

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

LUKE 2:10-11, ESV



## CHRISTMAS DAY

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Christmas Day

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 2*

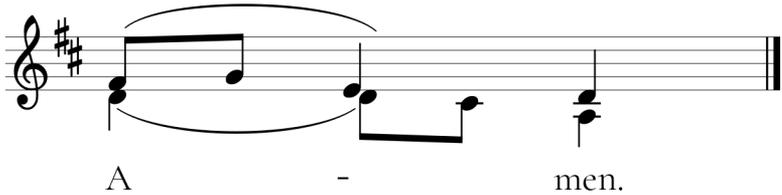
Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*, <sup>3</sup> "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: <sup>6</sup> "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." <sup>7</sup> "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You. <sup>8</sup> Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break<sup>t</sup> them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son<sup>t</sup>, lest He<sup>2</sup> be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #708 Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



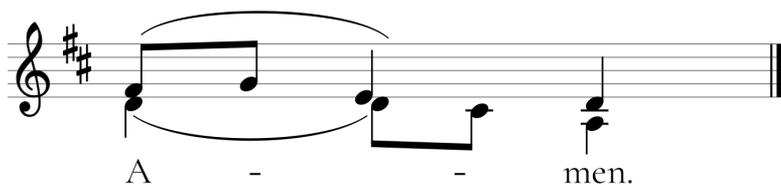
### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against**

you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



## GLORIA:

### #94 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim.  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

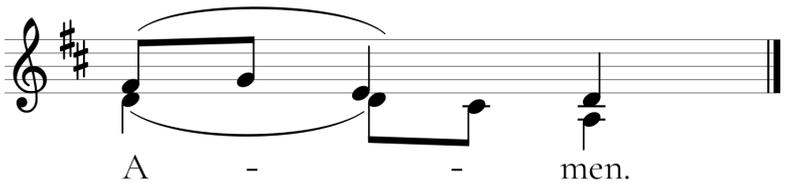
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

3. Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He leaves His throne on high,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth;  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

4. Come, Desire of nations, come,  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Oh, to all Thyself impart,  
Formed in each believing heart!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

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.



## THE WORD

**Isaiah 52:7-10** <sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Your watchmen shall lift up *their* voices, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD brings back Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all

the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

**Hebrews 1:1-6** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself<sup>f</sup> purged our<sup>s</sup> sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You<sup>t</sup>"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son<sup>2</sup>"? <sup>6</sup> But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him<sup>t</sup>."

## #709 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;

God loves me dearly, loves even me.

*Refrain:* Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, loves even me.

2 I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness;

God's love was working to make me free. [Refrain]

3 He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;

he sent forth Jesus and set me free. [Refrain]

4 Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;

Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. [Refrain]

## THE NICENE CREED

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 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 of the world to come. Amen.

## **#83 Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices**

# SERMON

**Luke 2:8-20** <sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold<sup>t</sup>, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> "And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" <sup>15</sup> So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely<sup>t</sup> known the

saying which was told them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. <sup>20</sup> Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

## PEACE IS FOUND IN THE MANGER

## #LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high,  
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see



Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply,  
What the glad - some tid - ings be  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee



Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains Glo -  
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



- - - ri - a in - ex - cel - sis

De-o! Glo - - -

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

## Offering Hymn #792

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

# PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;

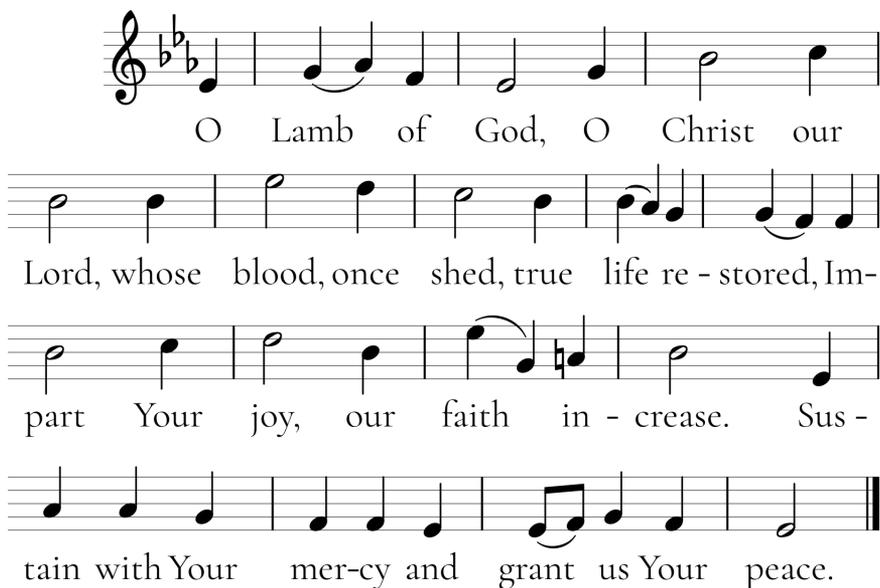
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and  
 earth with full ac - claim shout the  
 glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san - na in the

high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
 blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,  
O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your  
praises tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.  
Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood  
Be for my soul the high - est good.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #706 Go Tell It on the Mountain





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