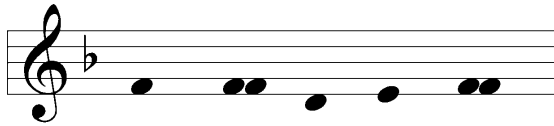


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

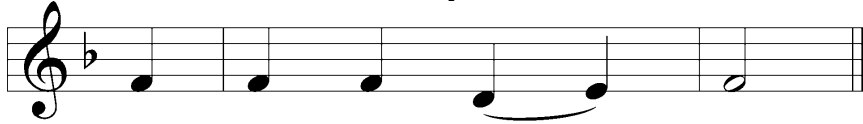


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir-it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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** A-men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 52.

<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.

## 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 1:1-12*

**A** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 1.

<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”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup>And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup>like a robe you will roll them up,  
 like a garment they will be changed.  
 But you are the same,  
 and your years will have no end.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

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**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



**P** 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.  
 Alleluia.



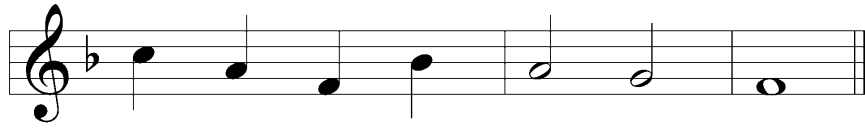
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



# Holy Gospel

*John 1:1-18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.**

# Announcements

## Hymn of the Day: Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384



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.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77  
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# Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

Stand

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12 LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

## Offering

*Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.*

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In thanksgiving for the eternal Word made flesh and His dwelling among us, full of grace and truth; that His praise would be extended into all the world; and that many with us would come to hope in His steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who publish peace and bring good news of happiness in Christ, that they would be kept faithful to declare His reign; and for all missionaries at home and abroad, that all the ends of the earth may see His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For families who gather in this holy season, that they may have patience and be slow to judge and quick to forgive, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the lonely, that they may be comforted with Christ's presence and we may extend to them the welcome of our homes and the friendship of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those in poverty or want, that they may be helped; that God would increase our generosity; and that we would present our bodies as living sacrifices, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our nation, that it would walk humbly before the true God; and for our soldiers who stand watch this day, that they would be kept safe and their families would be upheld while they are apart, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, lonely, grieving and poor in spirit, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may find comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, the light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who commune, that they would receive the body and blood of Jesus worthily with faith in His bodily presence; and that they would depart having received grace upon grace from His fullness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new; for You live and reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface: The Nativity of Our Lord

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

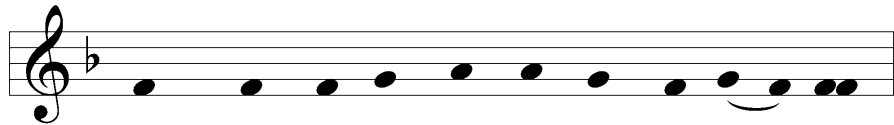
## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19 LSB 197*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.




## Distribution

- If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.
- Directions
  - Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
  - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
  - Kneel or stand as you are able.
  - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
  - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
  - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.
- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several plastic cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This dilute amount of wine uses the element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an alternative if needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any questions.

## Distribution Hymn: 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain LSB 388


*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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# Hymn: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

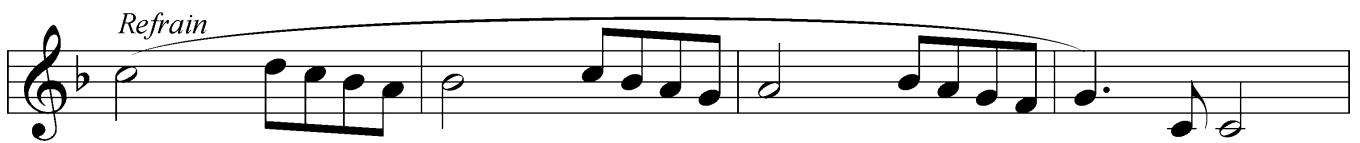
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- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.  
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# Distribution Hymn: 370 What Child Is This

LSB 370



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98    Tune: English, 16th cent.    Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn *LSB 391*

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!

Text: Birgitte Katerine Boye, 1742-1824; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937  
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608  
Text and tune: Public domain

# The Dismissal

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

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

# Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1 LSB 200*

**[A]** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**[C]** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**[P]** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]** A - men.

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

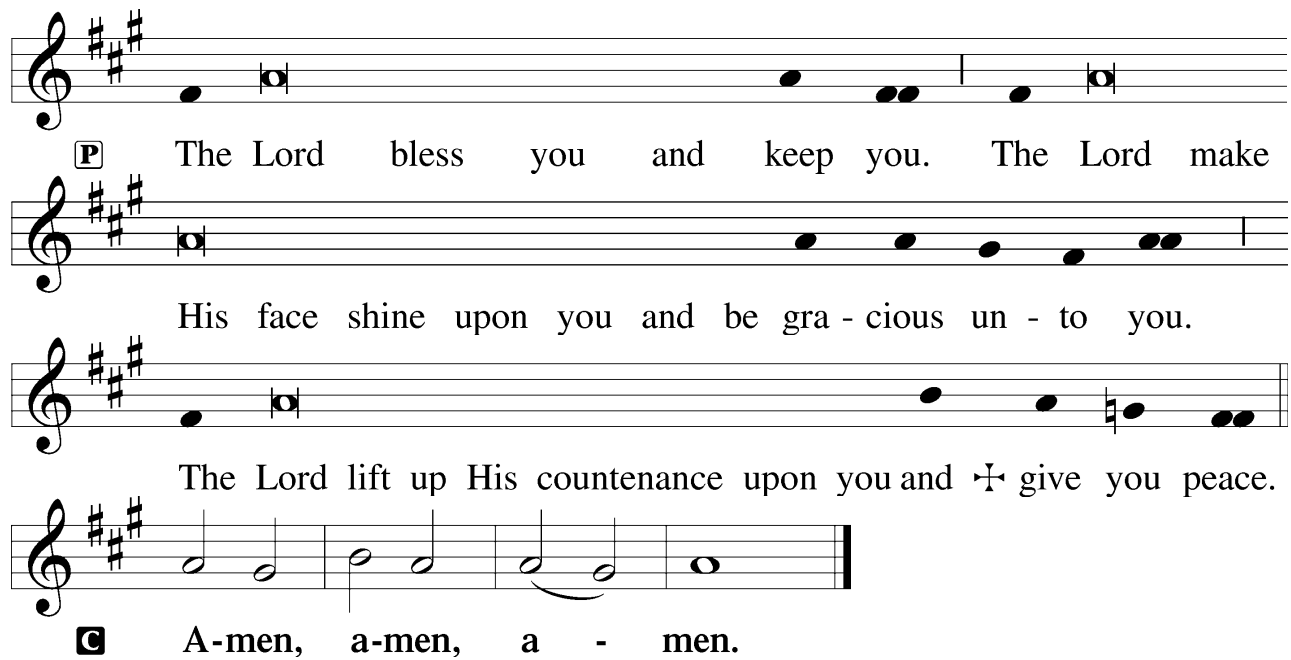
**[C]** And with thy spir - it.

**[A]** Bless we the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

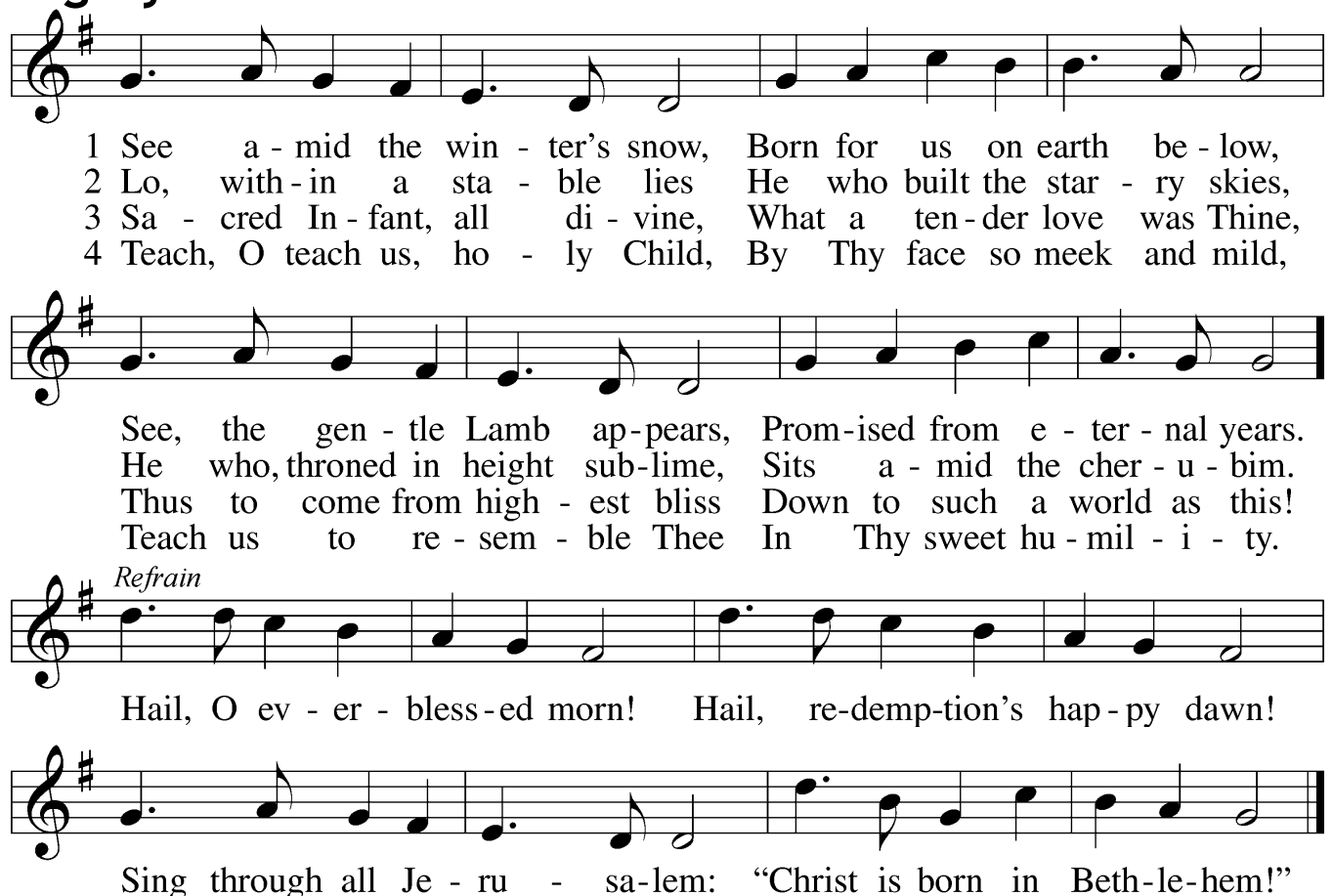
Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: 373 See amid the Winter's Snow

LSB 373



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!"

Text: Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.  
Tune: John Goss, 1800-80  
Text and tune: Public domain

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today	10:00 AM	One Service
Today		NO Bible Class
Today		NO Sunday School
Today		NO Walk-In Communion
Monday		NO Confirmation
Tuesday	5-7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Wednesday		NO Bible Study

**THANK YOU** to the many people who helped with this year's Children's Christmas Program last Sunday!

**EPIPHANY POT-LUCK PARTY** Join-in taking down Christmas decorations followed by food and fellowship. Sign-up at the Welcome Center. Thank you.

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**GOOD STEWARDSHIP** Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - NEW TIMES AVAILABLE** Saturdays, January 14th and January 21st, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. To sign up, see Len Maver in the narthex between services and after late service. Photos will be taken off to the side of the sanctuary behind the organ. Each household will receive an email of the digital photo that you can use however you'd like. Questions? Contact Len Maver (440-781-9009).

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** the Jan-March devotion booklets are available in the Narthex hallway, you are welcome to take one home today.

**YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided, most likely first a weekday morning playdate. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

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**COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

1. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

**"Walk-In" times at Church:**

- Sundays, 12 – 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

**Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:**

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
  - Call Pastor 440-458-0189

- Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about “bill-pay” options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click on “Give Online” - you’ll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

**WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS** You’re encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place **ONLY bulletins and unused attendance slips**. Thank you.

**IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

**PASTORAL CARE** Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to [prayer@spvc.org](mailto:prayer@spvc.org) (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

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**HAPPY 175TH BIRTHDAY** to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod! Merchandise is available from the LCMS Store, such as T-Shirts, travel tumblers, magnets and more to commemorate this special event! Please visit: <https://the-lcms-store.square.site/s/shop>

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** We continue to take offerings to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL** If you’re an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. 2022

**Choice Dollars expire March 2023**, so it’s use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.” Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.



# JANUARY 2023

	SERVICE	January 1 SUNDAY New Year's Day <b>Communion</b>	January 8 SUNDAY	January 15 SUNDAY <b>Communion</b>	January 22 SUNDAY	January 29 SUNDAY <b>Communion</b>
ELDER	8am		Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato / Chris Duran	Steve Kato / Chris Duran
	10:30am		Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson
USHERS	8am	10:00 AM	David Hesketh	Mark Gordon	Rob Zacharias	Jim Sherry
	10:30am	One Service	Rich Proeschel	Jay Moser	Joe Bennett	Brian Dearth
GREETERS	8am		David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke
	10:30am	Tim Walde / Steve Kato	Barb Pijor	Elder	Barb Pijor	Rich & Jenny Proeschel
ELDER INFO						
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183						
Tim Wadle 216-214-7109						
Jim Jackson 330-391-6393						
Chris Duran 216-577-5164						
Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076						

## Prayers for Worship

### On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

### After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*by Thomas & Barbara Hadaway*

*by Rich & Jenny Proeschel*

## IN HONOR OF:

*Our Parents ... Brian & Cherly Dearth*

*Nabinger & Djordjevic & Warner Families ... Branko & Charlie Djordjevic*

## IN MEMORY OF:

*Our Loved Ones ... Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes*

*Elvira Djordjevic ... Branko & Charlie Djordjevic*

*Brent Herbert ... Jen Herbert*

*Janet Kato ... Stephen & Colleen Kato*

*Loved Ones ... William & Linda Steingass*

***Please Note:***

***Christmas plants may be taken  
home after the Christmas Morning  
worship service, thank you.***