

The Divine Service
First Sunday after Christmas
January 1, 2022
11:00 AM



Prelude

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Remembrance of Baptism

Please stand as you are able and turn to the processional cross. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptisms.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Amidst the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

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

Pastor: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
People: **Forgive our lack of faith and trust in your will.**

Pastor: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.
People: **Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

Pastor: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.
People: **Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

Pastor: The magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.
People: **Forgive our reluctance to seek you with all our hearts.**

Pastor: The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins." With great joy, I announce to you we are forgiven of our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Processional 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



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings



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



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.

Greeting

Pastor: May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured into our hearts the true Light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Rite of Holy Baptism

“This is a Joyous, Happy Day”

This is a joyous, happy day.

We celebrate Your gift of life.

Christ is with us, joy surrounds us.

Christ takes our sin and sets us free;

He fills our lives with endless life.

Christ is with us; Christ unites us.

Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit,

Praise Christ Jesus.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15-21

Reader: Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional

Canon 1

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

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

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

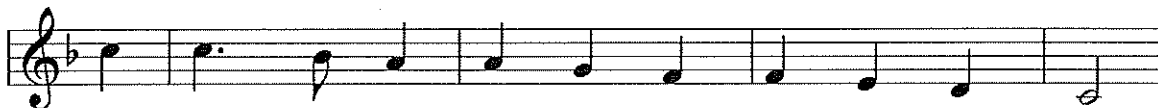
"Happy New Year"

Pastor Scott Henze

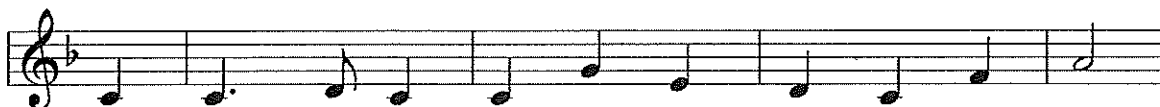
Hymn of the Day

"Away in the Manger"

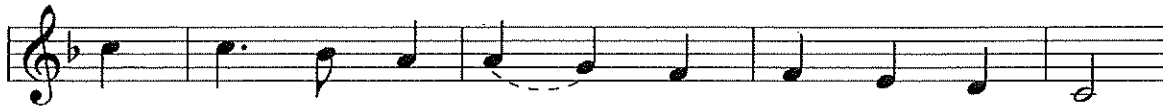
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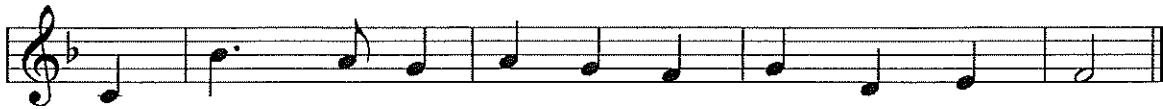
1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy," and Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: it would have been enough for You to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live, but in this meal, by Your promise, You also give us Yourself. Use what we have gathered here to share Your love with the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: ...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Peace of the Lord

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

People: And also with you.

Hymns during Distribution

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

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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!

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Great and gracious God, we thank you that in this holy meal the true Light has come to dwell in us. As we return into the world you love, may we take to all people the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387, verse 4

4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Dismissal

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as...

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Classes: 9:45 a.m.