

# The Festival of the Nativity of Our Lord

## Christmas Day – December 25, 2025



**A hearty welcome to all worshipers on this Christmas Day! Jesus, God's Son, is "Immanuel" – God with us. May the Good News of His redemption and peace go with you today and each day of the future. A special welcome to our visitors. We hope that you will come and worship with us again.**

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### **Opening Prayer and Invocation**

**Hymn**

LSB 386 (1-2) "*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*"

### **Altar Service**

**P** O Lord, open my lips:

**C** **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

**P** Unto us the Christ is born:

**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

### **Responsive Scripture**

*Psalm 100; Luke 1*

**P** Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

**C** **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.**

P Know that the LORD, He is God; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

C **His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**

P Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

C **He has shown strength with His arm.**

P He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C **For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.**

## Confession of Sins

P I cry to you for help, O LORD:

C **And the morning shall my prayer comes before You.**

P Let my mouth be filled with Your praise:

C **And with Your glory all the day.**

P O LORD, hide Your face from my sins:

C **And blot out all my iniquities.**

P For I acknowledge my transgressions:

C **And my sin is always before me.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God:

C **And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P Do not cast me away from Your presence:

C **And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation:

C **And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**

## Hymn

LSB 360 (1,3,5) "*All My Heart Again Rejoices*"

All my heart again rejoices As I hear Far and near  
 Sweetest angel voices. "Christ is born," their choirs are singing  
 Till the air Everywhere Now with joy is ringing.

Should we fear our God's displeasure, Who, to save, Freely gave  
 His most precious treasure? To redeem us He has given  
 His own Son From the throne Of His might in heaven.

Softly from His lowly manger, Jesus calls One and all,  
 "You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you  
 You are freed; All you need I will surely give you."

## Scripture Reading

*John 1 (selected verses)*

## The Christmas Story

*Luke 2:1-20*

## Confession of Faith

*Luther's Explanation of the Second Article  
of the Apostles Creed*

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.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, 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.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## Hymn

LSB 380 "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*"

### Sharing of the History of Seven Christmas Carol Favorites

*Carols to be sung at intervals throughout*

1. 364 Away in a Manger
2. 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem
3. \*248 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
4. 393 Infant Lowly, Infant Holy
5. 368 Angels We Have Heard On High
6. 363 Silent Night
7. 397 As With Gladness Men of Old

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## Christmas Day Offering

## Prayer

## Benediction

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you all. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

LSB 386 (3-4)

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*You who stand in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God,  
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.  
Psalm 135:1-3.*



*A Blessed Christmas to All!*



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1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
 3. "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ, our Sav - ior, was born on Christ - mas Day  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same,  
 this day is born a Sav - ior, the true and ra - diant light,  
 and in true love and fel - low - ship each oth - er now em - brace;

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray.  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
 to free all those who trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas is filled with heav'n - ly grace.

*Refrain*

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## **Silent Night**

Silent night! Holy night! Brings to earth saving light;  
Grace fulfilled to us is giv'n, From the golden heights of heav'n,  
Comes in lowly birth, Comes in lowly birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Shows to each God's great might.  
Love descends from heaven above, Dwells with us in brotherly love,  
Hailed by nations afar, Hailed by nations afar.

Silent night! Holy night! Grants us grace, from sin's plight;  
Stills God's wrath as was foretold By His prophets in days of old.  
Peace, good-will to all men, Peace, good-will to all men.

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.