

The Nativity of Our Lord

Our Father's Ev. Lutheran Church and School

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – 9:00 AM

We welcome you in the Savior's name and pray the blessings of His Spirit upon us through His Word and Sacraments, to the glory of our Heavenly Father. In reverent prayer and quiet devotion, please prepare for this service by reviewing the order of service and meditating on Psalm 2, found in the front of your hymnal.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

The Order of Divine Service

Setting One: LSB 151

✠ In Nomine Iesu ✠

The Prelude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Ernst Pepping

The Processional Hymn

setting by David Willcocks

LSB 379

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Please rise and face the processional cross as it enters the sanctuary.

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

The Invocation	LSB 151
The Exhortation	LSB 151
The Confession of Sins	LSB 151
The Absolution	LSB 151

✠ Service of the Word ✠

The Introit

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

setting by Stephen P. Johnson



The congregation chants the verses in **bold print**

Antiphon: 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.

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.

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!

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.

Antiphon

The Kyrie	LSB 152
The Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 154
The Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB 156

The Old Testament Lesson Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark

and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the Lord had commanded Moses. . . .

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

The Gradual Hymn

LSB 372
O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

The Epistle Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he 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, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Alleluia

LSB 382
We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Gospel Acclamations

LSB 157

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

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

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Hymn of the Day

setting by S. Drummond Wolff

LSB 384
Of the Father's Love Begotten

The Sermon

Dwelling Among Us
John 1:1-18

The Nicene Creed

LSB 158

The Prayer of the Church

The Offertory

LSB 159

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Preface

LSB 160

The *Sanctus*

LSB 161

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

The Words of Institution

LSB 162

The *Pax Domini*

LSB 163

The *Agnus Dei*

LSB 163

The Hymns During the Distribution

LSB 360
All My Heart Again Rejoices

LSB 358

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 389

Let All Together Praise Our God

The *Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 165

The Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

The Benediction

LSB 166

The Recessional Hymn

setting by Stephen P. Johnson

LSB 381

Let Our Gladness Have No End

The Postlude

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Giovanni Gabrieli

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

The faculty and staff of Our Father's prays that you have a blessed Christmas as you rejoice in the fact that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

The Participants

The Preacher and Liturgist
The Organist and Choir Director
The Soloist

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Nuckols
Mr. Stephen P. Johnson
Mr. Bob Cahill

Festival Choir

The Instrumentalists

Trumpet

Gabriel Beversdorf

Henry Gottschalk

Dean Sievert

Trombone

Dave Gottschalk

Euphonium

Dennis Hanley

Timpani

Erika Johnson

If you pre-ordered a Christmas poinsettia plant, pick up is available after *each* of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hojnacki at 414- 427-5949.

You are invited to gather with us at Our Father's for Divine Services celebrated every Thursday at 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:45 am. In addition, please join us for these services during the Christmas season:

The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – 9:00 am

The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)

Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 6:30 pm