

# Messiah Lutheran Church



**Christmas Day**  
**+The Nativity of our Lord+**

**Divine Service, Setting I**  
**December 25, A+D 2016**

+++PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST+++

**P** Lo, to us the Christ is born.

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

*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

LSB 386



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!

**Invocation**

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

**+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

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

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful,      Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly,      Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels,      Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,      Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

## Kyrie

### Gloria in Excelsis

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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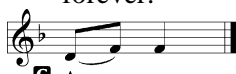
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## 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.

### God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392



1	God	loves	me	dear	-	ly,	Grants	me	sal	-
2	I	was	in	slav	-	'ry,	Sin,	death,	and	
3	He	sent	forth	Je	-	sus,	My	dear	Re	-
4	Je	-	sus,	my	Sav	-	ior,	Him	-	self
5	Now	I	will	praise		You,	O	Love	E	-



va	-	tion,	God	loves	me	dear	-	ly,	Loves	e	-	ven	me.
dark	-	ness;	God's	love	was	work	-	ing	To	make	me	free.	
deem	-	er,	He	sent	forth	Je	-	sus	And	set	me	free.	
of	-	fer;	Je	-	sus,	my	Sav	-	ior,	Paid	all	I	
ter	-	nal;	Now	I	will	praise	You	All	my	life	long.		



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

## Epistle

*Titus 3:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>But 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.

*Stand- Face Processional Cross*

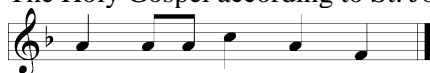
## Sing An Alleluia

*MLC Choir*

## 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.

*Sit*

## ***Gentle Mary Laid Her Child***

*LSB 374*



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;

3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayer of the Church**

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## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Offertory**

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## **+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

## **Preface**

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## **Sanctus**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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## **The Words of Our Lord**

## **Pax Domini**

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## **Agnus Dei**

Sit

## Distribution

*Let Our Gladness Have No End*

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*Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

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*Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn*

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Stand

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

## *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

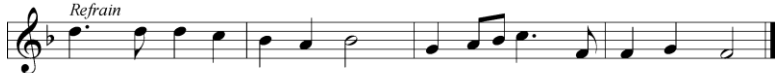


Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"



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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER:** During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.



## **A word about the Communion practice of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:**

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

## **+SERVING TODAY+**

**Preacher/Celebrant:** Pastor Roemke

**Elder:** Jim Vescova

**Ushers:** Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Cake:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Tobalskys.