

# The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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*Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

To our visitors, we greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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# Order of Service

## AS WE GATHER

Every Christmas we celebrate the truth that our Father in heaven kept His promise to send a Savior to save and redeem a lost and rebellious world. Our joy is that He has sought us out when we separated ourselves from Him because of our sin. On this Christmas Day Isaiah brings us a message that there is joy for God's people for the Savior has come and He has brought His reward with Him. That's why God's people sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!" The reward is forgiveness, redemption, and holiness for everyone who believes in this Infant who came to buy us back from sin and Satan with His own blood. How wonderful it is that we are not forsaken but that God has sought us out that we could live with Him forever.

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## PRELUDE

*He Is Born*  
David Lasky

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*  
LSB 390

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*Stand*

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of your baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** In the beginning was the Word,

**C** **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

*John 1:1*

**P** In Him was life,

**C** **and the life was the light of men.**

**P** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**C** **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

*John 1:4-5*

*John 1:9*

**P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**C** **and the government shall be upon His shoulder,**

**P** and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**C** **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Isaiah 9:6*

**P** This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light,

**C** **and in Him is no darkness at all.**

**P** If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

**C** **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*1 John 1:5-7*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Jesus, the Word made flesh, You dwell among us, but how can we continually abide in Your dwelling?

**C** **For we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

**P** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**C** **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given the gracious gift of His Son to be born into this world, wrapped in our flesh, to live a perfect life we can never attain, and to give His life as a perfect sacrifice that for His sake He forgives you all your sins. Christ was born to live among us, to die for us, and to rise in victory for us. He was given and born as our Savior to forgive. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*  
**LSB 375**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## HYMN

*Let Us All Together Praise Our God*  
**LSB 389**

# ✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

## HANDBELL ANTHEM

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

arr. Raney

Christmas Day Bells

## EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Stand*

## GOSPEL VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And 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.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON HYMN

***O Sing of Christ***  
LSB 362

## SERMON

***God Made Into Flesh***  
John 1:14  
Pastor Mike Ada

*Stand*

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Martin Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed  
with music from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (LSB 384)

**All:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.**

**All Sing:** ***Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
Of things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.***

**All:** **He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death.**

**All Sing:** ***Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the Babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.***

**All:** All this He has done that I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

**All Sing:** *O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent; Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.*

**All:** Just as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**All Sing:** *Christ, to You, with God the Father And the Spirit, there shall be  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And the shout of jubilee:  
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore!*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the Church throughout the world, that all the baptized, by their faithful witness to the Gospel, would bear the joy of the light and life of Christ into the darkness and death of this world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the nations, that all those entrusted with leadership would be given grace to serve with wisdom, courage and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who wander in the darkness still, unaware of the love of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would enlighten their hearts so that they may join us in confessing and praising Him who became the child of the blessed Virgin Mary in order to make us the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this parish and for our preschool, that our members would find joy overflowing in their adoption by the heavenly Father through Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the hospitalized, for those taking treatments and for all who are sick, [including \_\_\_\_\_,] that in Emmanuel — the God who is with us in our sufferings — they may be given peace, confidence and grace to entrust themselves to His wisdom and goodness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who grieve, for the lonely and the forsaken, that in Christ they would find the comfort of that light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who approach Christ's altar today, that worthily receiving the gift of His very body and blood, the Eternal Word of the Father would dwell in them with His life and light, and that they would abide in Him forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and all the faithful who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we may be brought to join them in their endless worship of Him who is both Son of God and Son of Mary, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

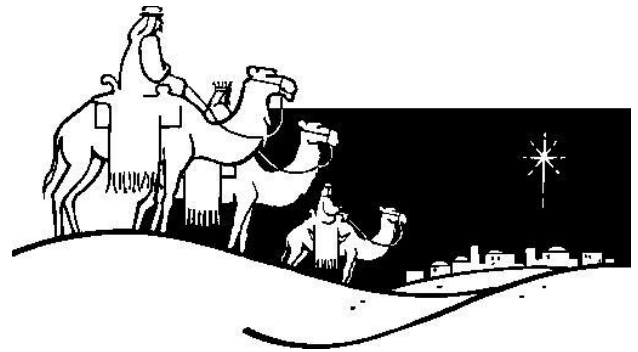
**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*What Child is This*  
LSB 370:3

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!**



## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

**TUNE:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**P** The Lord God be with you.

**C** **And with you, His servant.**

**P** Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C** **With hearts uplifted/Thanks to Him we render.**

**With joy we come before Him/In gratefulness implore Him;**

**With thankful hearts adore Him – evermore!**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all time and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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 saying:



**SANCTUS**~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

**TUNE:** Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!  
God of Hosts, by all adored!  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain  
All the glory of Your name.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Hail, hosanna, God Most high!  
Blest is he who now draws nigh  
In the name of God the King!  
Hallelujahs glad we sing.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**TUNE:** Away in the Manger

1. Our Father in heaven,  
All praise to Your name!  
Your kingdom among us,  
Your will done the same  
By mortals and angels,  
Come, Lord, reign alone;  
Oh, hear us and bless us  
From heaven's high throne.
2. The bread that we yearn for  
Provide us each day;  
As we forgive others,  
Our sins take away;  
In times of temptation,  
To lead us be near;  
From evil deliver  
Your children most dear
3. For Yours is the kingdom;  
O'er all things Your reign.  
And Yours is the power;  
All things you maintain.  
To You be the glory,  
Resounding again  
From all of creation,  
Forever! Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**PAX DOMINI**~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

*John 20:19*

*(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen!

**AGNUS DEI**~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

**TUNE:** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**O Christ, have mercy on us now, forgive our sins today;  
For in this meal Your grace abounds  
Come to us, Lord, we pray.  
Forgive, renew, and strengthen our lives of faith this day.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God we sing:  
Have mercy Lord we pray.**

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.)

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

### Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

**Non-alcoholic white wine** is located in the center of each tray and should be used only by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 386: *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice***

**LSB 368: *Angels We Have Heard On High***

**LSB 370: *What Child Is This***

*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing  
For His promised faithfulness!  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing  
Tell His love, His name confess,  
For He leads us, with thanksgiving  
In the paths of righteousness.**

**At Your Word, now let Your servant  
Go in peace, for with my eyes  
I have seen Your bright salvation,  
Israel's Light, begin to rise  
As the Glory of the nations  
Leading us to Paradise.**

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**BENEDICTION**

**TUNE:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

- P** Now may the good Lord bless and keep, His love in you increase;  
Lift up His face with shining grace, And grant eternal peace.
- G** **To Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three,**  
**Be thanks and praise through all our days And to eternity!**

**CLOSING HYMN**

***Joy to the World***  
**LSB 387**

**POSTLUDE**

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!***  
David Cherwien

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- Organist.....Deb Miller
- Christmas Bells Choir.....Lauran Delancy, director
- Acolytes.....Olivia Travis & Joel Ada
- Altar Guild.....Nancy DeLaney
- Flowers.....Poinsettias

**Words of Appreciation** are expressed from your Church Staff. We’ve received many cards and treats as well as the staff gift from members and friends of the congregation. Thank you for your generosity and wonderful notes of cheer and good will.

*Pastor Joel Schultz, Pastor Mike Ada, Vicar Zach Roll, Rev. Richard Pingel, Debbie Seutter, Michelle Wibe, John Blakley, Deb Miller & Lauran Delancy*

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

Thank you to the families listed below that purchased poinsettias for our Christmas services:

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