

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## † PREPARATION †

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**HYMN**            *“Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn” LSB #391*

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:**            In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**            **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES            *LSB 383:2*

**Pastor:**            The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high,

**People:**            **and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.**

**Pastor:**            Proclaim the Savior’s birth:

**People:**            **“To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth!”**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**            The infant Christ—the radiance of the glory of God—came to make purification for the sins of the world, to swallow up death forever, and to be the light of life for those who walked in darkness. In praise of God’s mighty deliverance, we humble ourselves before Him in repentant prayer.

*(Pause for reflection)*

**Pastor:**            We confess;

**People:**            **Lord God, heavenly Father, we bow before You and confess that we indeed have walked in darkness; in the blindness of sin, we have neglected You, lost by our own fault. But we have seen the great light in the gift of Your only Son. Enlighten our hearts, our minds, and our lives by the forgiveness of our sins and the great promises of Your heavenly grace and mercy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Pastor:**            God has spoken His promises by the prophets, and now in these last days has spoken to us by His Son. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, announce the grace of God to all of you and speak His own absolution: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

† WORD †

**INTROIT** *Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**People:** and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Pastor: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

**People:** **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**People:** **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known his salvation;

**People:** **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

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

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**People:** **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Pastor: Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**People:** **and to the Holy Spirit;**

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

**People:** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**People:** and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Pastor: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

**People:** **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” LSB #379*

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People:** **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. Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 52:7–10*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 2 is spoke in unison*

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 1:1–12*

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

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**VERSE** *John 1:14*

**Pastor:** Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

**People:** **glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:1–18*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the first chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

**Pastor:** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People:** ***Praise to You, O Christ.***

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**People:** ***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** “What Child Is This” LSB #370

**SERMON**

**MEDITATION**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, we give thanks to You for our creation, our life, and all Your gifts. But we especially give Your thanks that, in many and various ways, You spoke Your Word of grace, comfort, and truth, first through Your holy prophets, but now in these last days by Your very own Son, whose coming into our flesh we

*celebrate this day. By His coming, He has brought us forgiveness and new, eternal life. Help us to live in Him even as He lives in us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

*Pastor: Cause the joyous message of Your angels—of Your glory and peace to all—to resound in our country and throughout the world. Bless, guard, and guide all in the authority of government in our land. Prosper the preaching of the Gospel by Your church, keeping all pastors and teachers steadfast in Your word of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

*Pastor: Renew our hearts and those of all Your people in the joy and peace of Your salvation and help us to reflect Your love for all in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

*Pastor: For all who are in any need in these days, for the lonely and abandoned, for the wayward and the hopeless, for those in trouble or despair, and for the sick and dying, bring Your saving Word of mercy, forgiveness, health, healing, and hope by faith in Your Son, the Savior of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

*Pastor: Grant Your blessing to rest upon our families—husbands, wives, children, grandparents, and other relatives. Bind our hearts together by Your own gifts of love. Remembering those whom You have called into Your nearer presence, we give You thanks. Keep us in the same saving faith that we may be numbered among those You have redeemed for eternal life in the day of resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

*Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People:** *Amen.*

**OFFERTORY** *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB #782, verses 1 & 4*

**Gracious God, You send great blessings**

**New each morning all our days.**

**For Your mercies never ending,**

**For Your love we offer praise.**

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim,**

**Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name.**

**Heav’nly Father, may our caring**

**Bear the imprint of Your grace;**

***With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place!  
Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name.***

**† SACRAMENT †**

**PREFACE**      2 Timothy 4:22

*Pastor:*            *The Lord be with you.*

***People:***        ***And also with you.***

*Pastor:*            *Lift up your hearts.*

***People:***        ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Pastor:*            *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***People:***        ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

**PROPER PREFACE**

*Pastor:*            *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for Your whole creation. But we praise You especially for saving us from our sin by the redemption of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You promised from of old, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, who perfectly fulfilled Your holy Law for us by His divine life, who then died our death for the forgiveness of the sin of the whole world, and who was raised again from the dead and now lives and reigns as King of the universe. Therefore with shepherds and Wise Men rejoicing and with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

**SANCTUS**      “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB #507, verse 1

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Pastor:*            *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In the beginning, You created all things by Your Word, and in the fullness of time, Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and*

*truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:**      ***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.***

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**      *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

*Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:**      *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*  
**People:**      ***Amen.***

**AGNUS DEI**      *"Lamb of God" LSB #550 verse 1*

***Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,***

***I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

**DISTRIBUTION**

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” LSB #390*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** *Let us pray.*

*O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People:** ***Amen.***

**BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:** *Let us bless the Lord.*

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:** *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.*

**People:** ***Amen.***

**HYMN**

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB #380*

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