

**+ THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY +**  
**Divine Service Setting One ~ LSB 151**  
**December 25, 2025**

*As We Gather: The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells among Us in the Flesh*

In the beginning God created all things through His Word, His Son. But man fell into sin, and with man all creation was cursed. Therefore, God spoke His Word again, this time into the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle of our human nature (Ex. 40:17–21, 34–38). “*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us*” (John 1:1–14). The Son of God took on our flesh and blood and died on the cross in order that we might receive the right to become the children of God through faith. Baptized into Christ’s body, we are made partakers of a new Genesis, “*the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit*” (Titus 3:4–7). In Christ, the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man has truly appeared.

*As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Exhortation**

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**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.*

**Confession of Sins**

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**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.

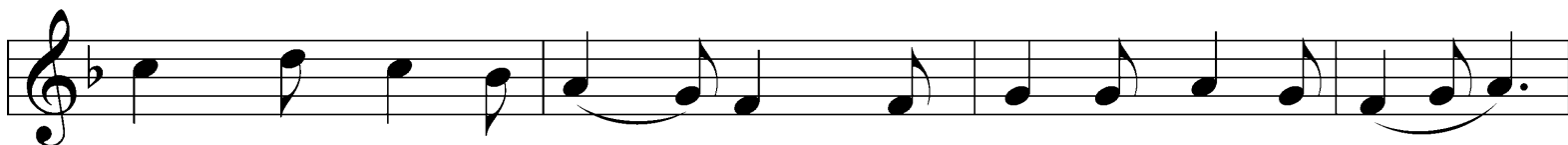
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

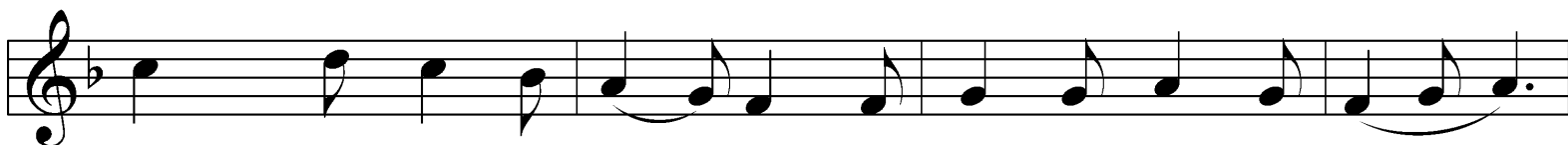
**Opening Hymn ‘Now Sing We, Now Rejoice’**



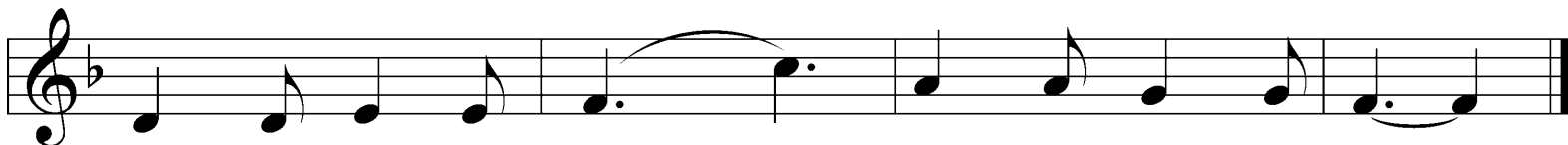
1 Now sing we, now re - joice,	Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me;	I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine	The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?	Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth	Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,	O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us	Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing	With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth	The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it,	Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us	A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing	In heav'n - ly joy and light.

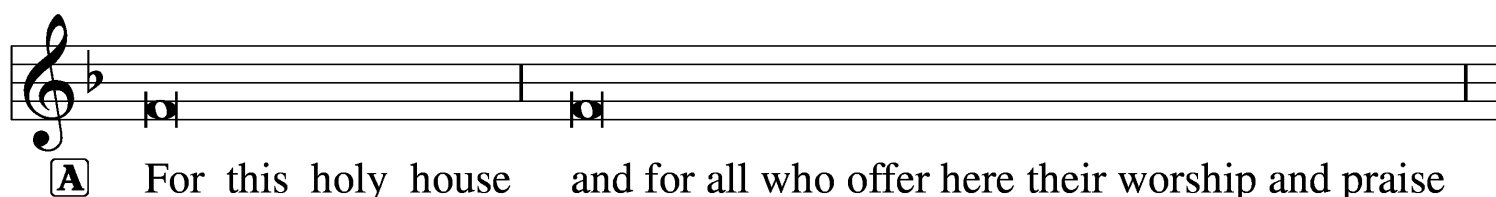
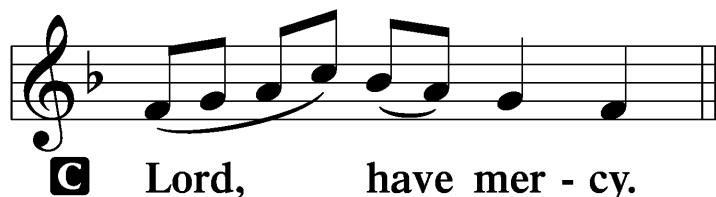
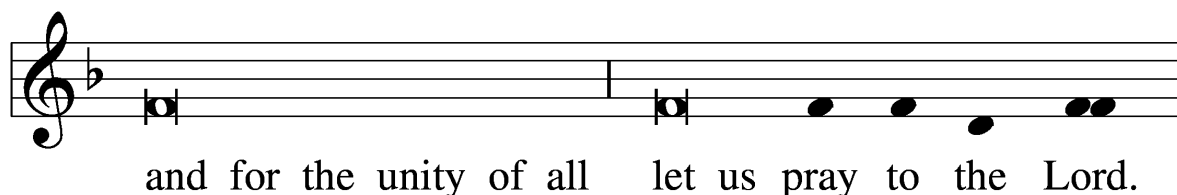
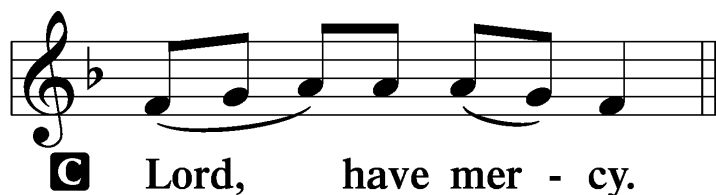
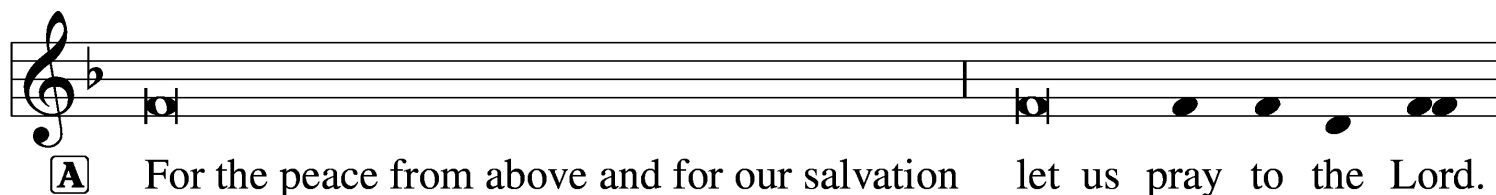
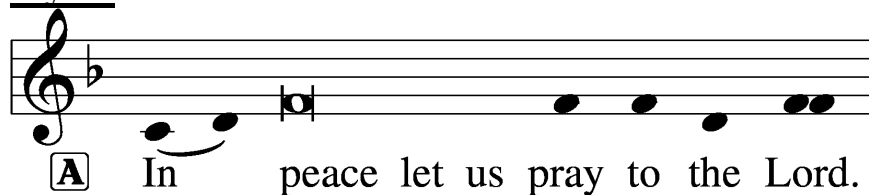


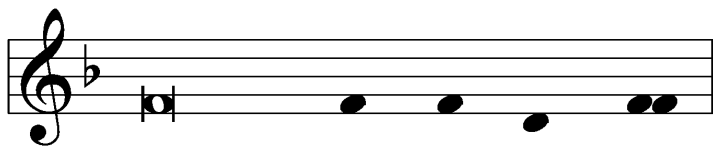
Thou my Sav - ior art!	Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee!	Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there!	May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there!	Oh, that we were there!

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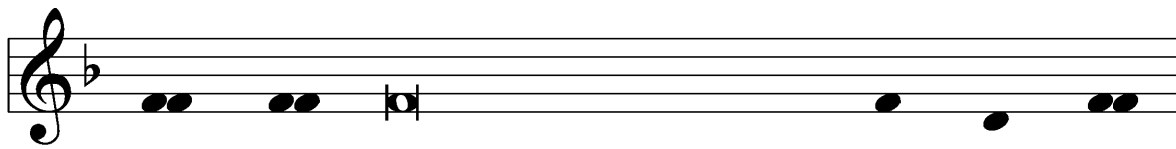




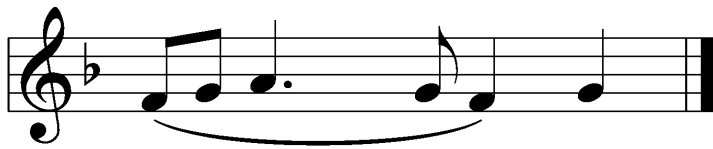
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



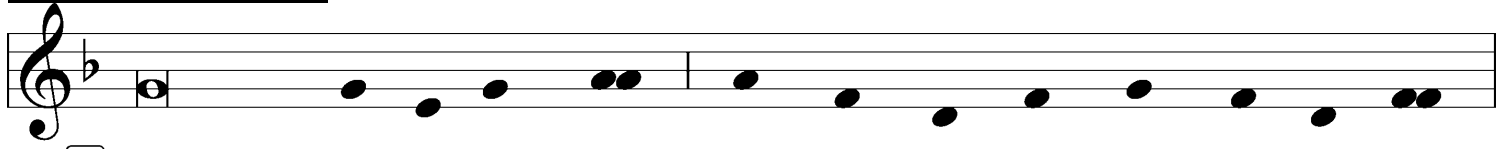
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

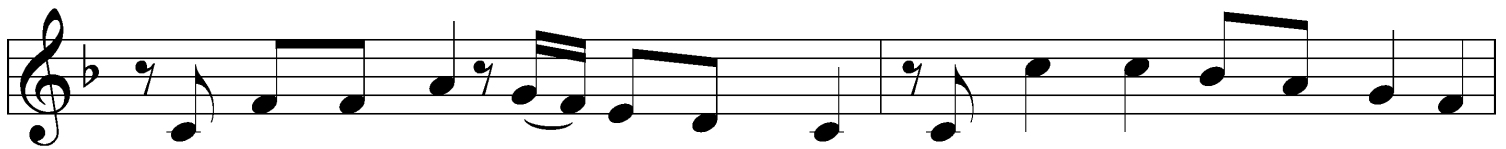
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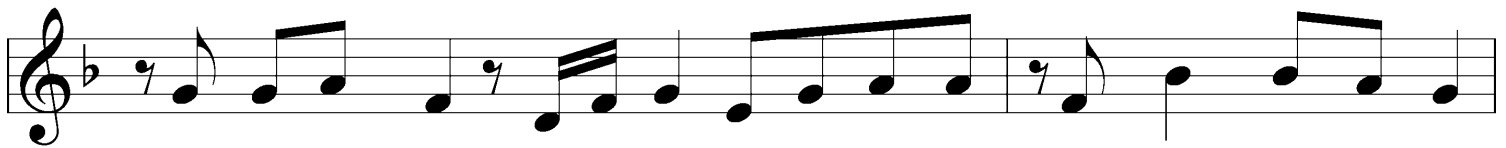
**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



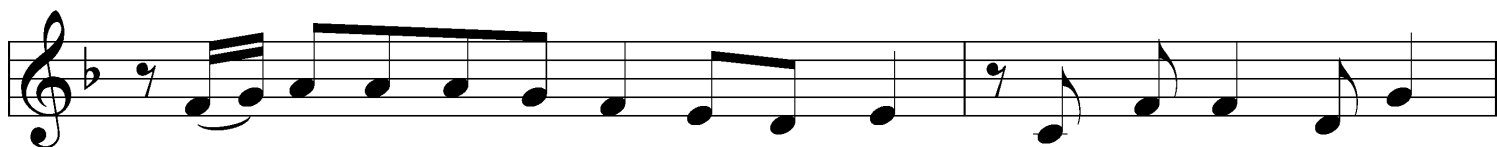
**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



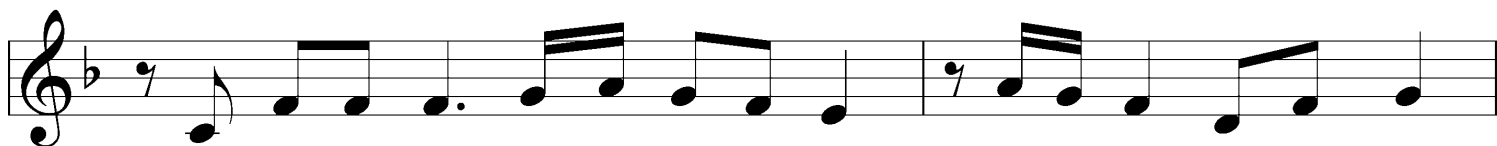
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



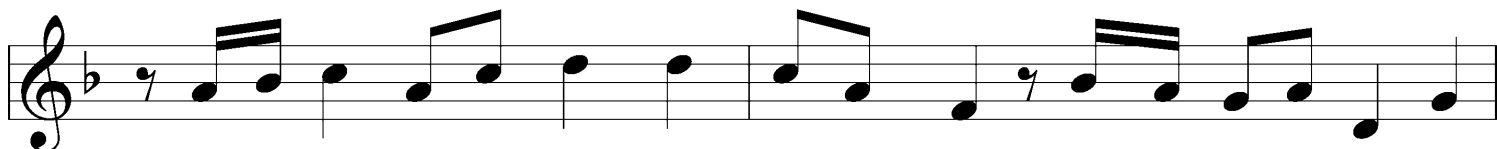
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



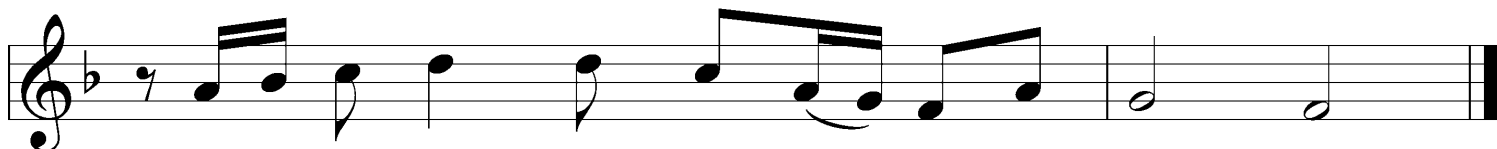
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Christmas Day*



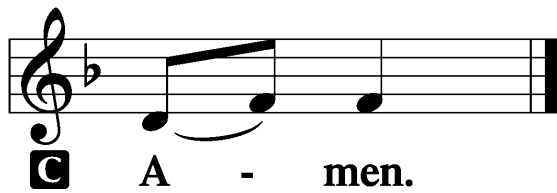
**P** The Lord be with you.



**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.



*Please be seated.*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38*

<sup>17</sup>In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. <sup>18</sup>Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. <sup>19</sup>And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. . . .

<sup>34</sup>Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup>But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Introit**

*Psalm 24:1, 3–5; antiphon: Psalm 2:6–7*

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

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

**and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,**

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

Oh 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 known his salvation;**

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

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

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

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**

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

**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.**  
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
**and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

### Epistle

*Titus 3:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

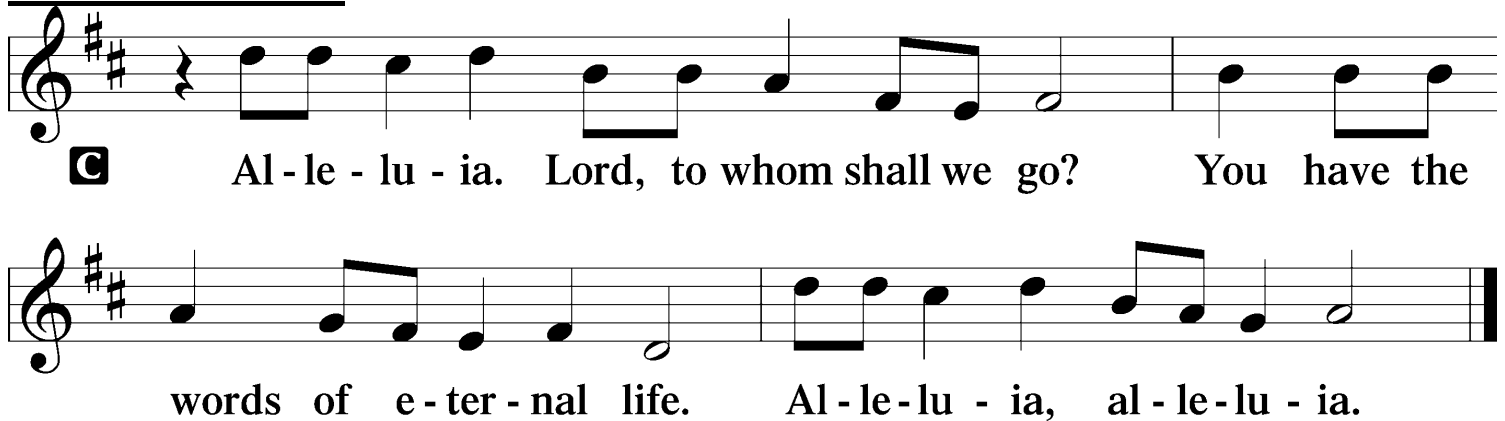
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Alleluia and Verse

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**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

*John 1:1–18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

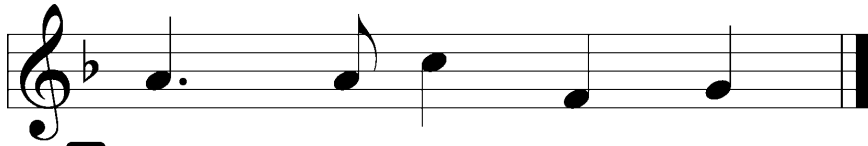
<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
<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 bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <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; 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.

*Please be seated.*

### Hymn of the Day ‘We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth’

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1	We	praise	You,	Je - sus,	at	Your	birth;	Clothed	in	flesh	You
2	Now	in	the	man - ger	we	may	see	God’s	Son	from	e -
3	The	vir - gin	Mar - y’s	lul - la - by	Calms	the	in - fant				
4	The	Light	E - ter - nal,	break - ing	through,	Made	the	world	to		



came	to	earth.	The	vir - gin	bears	a	sin - less	boy
ter - ni - ty,	The	gift	from	God’s	e - ter - nal	throne		
Lord Most High.	Up - on	her	lap	con - tent	is	He		
gleam a - new;	His	beams	have	pierced	the	core	of	night,





And all the an - gels sing for joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Here clothed in our poor flesh and bone. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who keeps the earth and sky and sea. Al - le - lu - ia!  
He makes us chil - dren of the light. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 The very Son of God sublime  
Entered into earthly time  
To lead us from this world of cares  
To heaven's courts as blessed heirs.  
Alleluia!

6 In poverty He came to earth  
Showing mercy by His birth;  
He makes us rich in heav'nly ways  
As we, like angels, sing His praise.  
Alleluia!

7 All this for us our God has done  
Granting love through His own Son.  
Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice  
And sing His praise with endless voice.  
Alleluia!

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## **Sermon**

‘The Key of Christmas’

*John 1:1-18*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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 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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In thanksgiving and awe at the Word made flesh, that because He has become our brother we now are His sons and daughters through Baptism; and that God would keep us in true faith and fervent love toward each other, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all pastors, that God would work through their proclamation of Christ to bring the good news of joy and salvation to all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For families who gather in this holy season, that they may have patience and be slow to judge and quick to forgive, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the lonely, that they may be comforted with Christ's presence and we may extend to them the welcome of our homes and the friendship of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those in poverty or want, that they may be helped; that God would increase our generosity; and that we would present our bodies as living sacrifices, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the nations of this world, that they would be given a spirit of peace, so that conflicts would cease and all would see in the birth of Jesus the salvation of our God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, lonely, grieving and poor in spirit, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_], that they may find comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, the light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Lord would humble our hearts in repentance and give us faith to receive with joy and thanksgiving the precious gift of His body and blood; and that the Lord would grant to His Church unity of faith and harmony of life and practice, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who suffer persecution for the sake of Christ, that they would be kept firm in their faith as they bear witness to the light of the world; and that they would never lose sight of their identity as children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, the Word become flesh, the Savior of the nations, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God.

**C** Amen.

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## Offertory

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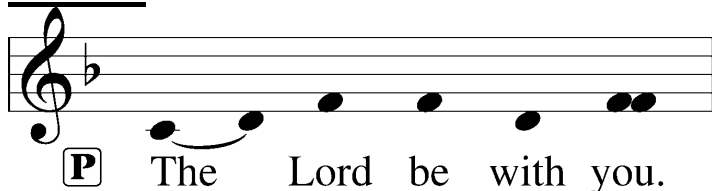


**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of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

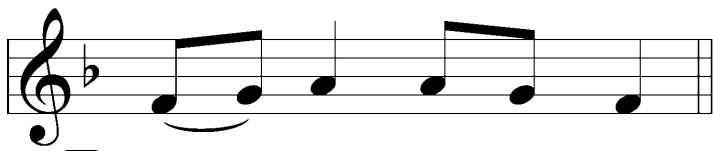
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## Preface

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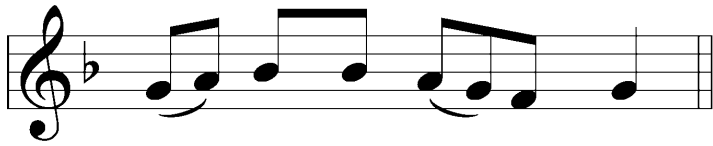
**P** The Lord be with you.



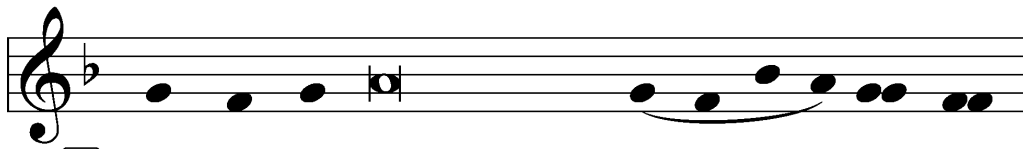
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



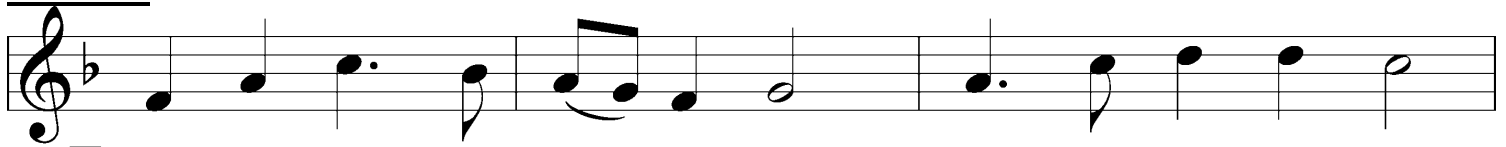
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### **Proper Preface (Full)**

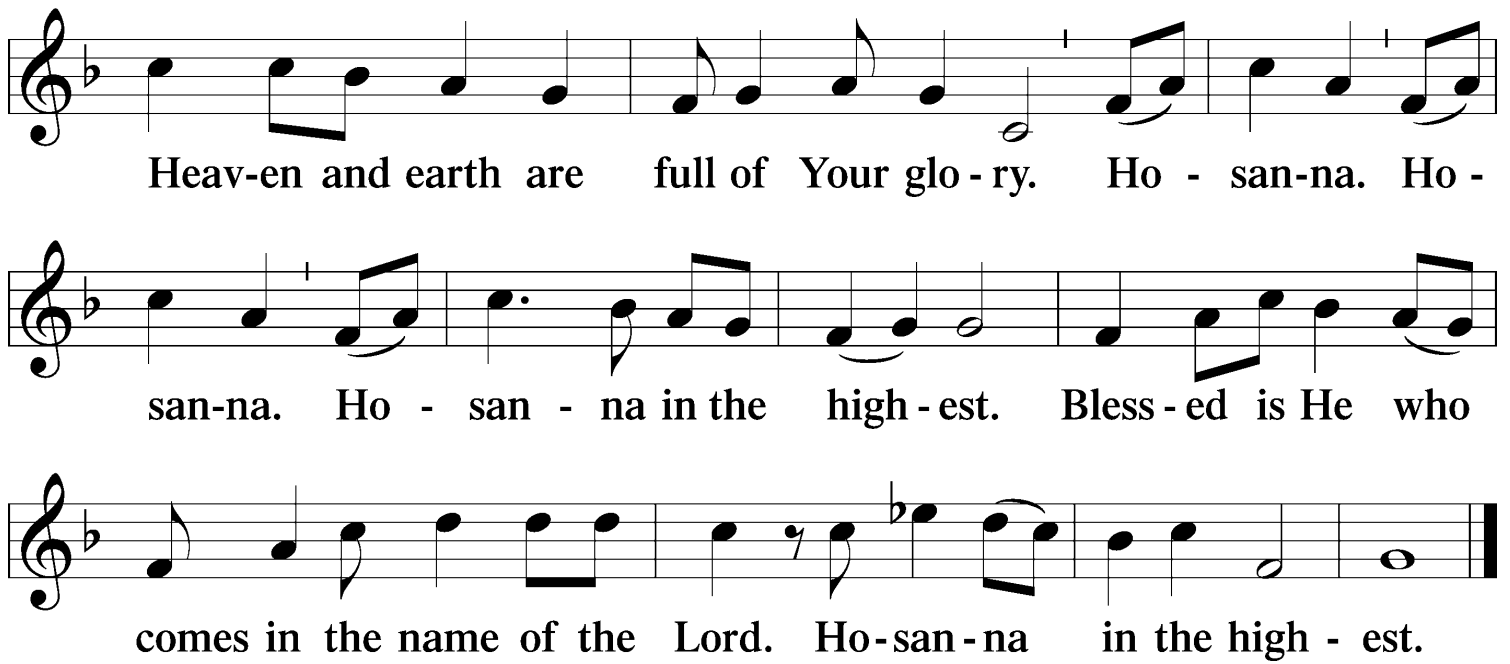
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **The Words of Our Lord**

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension

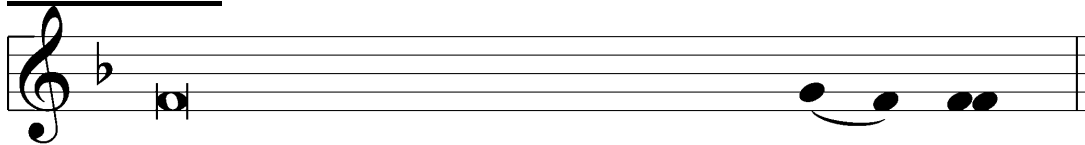
into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Pax Domini

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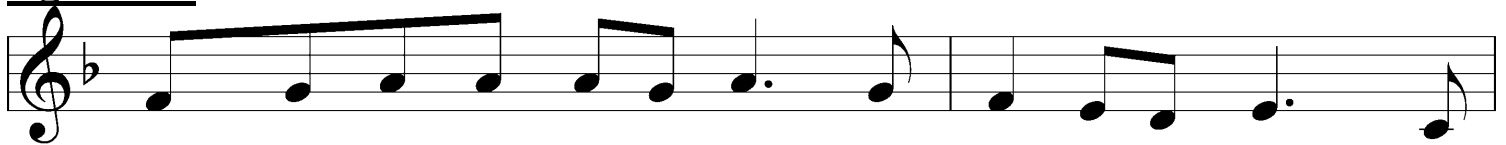
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



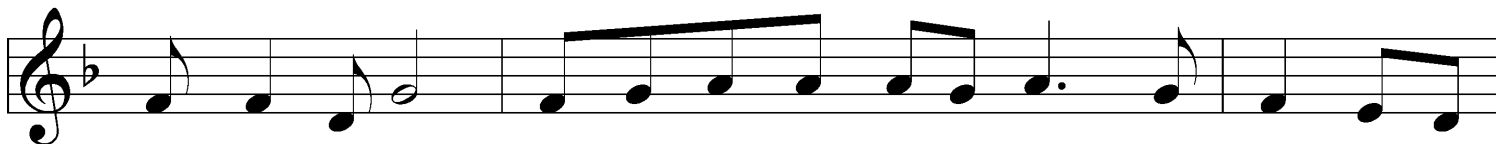
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### Agnus Dei

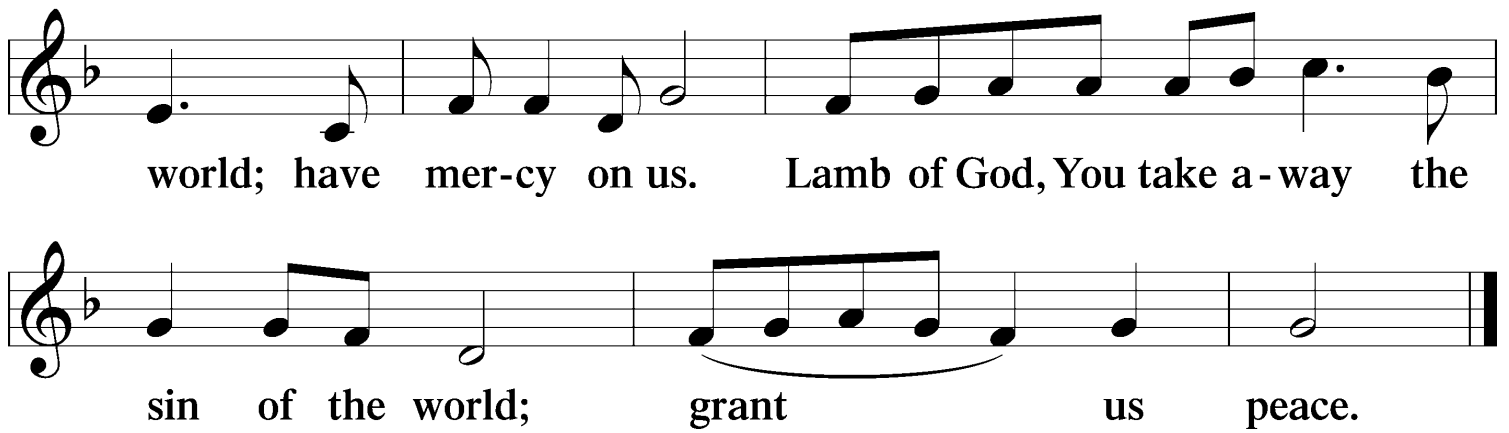
*LSB 163*



**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.

*Please be seated.*

### **Distribution Hymn 'Joy to the World'**

*LSB 387*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions  
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -  
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

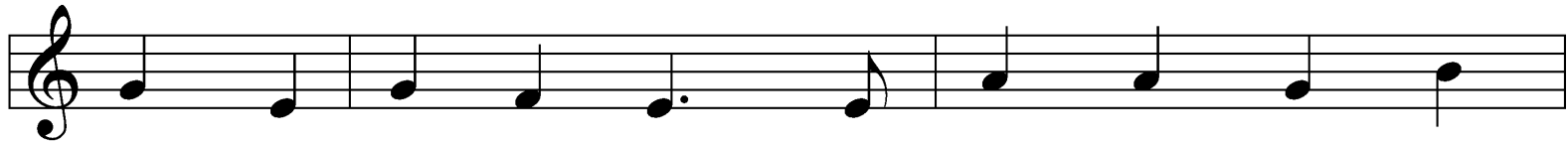


## Distribution Hymn ‘From East to West’

LSB 385



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
△ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



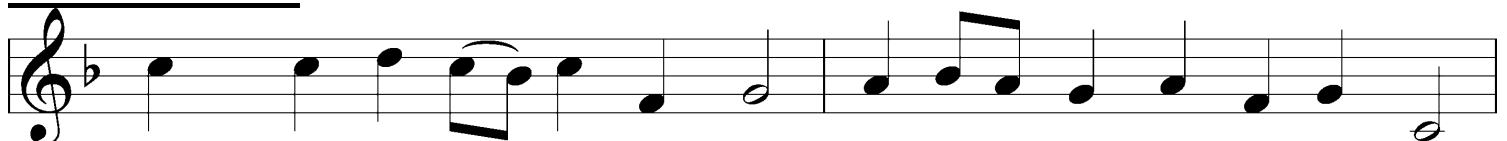
Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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

**A** Let us pray.

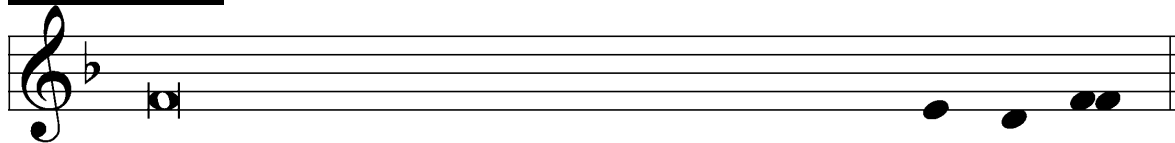
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

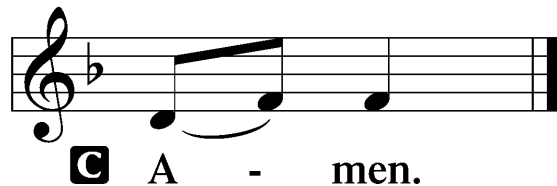
*LSB 166*



**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.



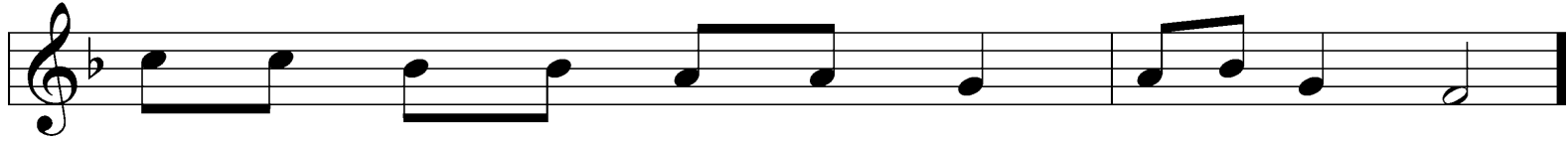
**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn 'Let Our Gladness Have No End'

LSB 381



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Proph - e - sied in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!  
3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!  
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!  
God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!  
He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together, we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**Clarification on Individual Cups for Communion:** The Individual Cups in the middle of the tray during the Lord's Supper have a lighter color to them, as they are a few drops of wine mixed with water. The practice is to dilute the wine for those who have wine allergies or wine sensitives. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp.

**Loose Giving Envelopes** are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes. Congregation members, please place your offering inside the envelope that has been designated for you. Thank you.

**We encourage members to consider electronic giving.** It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.

**General Fund & Mission Giving:** When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

**The children's Christmas program** is postponed to Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. We will have program practice Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am-11:30am.

**The Board of Education is selling calendars.** Please see Sherry B. if you would like one.

**Dartball will be starting in January.** Any questions, please contact Lucas B.

**2026 Serving Schedule & Usher List** are on the entryway table.

**Pastor will be out of town** Dec. 25 after the Divine Service until Dec. 30th. If a need arises, please contact an Elder or Pastor's cell.

**Stewardship:** *John 1:5* – “*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*” Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and loneliness, Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst of our pettiness, against all our pride, Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.

**Building Healthy Families:** Here's a simple yet challenging Christmas week question for your contemplation: How has the fact that Jesus was born over 2000 years ago impacted the life you're living today? Read aloud the Luke 2 Christmas story together, ponder this question, and encourage your family members to share their answers. From the funny response of a preschooler, the shoulder shrug of a teenager, or the wise words shared by an older person, it will be interesting to see how each individual family member answers. Remember, even those who don't answer are still listening! “*She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*” *Matthew 1:21* A Blessed Celebration of Jesus' Birth to you from your partners at **Lutheran Family Service!** ~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** “As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us pray for all mothers who find themselves pregnant and afraid. Abortion is never the answer. We pray daily that the Lord will strengthen all expectant mothers who find themselves alone and seemingly without hope and that He will help them choose life. Every human being's life is a precious and beautiful miracle.” *Judie Brown, American Life League* ~ ***A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)***

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Hear "Get Ready for the Best" based on Luke 12:36-37 by guest speaker Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros. Christ will return—maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year. ~ ***Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m.***

**A Life Thought in the Church Year:** Gospel-motivated voices For Life bring reasonableness to life issue conversations (Philippians 4:5). It means a message of joy and hope instead of an angry and fearful demeanor. Even the unborn rejoice (Luke 1:44) that the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant (Luke 1:52). May we not let anxieties about politics (Philippians 4:6) silence the words the Lord Himself has put in our mouths (Deuteronomy 18:18).

**SACRED MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...** “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come,” “O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is,” “Once in Royal David’s City,” “Silent Night, Holy Night,” “Joy to the World.” Beginning Christmas Eve, you can listen to sacred music for the Christmas season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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**NEW YEAR’S EVE DIVINE SERVICE**

**Wednesday, December 31st at 6:30pm**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Sunday, January 4th at 10:30am**

**Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

For the week of December 21, 2025

Attendance 76

**Calendar of Events for This Week**

Today      9:00am      Christmas Day Divine Service  
                         Usher: Joel K.  
                         Elder: Steve H.  
                         No Bible Study

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Sunday 9:00am The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
                         No Sunday School  
                         Greeter: Thorpe  
                         Usher: Tim B.  
                         Servers: Kathy S. & Julie R.  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia  
                         Elder: Steve H.  
                         Food Pantry Sunday