

Jesus

LORD OF LORDS

unto you is born this day

Every One into his own City
No Room for them in the Inn

the babe lying in a manger

PRINCE OF PEACE

She brought forth her Firstborn

It Came to Pass in those Days

Shepherds abiding in the Field

EMMANUEL

glory to God in the highest

They were Sore Afraid
Good Tidings of great JOY

KING OF KINGS

the angel of the Lord came upon them

On earth Peace, good

will
They made known a peace
The people know a peace

glorifying and praising God

MIGHTY GOD

IF YOU ARE DESIRING TO ATTEND THE LORD'S SUPPER...

The Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood (the Lord's Supper) is celebrated this night. Participation in the Sacrament of the Altar indicates unity in confession and faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-21).

Visitors desiring to commune are asked to speak with the Pastor before approaching the altar. An usher would be happy to arrange a meeting prior to the service. For parents who bring children to the altar to be blessed during the Lord's Supper, *to avoid spillage, please refrain from giving them the individual*

VISITORS – Welcome!

We give thanks to the Lord that you are here with us today! Please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to other church members. Take a moment to sign the "Record of Fellowship" booklet as it is passed to you (during the service while the offering is being collected) as well as the guest register in the lobby after the Divine Service. *If you don't have a church home, please leave us with the appropriate information and we will contact you.* We would be delighted to serve you at Our Savior! The Holy Spirit bless you and your faith in Christ through the Word and Sacraments.

BLESSED CHRISTMAS in the Lord Jesus Christ. May the good news of His birth for your forgiveness and salvation strengthen your heart that by the power of his Holy Spirit you may have the certain hope of life everlasting, living anew to the glory of our Father in heaven. **YOU ARE INVITED TO BE GATHERED WITH THE FAITHFUL** here at the Lord's House tomorrow morning at **10:00 a.m.** for the **Christmas Day Festival Divine Service.**



OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS EVE

24 DECEMBER A.D. 2015

4:30 AND 10:30 P.M.

Divine Service, Setting One, in Lutheran Service Book, Pages 151 – 166

The rubrics for standing and sitting during the Service are in the hymnal.

(Texts of choral anthems not referenced in the hymnal can be found on page 7.)

Pre-Service Music

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" J. Kerr (4:30)

"O Christmas Tree" A. Page (10:30)

Processional Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380

Invocation

LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalms 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: ps. 2:6-7



*The LORD | said to me,**

“You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

*As for me, I have | set my King**

on Zion, my | holy hill.”

The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*

the world and those who | dwell therein.

Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?

He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*

who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- | ceitfully.

He will receive blessing | from the LORD*

and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.

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.

*The LORD | said to me,**

“You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

*As for me, I have | set my King**

on Zion, my | holy hill.”

Kyrie

LSB 152

Hymn of Praise

“We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth” (Stanzas 1-3 & 6) LSB 382

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Choral Response

“Unto Us a Child Is Born” L. Farnell (4:30)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Text: LSB 338 / arr. K. Kosche (10:30)*

Alleluia and Verse (4:30)

*The Alleluia refrain is sung once by the Kantor, and then by the entire congregation.
The Kantor then sings the verse, with the congregation joining in on the final Alleluia refrain.*



Kantor: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Alleluia and Verse (10:30 – Sung by Cantate)

J. Bliersch

Alleluia. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Saint Luke 2:1-20

*The Holy Gospel is read from the center of the nave, symbolizing Christ's
commission to go into the world and proclaim the good news of salvation in Him.*

(Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.)

Hymn of the Day

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" LSB 358

(Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 7: ALL; Stanza 2: Women and Children; Stanza 4: Men; Stanza 6: Choir)

Sermon**Nicene Creed**

LSB 158

Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

Offering

"O Christmas Tree" A. Page (4:30)

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" J. Behnke (10:30)

*(Please pass the "Record of Fellowship" booklet. Be sure to enter each family member/visitor and check the
communion box if the member/visitor is partaking.)*

Offertory Hymn

"What Child Is This" LSB 370

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The Sacrament of Christ's Body
and Blood (the Lord's Supper) is
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Participation in the Sacrament

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface	LSB 160
Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 161
Lord's Prayer & Words of Our Lord	LSB 162
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	LSB 163
Hymns and Anthems at the Distribution	"Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368 "Mary Rocking, Gently Rocking" H. Hopson (4:30) "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Text: LSB 367 / arr. M. Sedio (10:30) "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB 359 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" LSB 377
Dismissal	
Post Communion Hymn	"Joy to the World" LSB 387
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
Benediction	LSB 166
Lighting of the Worshipers' Candles	"Silent Night" W. Lampert (4:30) "Wondrous Light" J. Leavitt (10:30) <i>In passing the light along the pews, always hold the lighted candle upright, from which the unlighted candle receives its light.</i>
Hymn at the Retiring Procession	"Silent Night, Holy Night" LSB 363 (Choir will sing stanza 1 in German, and then congregation will sing all 3 stanzas in English) <i>Please bow your head in reverence to Christ our King as the processional crucifix passes your pew.</i>

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher / Officiant	Reverend Christopher I. Thoma
Organist	Kantor Jonathan Swett
Acolytes	Jack Kolonich, Blake Pfenning (4:30); Solomon Spangler, Chris Morley (10:30)
Choirs	Choristers, Middle School Handbells (4:30); Cantate, Celebration Ringers (10:30)
Instrumentalists	Josh Thoma, flute; Bill Mrozek, timpani; Brass Ensemble
Elders	Joel Hornick (4:30); Jim Tabbert, John Rose (10:30)
Altar Guild	Debbie Kloeckner, Pamela Raymond, Donna Rose, Brenda Tabbert



Texts of Choral Anthems

Unto Us A Child Is Born

For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is
giv'n. God is with us, Emanuel.
For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is
giv'n. Alleluia! A Savior has come!

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Mary Rocking, Gently Rocking

Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus,
Holy Child. Angels singing, sweetly singing:
Glory be to God on high.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's
arms now rest. Mary rocking, gently rocking,
rocking Jesus, Holy Child.

Shepherds running, swiftly running, running on
to Bethl'em town. Bright star shining, brightly
shining, shining forth to show the way.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's
arms now rest. Shepherds running, swiftly
running, running on to Bethl'em town.

Wise men trav'ling, stately trav'ling, trav'ling on
to find the Child. Bright star shining, brightly shining,
shining forth to guide the way.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's
arms now rest. Wise men trav'ling, stately trav'ling,
trav'ling on to find the Child.

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COME AND CELEBRATE THE BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON!

WE CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE YOU IN AND WITH THE HOLY AND BLESSED GOSPEL OF CHRIST.



Christmas Day Divine Service: Friday, 25 December @ 10:00 a.m.

Including special music by the Cantate and Brass Ensemble

Regular Divine Service: Sunday, 27 December @ 10:00 a.m.



The Second Week of Christmas

Eve of the Name of Jesus, New Year's Eve: Thursday, 31 December @ 4:30 p.m.

Circumcision and Name of Jesus, New Year's Day: Friday, 1 January 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.

Divine Services: Sunday, 3 January 2016 @ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Week of The Epiphany



Festival of the Epiphany Divine Service: Wednesday, 6 January A.D. 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.