



Nativity of Our Lord

Thursday, December 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.



- congregation stands.



- congregation sits.



- present at most services, if you would like



- congregation sings.

Congregation responds in **bold** print.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

Pre-service Music "Past Three O'Clock" - arr. John Rutter
and "I Wonder as I Wander" - arr. John Jacob Niles and Lewis Henry Horton
Avis Chmielewski, soloist



HYMN: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" - *Lutheran Service Book* #367

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.


In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory.

John 1:1, 14

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dearly beloved of God, we come together this day to hear of the great miracle that God became flesh and dwelt among us. Because He did this in order to free us from our sins, let us first consider our sinfulness and confess our need before God and one another. Together let us seek God's grace and forgiveness, convinced of His love. For He not only became flesh for us at Christmas, but remains flesh for us, raising our humanity to fellowship with God and eternal life.



Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To all who receive Him, who believe in His name, He gives the right to become children of God. 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.

Amen.



INTROIT (Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1-4)

For unto 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.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!
His right hand and 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.
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!

GLORIA PATRI (LSB p. 186)

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end.
Amen.

KYRIE

♫ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB p. 187)

Glory be to God on high:

♫ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

♫ And with your spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

🎵 **Amen.**

+ SCRIPTURES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY +



Old Testament

Isaiah 52:7-10

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 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. 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, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



VERSE: **“Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn”** **(LSB #391)**

**Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn. A Savior unto us is born,
The Christ, the Lord of glory!
His lowly birth in Bethlehem The angels from on high proclaim
And sing redemption’s story!
My soul, extol
God’s great favor; Bless Him ever For salvation;
Give Him praise and adoration!**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

HYMN: **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” - Lutheran Service Book #384**

Gathering of the Offering

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the gathering of the offering we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +
(*LSB p. 194*)


The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE


The Lord be with you.

 **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (LSB p. 195)

♫ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♫ Amen.

AGNUS DEI (LSB p. 198)

♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Some Children See Him" - Alfred Burt
Avis Chmielewski, soloist

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

1 While shep-herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for migh-ty dread Had seized their trou-bled mind;

The an-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shone a-round.
"Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind.

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| 3 "To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign: | 5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song: |
| 4 "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid." | 6 "All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease." |


"Now Sing We Now Rejoice" - LSB #386


"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" - LSB #393

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" - LSB #374




NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB p. 199)

 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation;
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
 And His mercy endureth forever.


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 Amen.

The Lord be with you.
 And with thy spirit

Bless we the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

 Amen, amen, amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth-ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth-ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with-in this place,



re - mem-ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ-mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem-ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Postlude

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Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sun. Dec. 28	Sunday Morning Worship	9:00 am
Mon. Dec. 29	No Monday Service	
Wed. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service	6:30 pm
Mon. Jan 6	No Monday Service	
Tues. Jan 7	Epiphany Service	6:30 pm
Sun. Jan 11	Sunday Morning Worship	8:00 & 10:30 am
	Christian Growth Resume	9:15 am
	Un-Deck the Halls	11:30 am