

† THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD †

December 25, 2023

Liturgy Divine Service Setting Four– LSB pages 203-212

WELCOME *(Please Stand)*

INVOCATION HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful”.....LSB #379

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Please Kneel/Stand)*.....Page 203

INTROIT – Zion=Cantors.....Psalm 98:1-4

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is / given;

*and the government shall be upon His / shoulder,

C: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL/ COUNSELOR,

*MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, / PRINCE OF PEACE.

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done / marvelous things!

*His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- / tion for Him.

C: THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN HIS SAL- / VATION;

*HE HAS REVEALED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE SIGHT OF
THE / NATIONS.

P: 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.

C: 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 BE- / GINNING,

*IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. / AMEN.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is / given;

*and the government shall be upon His / shoulder,

C: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL / COUNSELOR,

*MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, / PRINCE OF PEACE.

KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSISPage 204

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(Please be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT C: THANKS BE TO GOD.....Isaiah 52:7-10

GRADUAL Zion=Cantors.....Isaiah 9:6

TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS / GIVEN;

*AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS / HOULDER.

AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, /
MIGHTY GOD,

*EVERLASTING FATHER, / PRINCE OF PEACE.

SING TO THE LORD A / NEW SONG,

*FOR HE HAS DONE / MARVELOUS THINGS!

EPISTLE – C: THANKS BE TO GODHebrew 1:1-6

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Please Stand)*Page 205

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 1:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to C: GLORY BE TO YOU, O LORD

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

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HYMN OF THE DAY “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”.....LSB #380

SERMON.....Rev. Donn Woolweber

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Please Stand)*

OFFERING *(Please Be Seated)*

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Please refer to the statement on the back prior to communing.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Page 209

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI.....Page 210

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild” LSB #546

”Angels We Have Heard on High.”..... LSB #368

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “*Joy to the World*”.....LSB #387

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SEND OUT

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

As confessional Lutheran congregations, our Churches believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and that the proper reception of the Sacrament actually conveys that God gives us Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28) and the deepening of our relationship with Him and each other. If you are a member in good standing in an LCMS church, you are welcome to come to communion. However, if you understand and agree with our confession and:

* Have received Christian Baptism (Acts 2:36-38), * Recognize and confess your sinfulness (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-9), * Forgive others (Matthew 5:21-24; Matthew 6:12) * Believe that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are truly present, offered under forms of bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 10:16), (1Corinthians 11:27-29),

please talk to our pastor before the service/communing. If you are unsure and desire a blessing, you are welcome to come forward to the rail for a blessing with arms folded. We would be delighted to provide further instruction to move you toward communion if you desire to continue to worship with us as we hope you will. It is indeed a blessing to have you here.

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