



# Christmas DAY

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Classes: 9:45 a.m.

# The Divine Service Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day 2020

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Celebration

- P** As each Christmas dawns again, God's eye is on us and on the whole world. The joy we share this day in Christ as our dearest friend is a joy God intends for the whole world. Let us, therefore, celebrate the Savior of the world and the Good News of his birth for all of humankind!

**Processional Hymn:** Joy to the World *LSB 387, verses 1 & 4*

## The Prayer

- P** Eternal Father, You sent your only Son to bear our sins and to be our Savior. Grant Your Church, we pray, Your heart for the world that by our witness to Christ many may come to believe in Him and so have everlasting life. As we celebrate Your Son's arrival as Your promised Sent One, so send us into the world that we may carry the Good News of the Christ Child to the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## We Tell the Christmas Story in Word and Song

**Matthew tells the Story:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Hymn:** Now Sing We, Now Rejoice *LSB 386, verses 1 & 2*



**Luke tells the Story:** Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn:** What Child Is This

*LSB 370, verses 1 & 2*

**The Angel tells the Story:** Luke 2:9-14

**Hymn:** Angels from the Realms of Glory

*LSB 367, verses 1 & 2*

**The Shepherd tells the Story:** Luke 2:15-18, 20

**Hymn:** Silent Night

*Silent Night originally had 6 verses. Today we sing the three verses not traditionally included in our hymnals.*

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Brings to earth saving light;  
Grace fulfilled to us is giv'n,  
From the golden heights of heaven,  
Comes in lowly birth,  
Comes in lowly birth**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Shows to each his great might.  
Love descends from heaven above;  
Dwells with us in brotherly love,  
Hailed by nations afar,  
Hailed by nations afar.**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Grants us grace, from sin's plight;  
Stills God's wrath as was foretold  
By His prophets in days of old.  
Peace, goodwill to all,  
Peace, goodwill to all.**

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**John tells the Story:** John 1:1-5, 14

**Hymn:** Of the Father's Love Begotten

*LSB 384, verses 1 & 2*

**We tell the Story**            **"The Best Gift Ever"**

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**Hymn:** Go Tell It on the Mountain

*LSB 388, verses 1 & 3*

### **The Prayers**

*Petitions end, "Hear us, O God."*

*Congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

### **The Offering**

**A note about Communion:** A word about Holy Communion: We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

Communion will be received through intinction this morning. The ushers will release you from the center aisle. After you receive the host, simply move to the chalice and dip the wafer about half way into the wine to receive the bread and the wine together. You may return to your seats by the side aisle.

*Christ  
IS Born!*



## A Carol Setting for Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

- P** Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto you, almighty God, eternal Lord, merciful Father! Long ago, you made us in your image; and though we shattered it, in your mercy you sent your Son to restore your image in us. Having suffered for us and died our death, he lives and reigns at your right hand. And so, with the Church on earth and the Hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### The Sanctus

*(Sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High")*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of hosts, all praise be given!  
All your glory fills the earth,  
And your power fills the heav'ns!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Blessed is the King who came,  
Bringing love and light divine!  
Blessed is the King who comes  
In the bread and in the wine!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**



### Words of Institution

#### Eucharistic Prayer

- P** ...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



## **The Lord's Prayer**

- © **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.**

## **The Agnus Dei**      *(Sung to the tune of "Once in David's Royal City")*

**Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,  
Mercy to your people give.  
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,  
May we in your mercy live.  
Lamb of God, we all implore:  
Grant us peace forevermore.**

## **Hymns during Distribution**

### **The Nunc Dimittis**      *(Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*

**Lord, now in your mercy your servants release  
As your Word has promised. Oh, grant us your peace.  
Our eyes your salvation and mercy behold,  
Prepared for the nations as prophets foretold.**

**A light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see  
The glory of Isr'el, the promised One, He  
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Son,  
With Father and Spirit, eternally One.**



## Post Communion Prayer

- P** Great and saving God, you have gathered your people around gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim as we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.  
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## Benediction

*(Sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")*

- P** The Lord now bless and keep you all  
And make His face to shine;  
Lift up His face with shining grace  
And grant you peace divine.

**C** **To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
All glory be eternally.  
Amen! So be it done!**

## Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

Merry ★  
Christmas

*"St. Paul Lutheran Church nurtures and strengthens the families of our diverse community. This is accomplished as we intentionally share the love and forgiveness of Christ through grace-filled worship, education, outreach, and service."*

