

**RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day
December 25, 2022
10:00AM**

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance; wearing face masks is optional.

Opening Voluntary: “Cold December Flies Away,” Michael Larkin, arr.

When the bell rings, the congregation rises and faces the cross to sing.

Gathering Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (ELW 288)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

For the Gloria, we sing

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (ELW 289)

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from Isaiah.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted the chosen people,
and has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The holy arm of the LORD is bared
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sung Responsively by whole verse.

Refrain

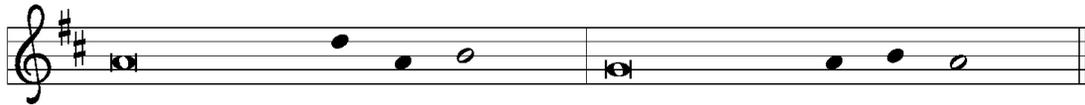


Psalm 98:3

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Tone



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- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD. R**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge
the earth.**
- ⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days
God has spoken to us by a Son,
whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the
worlds.

³He is the reflection of God's glory
and the exact imprint of God's very being,
and sustains all things by his powerful word.
When the Son had made purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much
superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Verse sung by cantor, with assembly singing the alleluias.



A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and a- | dore the Lord. * For
today a great light has come up- | on the earth.

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

²The Word was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through the Word,
without whom not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.

⁸John himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

¹⁰The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through him,
yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.

¹²But to all who received him,
who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,

¹³who were born,
not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of a man,
but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Let Our Gladness Have No End" (ELW 291)

Let Our Gladness Have No End



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
2 Proph - e - sied in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!
3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!
our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown
Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PÁN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christmas, we join the praise of the cosmos, and we intercede for the church, the earth, the world, and all in need. These bids invite your prayers, either silently or aloud.

We pray for the church around the globe.

We pray for all who minister in the church.

We pray for our congregation.

We pray for the well-being of plants and animals.

We pray for all who care for the earth.

We pray for peace between and within the nations of the world.

We pray for an increase of justice in every land.

We pray for an end to prejudices of all kinds.

We pray for all elected government officials.

We pray for our neighborhood.

We pray for all who are alone on this holiday.

We pray for our families and friends.

We pray for those in need – those near, those far away.

We pray for those in sorrow or despair.

We pray for the sick and the dying.

Finally, we pray for the desires of our own hearts.

We praise God for the lives of all those who have died in the faith.

O God, Majesty on high, Word of salvation, Power of glory, on this holy day we ask you to receive our prayers and to visit the world with your love, granting new life to the earth and its peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.

Offertory: "Oh, Sleep Now, Holy Baby" (A LA RU) Bert Carlson, arr.

Offering and Setting the Table

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

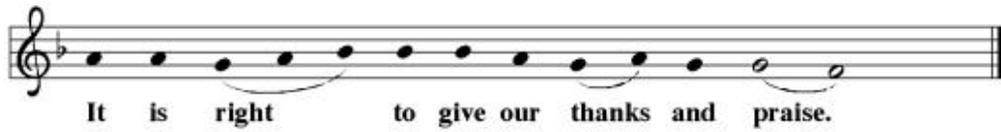
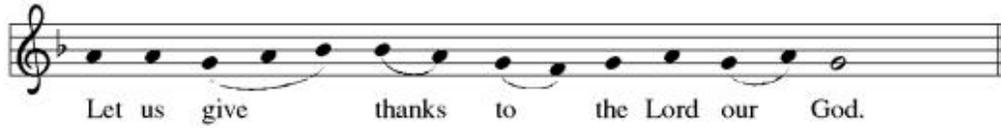
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

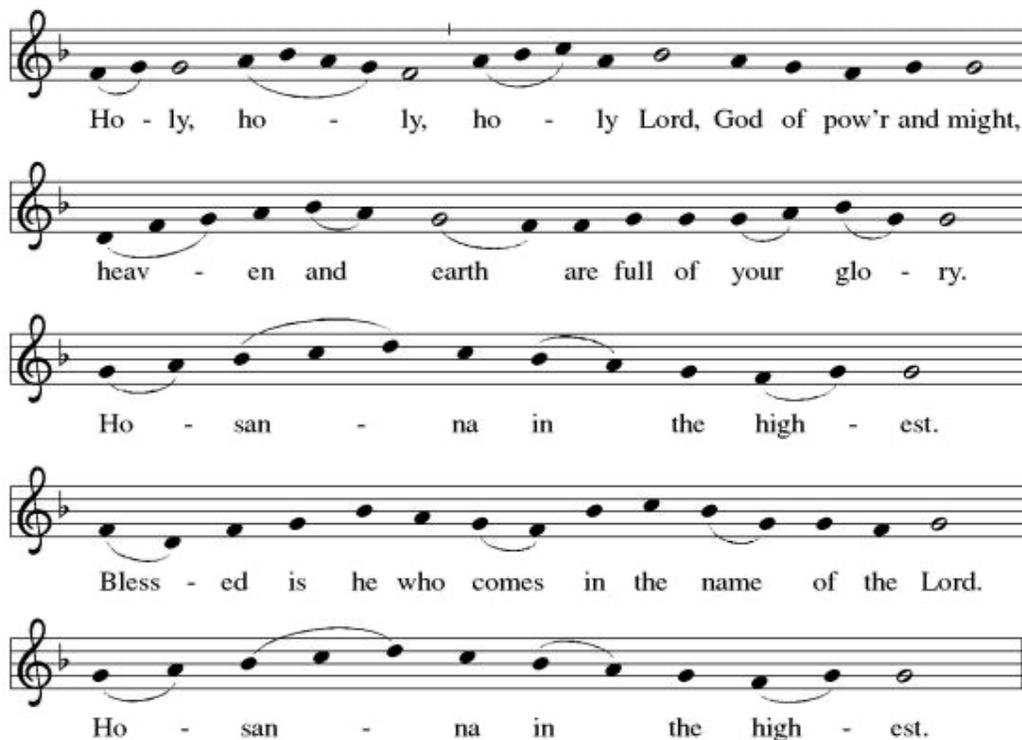
Dialogue and Preface



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened
the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,
that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Setting Five, ELW page 162)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at Table XI

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

Lamb of God: (Setting Five, ELW pages 164)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Hymn during Communion: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (ELW 295)

Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



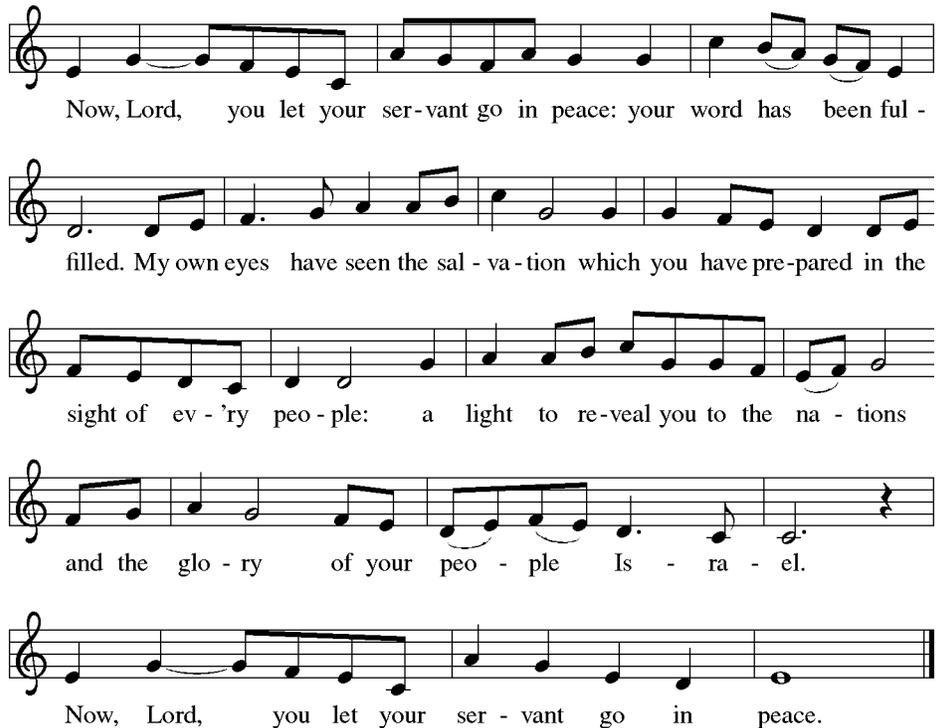
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Song after Communion (ELW Setting One)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sending Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (ELW 290)

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.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
 Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Announcements:

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for the earth.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: “Vom Himmel hoch,” Johann Pachelbel

Notes on the Music for Today

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Let Our Gladness Have No End" ELW 291

TEXT: Bohemian carol, 15th cen.

TUNE: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PAN Bohemian carol, 15th cen.

This anonymous Bohemian carol probably dates from the fifteenth century. Tobias Zavorska included it in his *Kancional* (1602). The translator, like the author, is unknown. Recalling the story of the rose of Jesse and the Word made flesh, it rejoices with hallelujahs that cannot be delayed and interrupt the narrative after every line. A reflective refrain gives singers a chance to catch their breath.

The tune, like the text, also probably dates from the fifteenth century and is anonymous. It appeared with different texts in *The Concordia Hymnal* (1932) with "Be ye joyful" and the tune named BE YE JOYFUL and in *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941) with "Christ the Lord to us is born." The tune is delightful, and the raised fourth (B natural) gives it a festive folk color.

Readings for the Coming Week:

Monday (Stephen, Deacon and Martyr) Matthew 23:34-39. **Tuesday** (John, Apostle and Evangelist) John 21:20-25. **Wednesday** (The Holy Innocents, Martyrs) 1 Peter 4:12-19. **Thursday** Psalm 20. **Friday** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. **Saturday** 1 Kings 3:5-14. **Name of Jesus** Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21 OR **First Sunday of Christmas** Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

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Barbara Bulger Verdile	Cantor
Glen Mason	Communion Assistant
Gay Mount	Lock-Up, starting December 25

Attendance: December 18th, 10:00AM – 72

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