



# FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD DECEMBER 25, 2025

**Welcome to the Lord's House this Christmas morning for Divine Service.** Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. **May the Lord bless this Divine Service on this holy day!**

**THE  
WORD  
BECAME  
FLESH  
AND  
DWELT  
AMONG  
US.**



**We celebrate the Lord's Supper today**, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. **Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with a pastor first.**

At the conclusion of the bells, please stand and turn to follow the processional cross from the rear of the church. You may bow as it passes you in reverence to Christ. On this festival day, please turn and follow the cross for the Gospel as it goes to the center of the church in celebration of the Good News manifest in the midst of God's people, the Church, and out into the world.

## † DIVINE SERVICE †

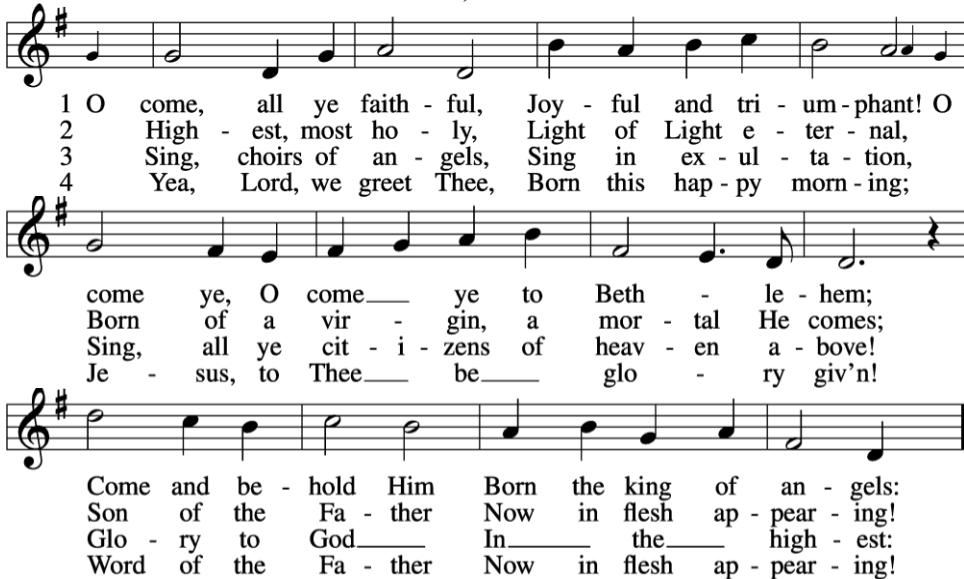
Historical Setting Three with Scriptural Nativity Narrative

### CHRISTMAS MARTYROLOGY

**P** In the year 5199 since the creation of the world when in the beginning God created Heaven and Earth; in the year 2957 since the Flood; in the year 2015 since the birth of Abraham; in the year 1510 from Moses and the Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt; in the year 1032 since David was anointed King; in the 65th week of years according to the prophesy of Daniel; in the 194th Olympiad; in the year 752 from the building of Rome; in the 42nd year of the reign of Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace; in the sixth age of the world; Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the Eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by His gracious coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and now, nine months since His conception, He is born at Bethlehem of Judea, of line of Judah, as Man, of the Virgin Mary.

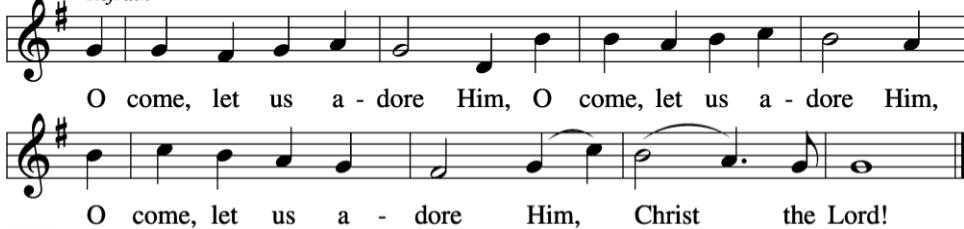
**C** The Nativity of our Lord Jesus † Christ in the flesh!

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 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!

**INVOCATION** *The sign of the cross (☩) may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** Matthew 28

**P** In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God... For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1

**C** **Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the Son of God has truly come, and nothing is impossible for God, even forgiving your sin. Jesus the Christ, the Word made Flesh, died on the cross for your sin.**

**C** **Amen. I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said.** Luke 1

*Kneel/Stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS**

**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 deserve 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 suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**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 of your sins in the name of the Father, and the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** John 20

*Stand*

**INTROIT** entry Psalm of worship, sung by God's people for 1000s of years

Psalm 98; Isaiah 9

**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 salva- | tion for him.  
 The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

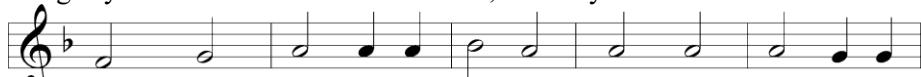
**P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*  
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
 break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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

**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.

**KYRIE**

**P** And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Luke 2



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

Mark 10
**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**P** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God. Luke 2



**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** *ancient prayer of the Church on the Scriptural theme of the day*

**P** When 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.”

Luke 2



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**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** A - men.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Isaiah 52:7-10 The salvation of the Lord*

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

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come      *sts. 1, 4, 8*

**P** "From heav'n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:  
"He will on you the gifts bestow Prepared by God for all below,  
That in His kingdom, bright and fair You may with us His glory share.

**C** Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
You came to share my misery That You might share Your joy with me.

**EPISTLE** *Titus 3:4-7 The revelation of Jesus, baptized into Christ*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he 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, whom he

poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### **GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.  
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**P** A virgin shall conceive; and his name is Immanuel, God with us.

**C** repeat *Festival Alleluia.*

**P** To you is born this day; a Savior who is Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord.

**C** repeat *Festival Alleluia.*

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



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

### **GOSPEL John 1:1-18 Jesus, the eternal Word became flesh**

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

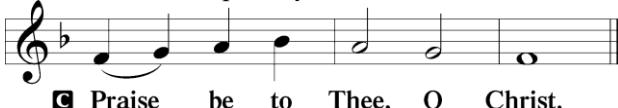
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

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. 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.

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. (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.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever

seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.\* (*a moment of silence, all may kneel in meditating on the mystery of the incarnation of God*) and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. And from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

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



### **NICENE CREED**

**P** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2

Let us, the whole Christian church in heaven and on earth, confess what has been told to us about the Child in the words of the Nicene Creed,

**C** **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.**

**HYMN** 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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  
 △ 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.

**SERMON**

Stand

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 370 What Child Is This



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!

Sit

**OFFERING**

Stand

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition,* **P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Concludes with:* **P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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## PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4



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

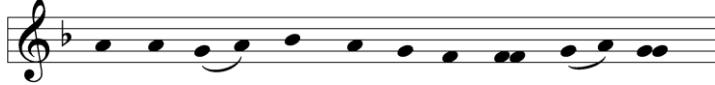


**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3



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



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

Psalm 136



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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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 be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangel and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6, Matthew 21



**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.

*Kneel/Stand*

### LORD'S PRAYER



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Cor. 11

(P) Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give - ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

*Silence is observed to meditate upon the miracle and mystery of the Word made Flesh, born of Mary, true God and true Man, our Holy Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us His very Body and Blood in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

## PAX DOMINI

John 20

(P) The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
C A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

John 1

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.

*Sit***DISTRIBUTION****HYMN 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the

forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

*Continued >*

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

**HYMN** 372 O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

1 O Je - sus Christ, Thy man - ger is My  
2 He whom the sea And wind o - bey Doth  
3 Thy light and grace Our guilt ef - face, Thy  
4 Thou Chris - tian heart, Who - e'er thou art, Be

par - a - dise at which my soul re - clin - eth.  
come to serve the sin - ner in great meek - ness.  
heav'n - ly rich - es all our loss re - triev - ing.  
of good cheer and let no sor - row move thee!

For there, O Lord, Doth lie the Word Made  
Thou, God's own Son, With us art one, Dost  
Im - man - u - el, Thy birth doth quell The  
For God's own Child, In mer - cy mild, Joins

flesh for us; here - in Thy grace forth shin - eth.  
join us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.  
pow'r of hell and Sa - tan's bold de - ceiv - ing.  
thee to Him; how great - ly God must love thee!

5 Remember thou What glory now  
The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.  
The angel host Can never boast  
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

6 The world may hold Her wealth and gold;  
But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure.  
To Him hold fast Until at last  
A crown be thine and honor in full measure.

**HYMN** 378 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, And  
 2 O dear - est Child, whom I a - dore, Whose  
 3 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord

ush - er in the morn - ing. Ye shep - herds, shrink not  
 grace sur - pass - es mea - sure, My Broth - er, whom I  
 Je - sus Christ, be giv - en: Thou hast my Broth - er

with af - fright, The day of grace is dawn - ing. This  
 cher - ish more Than earth with all its trea - sure: Haste  
 deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heav - en. Help

Child, though weak in in - fan - cy, Our con - fi -  
 from Thy man - ger to de - part, O come and  
 me through - out this day of grace To praise Thy

dence and joy shall be, The pow'r of Sa - tan -  
 dwell with - in my heart; With joy will I re -  
 love and seek Thy face; And when stand be -

break - ing, Our peace with God now mak - ing.  
 ceive Thee, A cra - dle there will give Thee.  
 fore Thee For - ev - er to a - dore Thee.

Stand

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Luke 2

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

people Is - rael. 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

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

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

### BENEDICTIMUS

2 Timothy 4

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

### BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6

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.

*Sit, Stand on last verse for Recession***RECESSATIONAL HYMN 386 Now Sing We Now Rejoice**

1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.  
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.  
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?

He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man-ger lies;  
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;  
Death was reign-ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty  
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,

Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.  
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,  
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.  
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.

Thou my Sav - ior art!  
Draw me un - to Thee!  
May we praise Him there!  
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## Poinsettias given in memory of:

Members departed this past year: Sharon Mayer by the congregation  
Alma Schubert, Alice Fritsche by Robert & Summer Schubert  
Darrell Nielsen by Joan Nielson, Aimee DeSotel  
Brock William Kerr by Darren & Faith Kerr  
Nadine Davidson by Gene Davidson  
Howard & Esther Kalebaugh by David & Tammy Kalebaugh  
Harry & Joan DeGraw by Joanie Jones  
Vern & Maxine Eaton by LeRoy & Dianne Scharnhorst  
Reagan Malone by Marlaine Malone & family  
LaVerne & Darlene Feller by Marland & Michelle Mortensen  
Eldon & Doris Mortensen by Marland & Michelle Mortensen  
Debbie Zeitfuss by Mike & Tammy Reeves  
Raymond & Grace Scharnhorst by LeRoy & Diane Scharnhorst  
Linda Hailey by Ralph Hailey  
Judith Minnick Cain by JD Cain  
Dorothy Saving by Bob & Kathy Davoren  
Ken Davison by Gene Davidson  
Robert & Sue Machacek by Gary & Julia Cordes  
Herman & Beverly Cordes by Gary & Julia Cordes  
Bill & Donna Jansen by David & Tammy Kalebaugh  
Doris Mortensen by Marland & Michelle Mortensen  
Ron & Helen Sorenson by Jason & Billi Jo Fielder  
Linda Hailey by Ralph Hailey  
Robert C. Brush by Jim & Billie Brush  
Our parents by Jim & Billie Brush  
Gage Hauk by Katie Hauk, Cathy Manis  
Kenneth & Patricia Oyer by Katie Hauk, Cathy Manis  
Bob Eberth by Lloyd & Susan Martley  
Dixie Huscher Estes by Lloyd & Susan Martley  
Margaret Emma Eberth by Lloyd & Susan Martley  
John Fritz, Patti Fritz by Lou Fritz  
Clarence & Gladys Kiser by Nancy (Crain) Humphrey  
Our parents by Garey & Phyllis Brooks  
Our parents by Tim & Janise Selbe  
Edna Klinkenberg by Bob & Eleanor Lenahan  
Ed Klinkenberg by Bob & Eleanor Lenahan  
Robert E. Klinkenberg by Bob & Eleanor Lenahan  
Bill Lahr by Jodi Weinkauf  
Gary Weinkauf, Amy Weinkauf by Rev. Weinkauf  
Revs. Jacobsen, Staudacher by Rev. Weinkauf

## In thanksgiving for:

All our loved ones by the Albright family  
Tammie Davison by Gene Davidson  
Our children & their families by Ron & Carol Smith  
Family & friends of RSLC by the Knoernschild's  
Family and friends by Forest & Karen Erickson  
Jenna Davidson by Gene Davidson  
Viola Davison by Gene Davidson  
Our pastors by several anonymous  
Our family and friends by Jim & Billie Brush  
Risen Savior by Tim & Janise Selbe  
Our family by the Albright family  
Risen Savior by several anonymous

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visitors**— it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle.

**Parents with small children.** If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is located off the Library. The Library also is for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

## Prayer List – in thanksgiving:

birth of a daughter, Lucia Esther, on Sunday to Pastor & Clair Burgdorf

### — members:

Ron Swartz (hospice), Jan Zugelder (cancer), Lou Fritz (hospitalized), Mary Lingo (cancer, surgery), Bonnie White (stroke, hospitalized), Elouise Jahnke (hospitalized), Mary Ellen Ballard (eye),

### — family & friends:

DeWanna Wise (sister of Christ Humphrey, surgery, cancer)

Rusty Moore (father of Jim Stinson, hospice)

Allison, Jack Carnahan (mother's health, baby nicu, niece of Kim Dunn)

Ellen Fitzgerald (grandmother of Faith Kerr, hospice)

Griffin Scanlon (friend of Steve & Marsha Albright, 4 yr.old with cancer)

John Carder (father of Kevin Carder, cancer)

Jerry Larson (friend of LeRoy & Dianne Scharnhorst, cancer)

Debra Lassman (sister-in-law to Kelly Lassman, cancer)

Vicki Duggan (friend of Kelly Kasunic, cancer)

Allan Harrison (brother of Jan Zugelder, hospice)

Helen Klinkenberg (niece of Eleanor Lenahan, cancer)

Matthew McClure (friend of Terry & Joyce Wade, cancer)

### — homebound members:

Evelyn Page; Bob & Eleanor Lenahan; Lou Fritz; Curt Meyer; Clayton & Jo Zumbrunn; Sandra Rieter

**Epiphany**, January 6, Tuesday, Divine Services 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

**2026 Directory** will be printed in early January, please note any changes to address, email, phone on the Attendance Pad. Any photo updates email to Pastor Weinkauf, [weinkauf@rslcms.church](mailto:weinkauf@rslcms.church)

**New Years' Eve** at Risen Savior. Divine Service 10:00 pm. Games, activities for all ages, as we ring in the New Year. Some food and beverages provided; you may bring some but not necessary. Wrap-up at 12:15 am.

**Risen Savior Classical Academy**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester begins Jan 12.

**Life Conference and March to the Capitol**, Jan. 28, Weds., Topeka, carpool leaves church at 7:15 am, back by 2:15 pm. See Jan. newsletter.

**Men's Basketball** Sundays, 8 pm, starting January 4 through March 22. All men welcome to get in shape, pickup bb games.

**Adult Catechism Class** begins January 25, Sundays 5 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 31	Divine Service 10 pm, activities to 12:15 am
Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 25	Feast of Transfiguration
Jan. 25	Next New Member Class or by appt.
Feb. 15	Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly
Feb. 17	PfannKuchen Tag (Pancake Day)
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
Feb. 24	Next Blood Drive

## STEWARSHIP

Date	Attendance	Offering + Special	
12/21	327	\$10,009	\$1558
12/14	281	\$11,943	\$362

**Altar Flowers:** in thanksgiving for Risen Savior.

See Church Calendar in Office to sign-up, \$25.

**Financial Reports** posted in Church Office.

## On-Line Giving.

Our vendor is: Vanco. There is also a link on our website. They also have an app you can download. You may scan this QR code. For 'one time' gift you do not need to set up an account.



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