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# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS congregation are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

**P** = Pastor      \* = Stand       $\Delta$  = Stand for Trinitarian stanza      **C** = Congregation

### Opening Voluntary

### \*Opening Hymn

### LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
 $\Delta$  5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

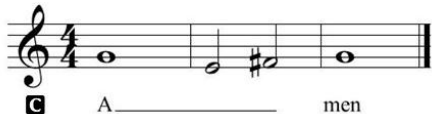


Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



**\*Invocation** *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

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



**\*Opening Sentences** *Exodus 13:14; Isaiah 9:6a; Hebrews 8:12; Psalm 111:4a*

**P** By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

**C** **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

**P** For I will be merciful, . . . and I will remember their sins no more.

**C** **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.**

**\*Confession** *Genesis 3:19; Isaiah 43:25*

**P** God our Creator said to Adam and to us all to remember that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” But now He calls all to repentance of sin and faith in His Son, who is the remembrance of God’s mercy and who came to destroy sin and death and restore us to life. Before the newborn Redeemer of the world, let us repent and receive His forgiveness.

**C** **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, remember not our sins of thought, word, and deed, the sins of our youth or of our old age. We ask for Your forgiveness. Remember Your gracious will that whoever calls on Your name will be saved. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us always to remember Your mercy and Your steadfast love that we may live as Your own children, now and forever. Amen.**

**P** Thus says the Lord, “I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

**\*Absolution**



**\*Gloria Patri**

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men."

**\*Kyrie**

Two staves of musical notation in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

**\*Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

A single staff of musical notation in B-flat major, 4/4 time, corresponding to the text "The Lord be with you."

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

**P** Let us pray. . .

A single staff of musical notation in B-flat major, 4/4 time, corresponding to the text "Let us pray. . ."

**G** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place.

...

<sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong

hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Colossians 3:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### \*Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22–40*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### \*Nicene Creed

**C** 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, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of The Day

## LSB 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

**Sermon**

“Christmas Joy”

(Luke 2:22-40)

**Sermon Notes:**

**Gathering of the Offering** *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

**\*Offertory**



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
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.

**\*Prayer of the Church**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT


**\*Preface**

**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 unto the Lord, our God.



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

### \*Proper Preface

**P** We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### \*Sanctus



**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,



bless - ed is He, bless - 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.

### \*The Words of Our Lord

### \*Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**\*Agnus Dei**

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.

**Distribution Hymn**

**LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by  
 5 "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad-dling  
 news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
 God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,  
 clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the  
 joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.  
 in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

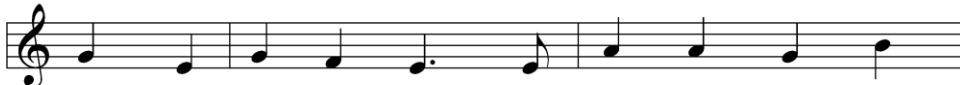
## Organ Interlude

### Distribution Hymn

### LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



6 How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the  
7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what  
8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the  
9 Ah, Lord, though You cre - at - ed all, How weak You  
10 Were earth a thou - sand times as fair And set with



shep - herds let us go To see what God for  
in the man - ger lies. Who is this child, so  
sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my  
are, so poor and small, That You should choose to  
gold and jew - els rare, It would be far too



us has done In send - ing us His own dear Son.  
young and fair? It is the Christ Child ly - ing there.  
mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.  
lay Your head Where low - ly cat - tle late - ly fed!  
poor and small A cra - dle for the Lord of all.

## Organ Interlude

— THE —  
child grew  
& became  
**STRONG**  
he was filled with  
**WISDOM**  
— AND —  
the grace of  
**GOD**  
was on him.  
— LUKE 2:40 —

Distribution Hymn

LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



11 In - stead of soft and silk - en stuff You have but  
 12 And so it pleas - es You to see This sim - ple  
 13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a  
 14 My heart for ver - y joy must leap; My lips no  
 15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to

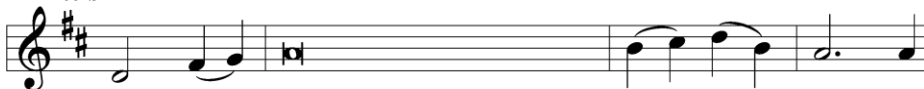


hay and straw so rough On which as King, so  
 truth re - vealed to me: That world - ly hon - or,  
 bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber  
 more can si - lence keep. I, too, must sing with  
 us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with



rich and great, To be en - throned in roy - al state.  
 wealth, and might Are weak and worth - less in Your sight.  
 set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.  
 joy - ful tongue That sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:  
 pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

\*Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



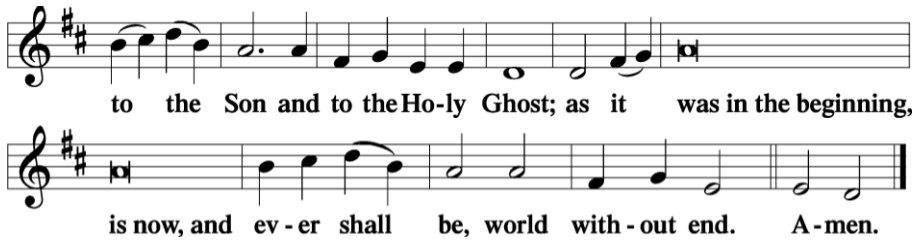
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

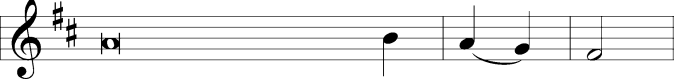


peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.


**\*Thanksgiving**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.


**P** Let us pray. . .  
  
**C** A - men.

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

**\*Benedicamus**

**P** Bless we the Lord.  
  
**C** Thanks be to God.


**\*Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.


## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain


*Refrain*




Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



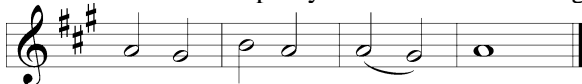
1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*  
Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## \*Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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9:20: Aaron Baese, Art Hoeflerlin; 10:30: Jeff Akers, Jonathan Gathman

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9:20: Team #9 – John Wiesehan, Captain; 10:30: Team #6 – Darrell Ewald, Captain

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Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20: Sara Hopfer; 10:30: Steve & Kelly Pfund

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

II Corinthians 5:17

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## God's blessings in 2025!

# *Epiphany Worship*

## Monday, January 6

### 7:00 p.m.

Service with  
Holy Communion



## **LIFE MINISTRY BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Baby bottles will be distributed the weekend  
of January 18/19 after each service.

Proceeds will go to the  
Pregnancy Help Center of South County.

### **Thank you!**

