

 **CONCORDIA**
Lutheran Church
GREENWOOD, IN



The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Announcements

OPENING HYMN: 380 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING I pg. 151

Confession & Absolution

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

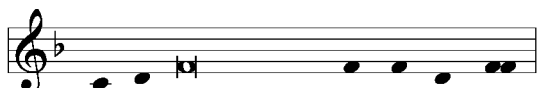
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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 His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

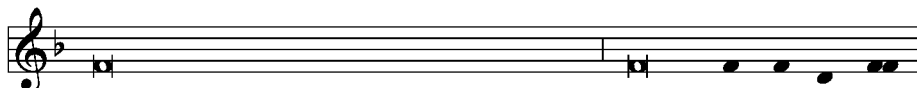
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



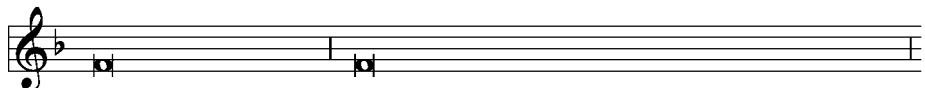
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



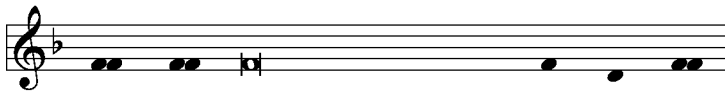
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

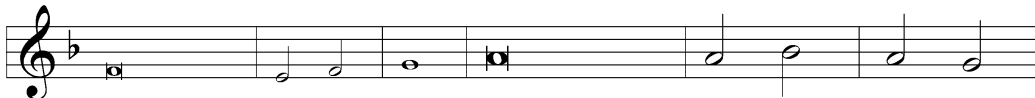


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

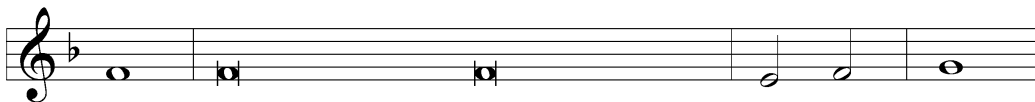


C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *pg. 187 Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



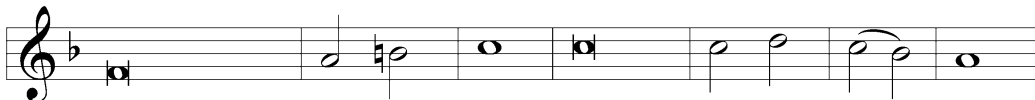
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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 A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

P Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

C **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,**

P “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

C **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.**

P Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C **“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

- P** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- C** **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.**
- P** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- C** **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**
- P** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- C** **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE Titus 3: 4-7 (ESV pg. 998)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *pg. 156*

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

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter. (vs. 1-18 ESV pg. 886)



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C 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 the 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY 359 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY *pg 159*

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI *pg. 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

C 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.

Sit

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Stand

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

THANK THE LORD *pg 164*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

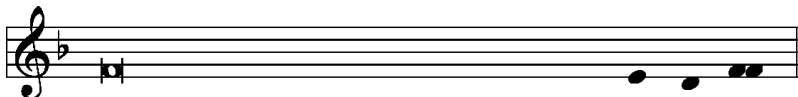
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction *pg. 166*



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - - men.

CLOSING HYMN 373 *See amid the Winter's Snow*

Postlude

Next Week's Lessons
1st Sunday after Christmas
Isaiah 11: 1-5
Psalm 89: 1-8
Galatian's 4: 1-7
Luke 2: 22-40

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Sunday Worship - 9:30 AM Sunday School/Adult Classes - 10:30 AM
Monday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Worship Services

December 31 - 7 p New Years Eve service with Holy Communion

January 1, 2023 - 9:30 a Divine Worship Service
10:30 a Sunday School

January 6th - 6:30 p Epiphany Service and pot luck

This week at Concordia

Dec 26	Monday	cancelled	Church office closed Monday pm worship
Dec 29	Thurs.	6:00 p	Early Bird Bible Study
Dec 31	Sat.	7:00 p	New Years Ever Service with Holy Communion
Jan 1	Sunday	9:30 a 10:30 a	Divine Worship Sunday School

Recovering: Craig Smith

Testing or Treatments: Tommy Ragsdale, Phillis Infante, Dianne Beam-Garland

NOTE: See complete listing for prayers and addresses of military or home bound see listing in *THE MESSENGER* newsletter posted on the church web site.

Flowers given in memory of Penelope Rose Santiago by Lannings and in thanksgiving by Allen & Albi Distler.

Birthdays:

Ragsdale, Kris	12/27
Brooks, Chris	12/30
Heine, Dawn	12/31

Anniversaries:

Michael & Sarah Marot (28) 12/30

December 25, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

NOTE: Dec. 26, Monday 6:30 pm Worship is cancelled and church office closed.

Jan. 2, Monday 6:30 pm Worship is cancelled and church office closed.

Calendar - You can find a new online & updated calendar on our website. Our staff is committed to keeping this updated regarding events, times, and any changes. For those using Google Calendar, there is an option on the website to add this calendar to your personal calendar.

Epiphany Service & Party - Friday, January 6th with a service at 6:30 PM and a party afterwards. Come be a part of our church's continued Christmas celebration!

Women's Tuesday Bible Study is starting again on Tuesday, January 10th. We'll be using Donna Snow's book *Chosen* to study the book of Esther. Those interested can order the book from Amazon or Concordia Publishing House.

Indy Fuel Game January 22 at 3pm. All are welcome to join our church and others at the game. Tickets are \$20 per person and there is a chance to skate with the team after the game. Tickets are available through this link: <https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/group/ConcordiaLutheran/>

Mite Boxes will be collected during the month of January. In order for them to count for 2022 they must be in by Jan 31.

Help yourself - Free copy of the Southside Times (Noah Room), or 2023 calendars.

Response in Worship and Love to our Lord for Dec 18, 2022

Worship: Advent 3 Sunday Monday	PM - 106 9:30 AM - 99 6:30 PM - 5		Total - 106 Total - 99 Total - 5
	<i>12/18/22 unified Budget Offering \$ 17,399.62</i>	<i>YTD Unified Budget Offerings \$ 322,849.04</i>	<i>2022 Annual Budget \$ 336,760.00</i>