



# OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Glory to the Newborn King!*

## Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to God's house for worship on this joyous Christmas Day! What a marvelous gift God gives us – his one and only Son, born in human flesh, so that we might live forever in heaven. Truly this is “Good News of Great Joy”! May Jesus Christ - Immanuel (“God with us”) - be present to bless us as we give him our worship and praise.

## Prayer Before Worship

Eternal and gracious Lord, on this holy day, I rejoice because you sent your one and only son from his majestic glory to save me from my sin and the agonies of death. Let the music and Words of this service lift my heart to join the praises of all Christendom which adores you on this day! Amen.

## Serving in Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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# The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day ~ December 25, 2024

## The Gift of God

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn

CW 354

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_ ye to Beth - le - hem!  
born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee\_ be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:  
On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Stand

## Invocation & Opening Dialogue for Christmas

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears?

**If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**

Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

**Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

**My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest!**



## Glory Be to God

*Tune: From Heav'n Above*

1. All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
4. You, Christ, are holy – Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
“All glory be to God!” Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

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

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# The Word

## First Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he will be our peace

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



# All the Ends of the Earth

Psalms 98A

## Refrain



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

## Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,  
for he has done / marv'ulous things;  
his right hand and his / holy arm  
have worked salvation / for him.  
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with / music.  
Let the rivers / clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together / for joy;  
let them sing be- / fore the LORD,  
for he comes to / judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in / righteousness  
and the peoples with / equity.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

## Romans 8:31–32

*If the Father was willing to give us the gift of his only Son,  
clearly there is no good thing he would withhold from us.*

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

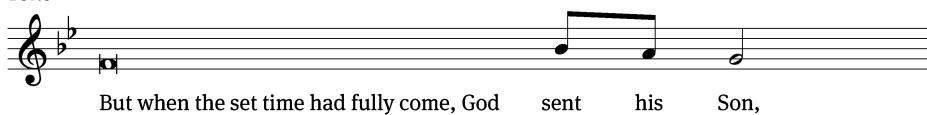
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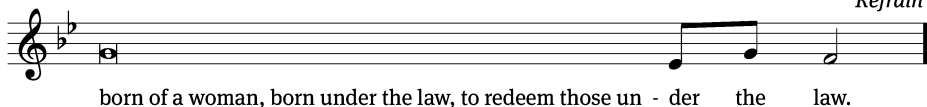
*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*



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## Gospel

John 1:1–18

*In Jesus the God whose glory is impossible to see is seen.  
The God who cannot be known is known.*

<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 with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <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 testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup>Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Confession of Faith

*from the Athanasian Creed*

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies.

This is the true Christian faith.

*Be seated*



## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

CW 350

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

#### *Refrain*



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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## Christmas Day Message

## Thank Offering & Friendship Register

*Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.*

*As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.*

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

Lord, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem us from the law's condemnation. Lift our hearts to hope and joy in the celebration of our Savior's birth, that we would manifest this joy in witness to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless churches, schools and every place where the good news of God-in-our-flesh is taught. Lead us to know and confess with all joy the good news of our Savior, that those who hear may rejoice with us and the holy angels to worship Christ, the newborn King. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have comforted your people by sending from Bethlehem a ruler from ancient times. May Jesus continue to stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord that we, his precious lambs and blood-bought sheep, may live securely in his love, comfort, and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Give peace to the troubled in mind and heart. Deliver them from the taunts and temptations of the evil one. Enable us to help them with compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, the great love that laid your Son in a manger also lays his flesh and blood before us in bread and wine. Grant us grace to bow our hearts before him with all those in heaven and on earth who adore him, that we may receive his forgiveness and life with repentance and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### ***Special prayers***

Lord God, in the birth of your Son you have called people from every time and place into his Body, the Church. We give you thanks for the believers who went before us, especially who were with us in Christmases past and who now live with you. Grant us sure confidence in your promise of the resurrection and eternal life, and bring us with them at last into your presence; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

CW 361

Go, Tell It on the Mountain



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 low - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born,



*Refrain*

be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

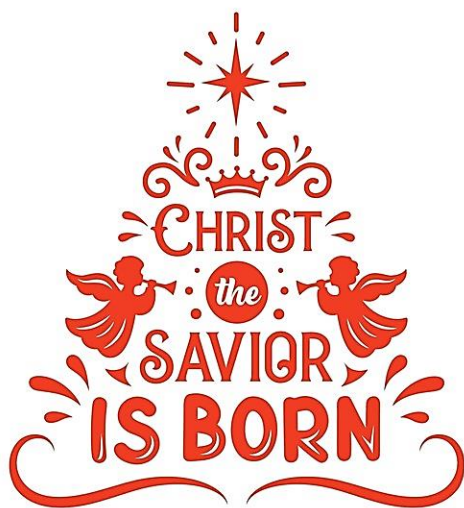
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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*We wish you a blessed Christmas.  
Thank you for joining our service and being  
a part of our Christmas celebration.*

**Join us for Sunday worship at Our Savior's!**

**The First Sunday After Christmas**

*Sunday, December 29th at 9:00 a.m.*





*Growing in Jesus, Sharing His Love*

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