



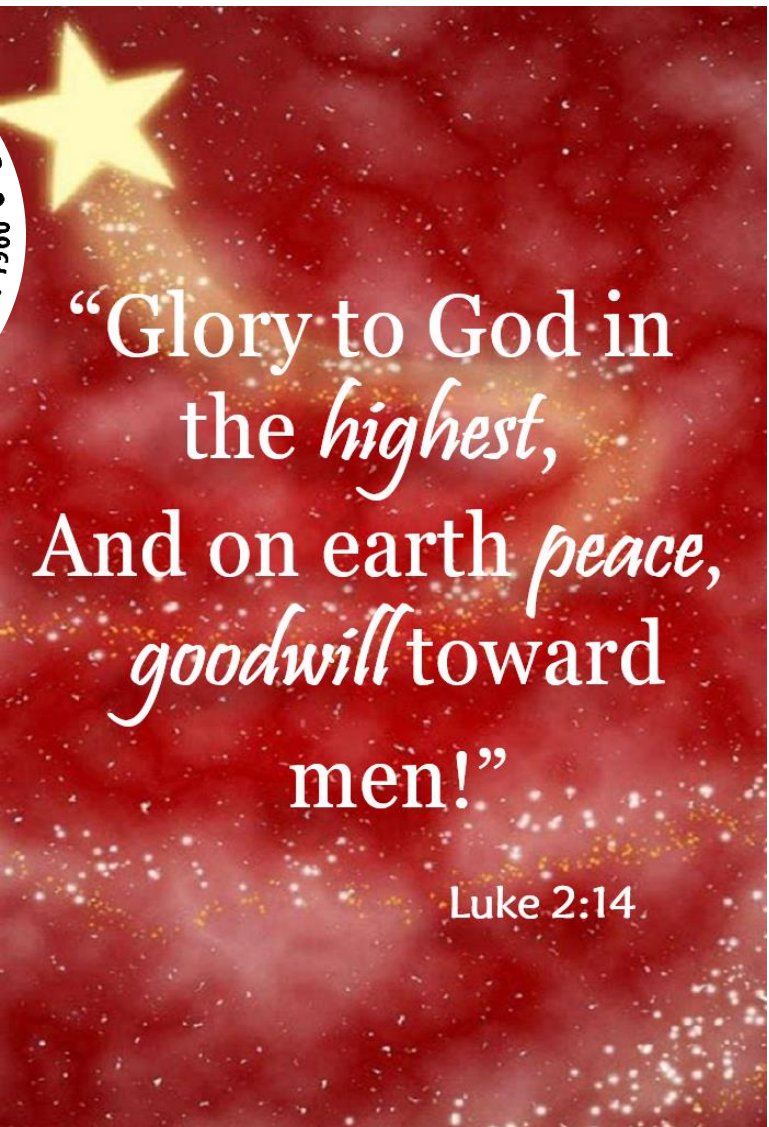
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“Glory to God in  
the *highest*,  
And on earth *peace*,  
*goodwill* toward  
men!”

Luke 2:14

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# CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT

## December 24, 2020

### *The Light of Christ Shines Forth in the Darkness*

Heaven and earth rejoice this night because the glory of the holy Triune God is manifested in the human birth of *“our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13). In Him, the Father’s grace, mercy and peace rest upon the world. The silence of death is broken by this *“good news of great joy that will be for all the people”* (Luke 2:10). And all we who have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep, who have *“walked in darkness”* of doubt and fear and sinful unbelief, behold *“a great light”* in the nativity of Christ (Is. 9:2). In Him *“the grace of God has appeared”* (Titus 2:11). For this child of Mary who is born for us, this dear Son of God who is given to us, bears the burden of our sin and death in His own body to the cross. He thereby establishes a government of peace, *“with justice and with righteousness,”* which shall have no end; not by any work of man, but *“the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this”* (Is. 9:7).

### Reminders for Today’s Service

1. Please maintain six feet of distancing from other individuals and/or family groups at all times.
2. Please wash hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer (available in the narthex as you enter/exit the church and before receiving the Lord’s Supper.
3. Please cover coughs or sneezes into the sleeve or elbow (not hands).
4. Enhanced environmental cleaning of commonly touched surfaces (this is done following every service).
5. Please avoid shaking hands and hugs.
6. Please wear a face mask or face covering while inside the church building.  
*If you are sick or symptomatic (cough, fever, etc.) please do not enter. Call pastor from home.*

### SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Organist: Ruth Holmquist



**DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING III**

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*If you are unable to, or have trouble standing, please feel free to remain seated at the times we stand.*

**GREETINGS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN . . . . . “ O Come, All Ye Faithful” LSB #379**

*(Please stand)*

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION . . . . .page 184-185**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

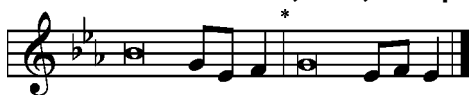
**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,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

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

INTROIT - Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

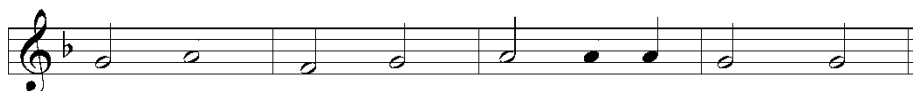


When all was still, and it was | midnight,\*  
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.  
Why do the | nations rage\*  
and the peoples | plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- |  
gether,\*  
against the LORD and against his a- | noointed.  
He who sits in the | heavens laughs;\*  
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.  
Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,\*  
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,  
“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”  
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.  
When all was still, and it was | midnight,\*  
your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

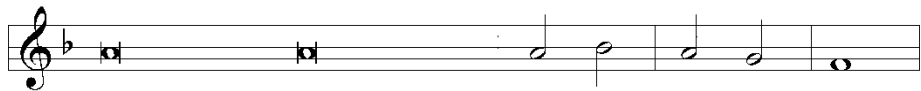
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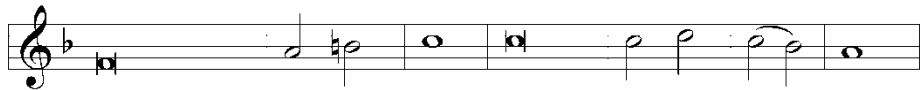
**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;



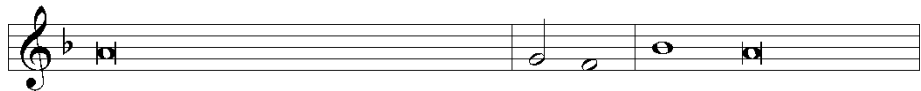
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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** ..... page 189

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray . . . O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 9:2-7**

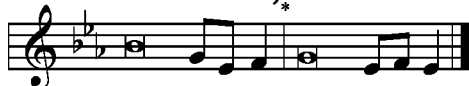
<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL - Is. 9:6; Ps. 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 READING - Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,  
<sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,  
<sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE . . . . .page 190**



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 2:1-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And

Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE NICENE CREED . . . . .page 191**

**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,**







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.

*(Please be seated)*

**OFFERING**

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*This evening we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Schuldheisz or the Elder of the Day before the service.*

*(If unable to kneel, please remain standing. If you take the individual cup please wait for the pastor with the common cup to say, "Take, drink," before drinking.)*

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . . page 194ff**

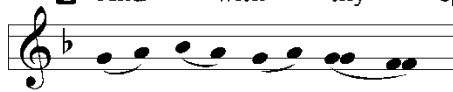
**PREFACE . . . . .page 194**



**P** The Lord be with you.



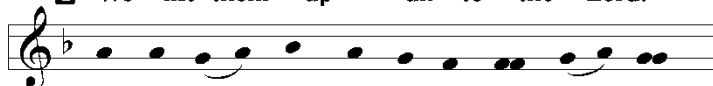
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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.

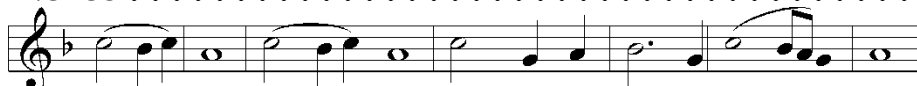


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**PROPER PREFACE . . . . .page 194**

**P:** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS . . . . .page 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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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

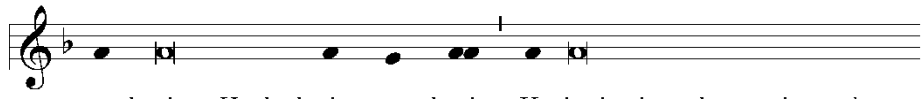
P: Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

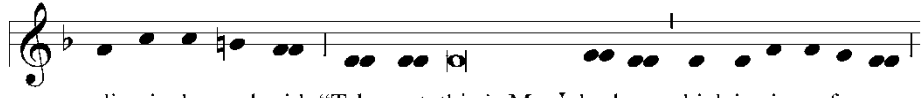
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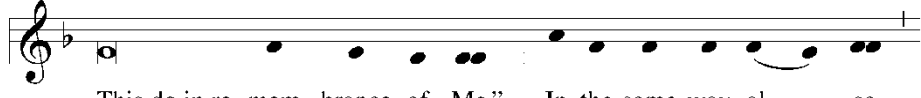
**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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  $\text{†}$  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."

**PAX DOMINI** .....page 197

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

**AGNUS DEI** .....page 198

**G** 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.

*(Please be seated)*

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*(Please stand)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS . . . . . page 199-200**

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 - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

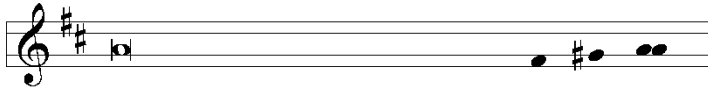


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

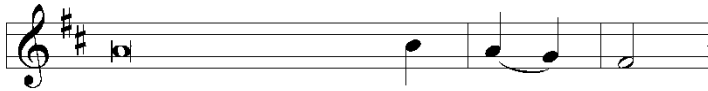


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING . . . . .page 200**



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

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 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.

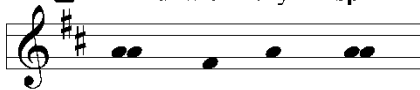
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**P** The Lord be with you.



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

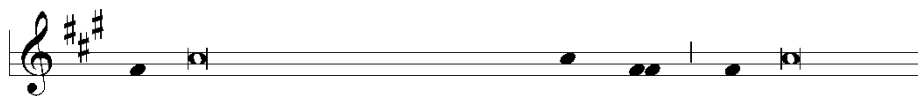


**A** Bless we the Lord.

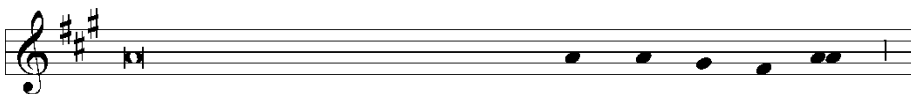


**G** Thanks be to God.

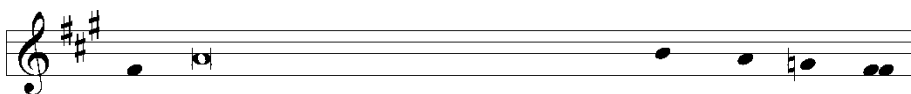
**BENEDICTION . . . . .page 202**



**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 . . . . .“Silent Night, Holy Night” LSB #363**

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