

**Christmas Day with Holy Communion**  
**December 25, 2020 10:30 a.m.**



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'***



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

*\*Please turn off cellphones\**

### *Holy Communion is offered today:*

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and

service?” In our ‘yes’ to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: “*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself*” – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord’s Supper, or if you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. For those who so desire, the cups in the center have water infused with a drop of wine. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing. (Please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Divine Service – Setting Three  
December 25, 2020 10:30 a.m.

***Welcome & Announcements***

**+ INVOCATION +**

*LSB 184*

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

**[P]** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b;[18:20]*

***Entrance Hymn***

*LSB 361 sts. 1-4*

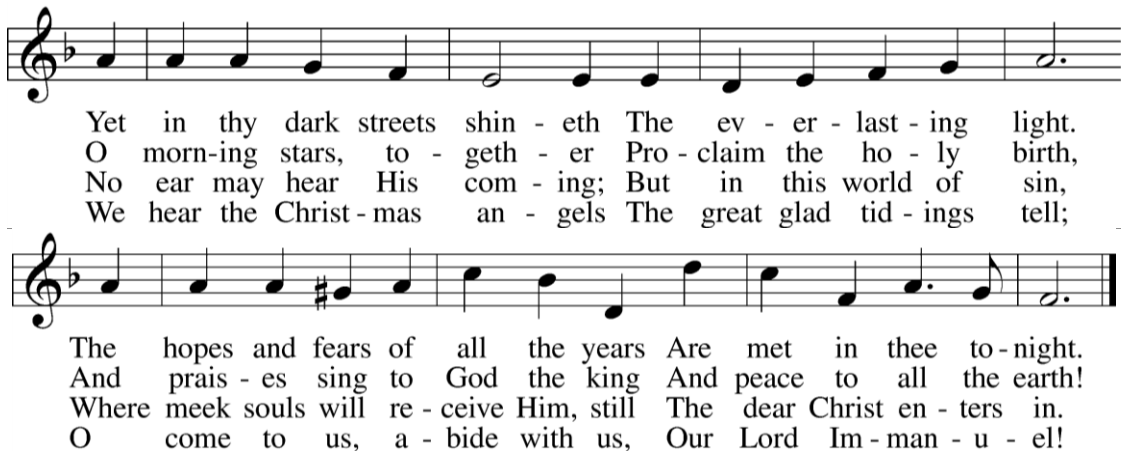
***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”***



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!

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## *Stand*

+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** + *LSB 187*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalms 32:5*

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination in light of the Ten Commandments.)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness? *LSB 293*

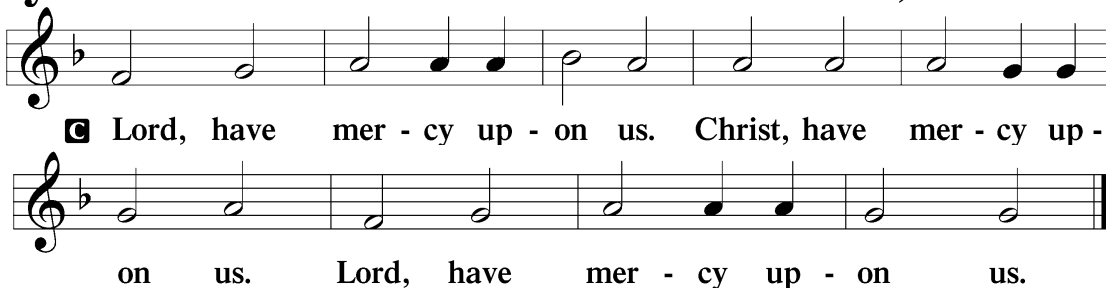
**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Upon this your confession, *LSB 185*  
 I, by virtue of my office, as a  
 called and ordained servant of the Word,  
 announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in  
 the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus  
 Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of  
 the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy  
 Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

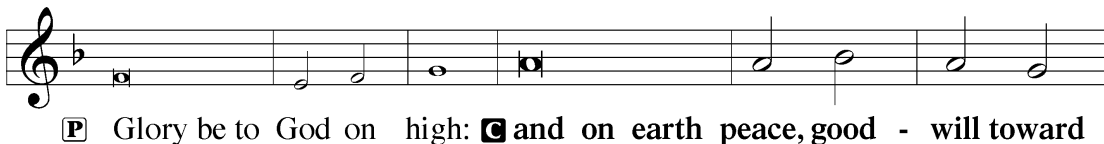
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +** *LSB 186*  
**Kyrie** *Mark 10:47, LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

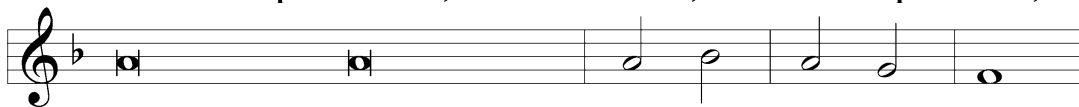
*Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis* *LSB 187*



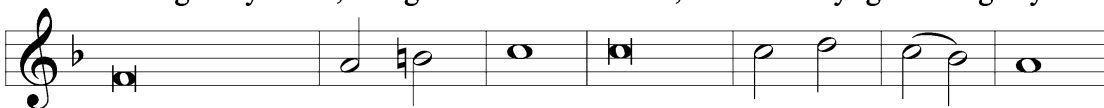
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



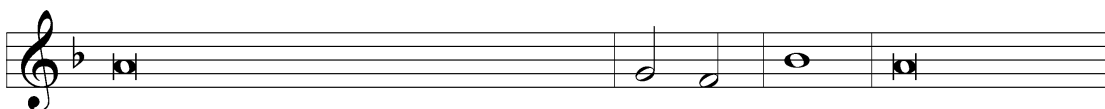
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

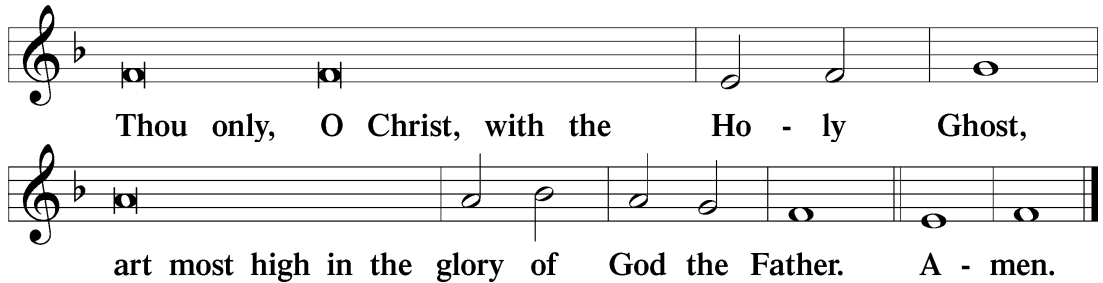


Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.





## Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. (*Silence for Prayer*)

**P** O Almighty God, grant us to know that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh sets 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** Amen.

*Sit*

*Hymn of Praise*

*LSB 357 sts. 1, 3, 6-7*

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law

*Refrain*  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - jice! Re - jice!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Refrain

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## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 52:7-10*

7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own

eyes. 9 Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **New Testament Reading** *Hebrews 1:1-6*

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*John 1:14, LSB 190*

**P** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C** and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Holy Gospel

*John 1:1-14*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

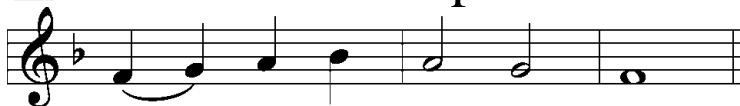
*LSB 190*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*LSB 191*

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

LSB 368 sts. 1-3

### “Angels We Have Heard on High”



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - ri - a



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## Sermon

## “The Smell of God” Pastor Tom Rhodes

Stand

*Together We Confess our Common Faith Using  
the Nicene Creed* *LSB 191*

**☐ ☐** 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.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!*

*Stand*

## **Offertory (No Intro)**

*LSB 384 st. 1*

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see

The image shows a musical score for the offertory "Of the Father's Love Begotten" from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 384 st. 1. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a measure rest. The third staff begins with a measure rest. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest.



## Prayer of the Church

*LSB 193*

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that the Good News of the birth of our Lord be heard throughout the world in every land and tongue, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who share in the joy of this day with us, that God would guard and defend His faithful people in every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those this day far from home or without a home, for those who are sick or troubled, for those who lack care or the comfort of loved ones, for those who are traveling and for all those on our

prayer list, let us pray to the Lord:

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this congregation as we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of our Lord, that we may stay truly focused on our continuing life of worship and work in the Lord's name; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord, we bless You for the faithful witness left to us by the saints now in glory. Join our prayers with theirs that together they may rise as incense to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.  
Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +      *LSB 194***  
**Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**☩ And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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:

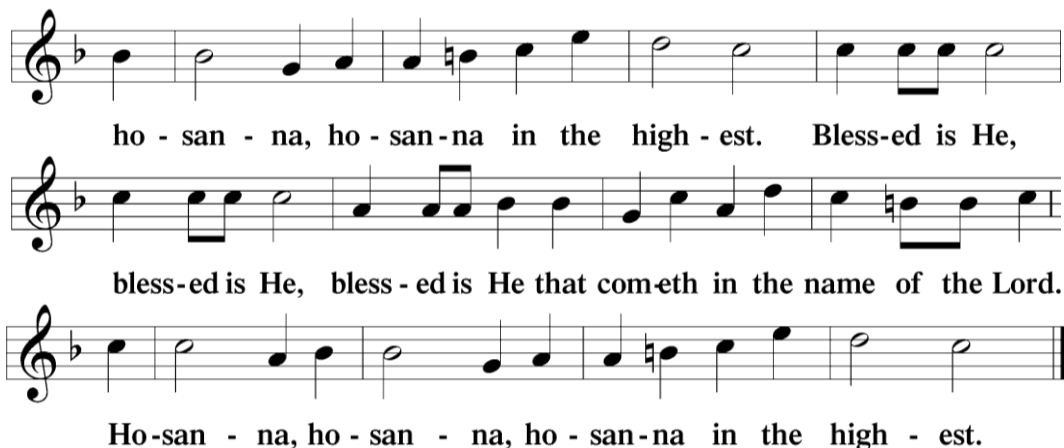
**Sanctus**      *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



## Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**Jesus' Words Establishing Communion**     *LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19, LSB 197*

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

**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

*John 1:29, LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Sit

### *Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 384 sts. 1-5*

#### *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly





gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

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## *Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 900 sts. 1-6*

### *“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”*



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, “Je - sus shall His peo - ple save.”  
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

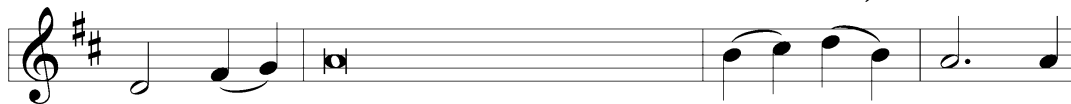
5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29-32, LSB 199*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



*Stand*

## **Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**[P]** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by sending Your Son Jesus Christ to this earth to be born of a virgin for us as our Savior, our Lord, and our Brother. Sustain Your people gathered in His name on this day of joyous celebration through the Sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 202*

**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** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*LSB 388 sts. 1-3*

### “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,

2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.

Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

*Refrain*