

Solemn Blessing of Christmas

May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts this day and always. **Amen**

May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for you, fill your life with love and peace. **Amen**

May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations, until he brings you into his eternal kingdom. **Amen**

And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. *(sung on one tone)* **Amen**

Sending Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* ELW 290

Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Rejoice This Day* Roger C. Wilson

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

Welcome

Prelude

A Rossetti Christmas

Mark Hayes/Douglas E. Warner

Entrance Hymn

Joy to the World

ELW 267

Apostolic Greeting

Christmas Dialog

Today the Christ is born! Alleluia!

Today salvation has appeared! Alleluia!

Today on earth choirs of angels are singing!

Today in heaven archangels are rejoicing!

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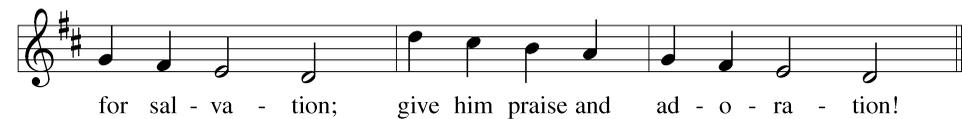
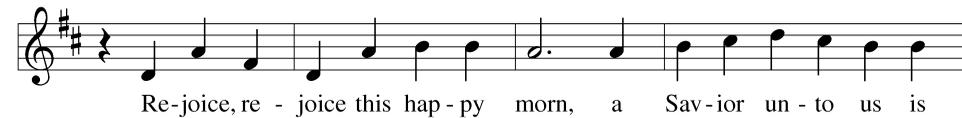
Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

(Ancient Magnificat antiphon, *Hodie Christus natus est*)

Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

LBW 43

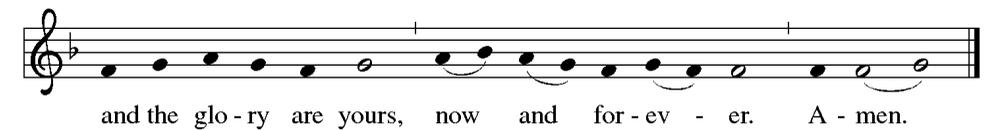
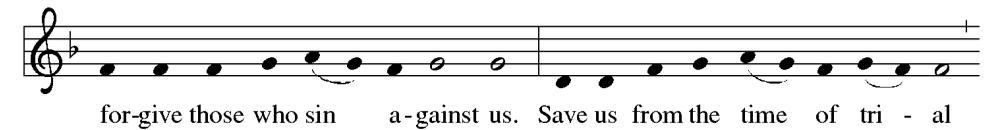
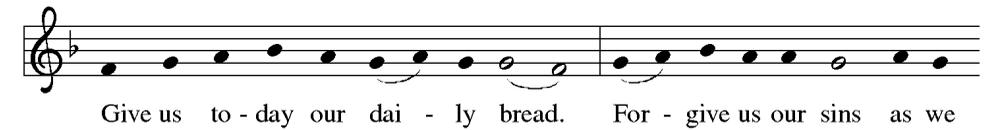
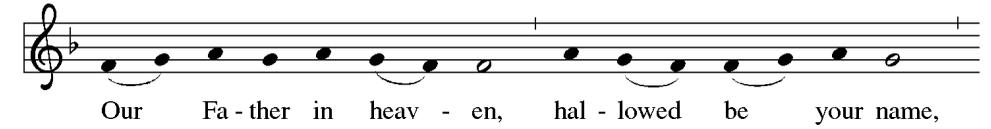


Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:



At the Breaking of Bread

This is the Word made flesh, the very body and blood of him who was born for us.

Come to us now, O Lord, in the breaking of bread. As once you were born in a manger in Bethlehem, come to us again in the manger of our hands and hearts. Amen

Communion

Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, **We are mindful of the supreme gift that you gave us in a manger at Bethlehem. Humbly we offer our gifts of service and possessions in joyful thanksgiving for the love you have shown us. We bring the concerns of our hearts as well for ourselves and for others. Hear our prayers and accept these gifts for the sake of your Son who was born this day, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

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

Psalm

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O Lord**, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord**, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the Lord¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**
shout with joy before the¹ king, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

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

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Gospel

John 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel concludes:
 The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession