



*Love*

*came at*

CHRISTMAS.



*Unto you is born... a Saviour.*

LUKE 1:1

# Christmas Day Service

Prelude

Ringing of Bells

**P** Today in the city of David, a Savior has been born to you.

**C** He is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia!

**P** O come, let us adore Him.

**C** Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 379

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Stand*

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

**C** Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Amen.

Opening Verses

This is the day which the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,**

**nor are there any works like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come

and worship before you, O Lord,

and shall glorify your name.

**For you are great and do wondrous things;**

**you alone are God.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,

that I may walk in your truth;

unite my heart to fear your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,**

**and I will glorify your name forever.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**<sup>15</sup>You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and  
faithfulness.**

**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.**

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 6:1-2,6-7*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

...  
<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with  
God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the  
form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being  
found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to  
the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly  
exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every  
name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in

heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 2:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**L** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day #LSB 367**  
**Sermon**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Stand*

## Prayers of The Church

### Lord's Prayer

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

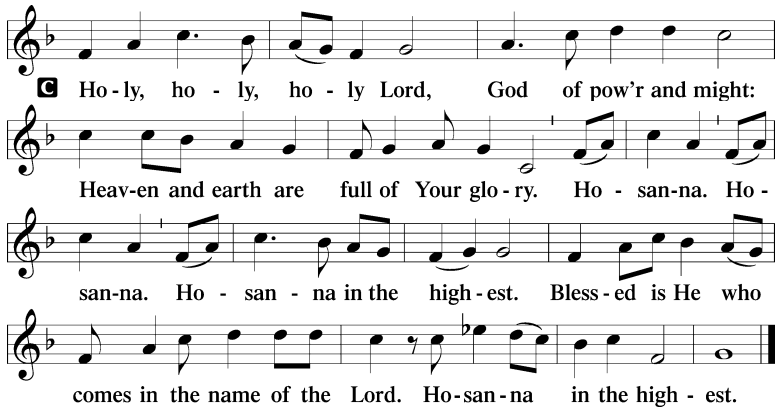
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

**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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

**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.

*Sit*

### Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 374

Distribution Hymn #LSB 370

Distribution Hymn #LSB 388

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

*What Child is This*

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

*Stand*

### Thank the Lord

**C** 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** Amen.

## Blessing

- L** The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

## Departing Hymn #LSB 380

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*



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