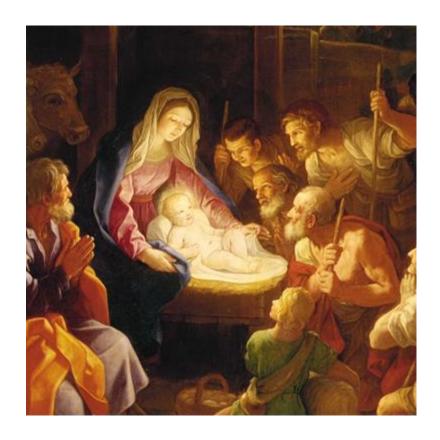
# Christmas Day



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:5

#### **Welcome**

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask visitors who are not members of the LCMS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those who are not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

#### **Those Serving Us**

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Organists: Rev. Timothy Frank & Brett Allen

Pianists: Carter Rossbund (Offering) & Daniel Frank (Distribution)

Choir: The Hymns of the Season Choir

#### The Word in Music

Prelude: "Once in Royal David's City" & "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Offering: "The First Noel" arr. Melody Bober Distribution: "The First Noel" arr. Kevin Costley

Postlude: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

Those ill or recovering: Eileen Termuende, Mary Ann Wege, Jean Volkens, Karen Brandenburg, Jayne McIlrath, Marcia Timm, Bobbie Carter, Floyd Foreman, Gertrud Rossbund, Chris Rochleau, Shirley Gust, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Katie Klinge (daughter-in-law of Pastor and Debbie Klinge), Sarah Lindau (daughter-in-law of Pastor Lindau), Dale Vontersch (brother of Joan Wege), Irvin Termuende (brother-in-law of Eileen Termuende), Ryker Nihsen (relative of Denise Krohn), Bear Riggs (Tim & Kelli Salin's grandson), Ann McClelland (sister-in-law of Sue Trede)

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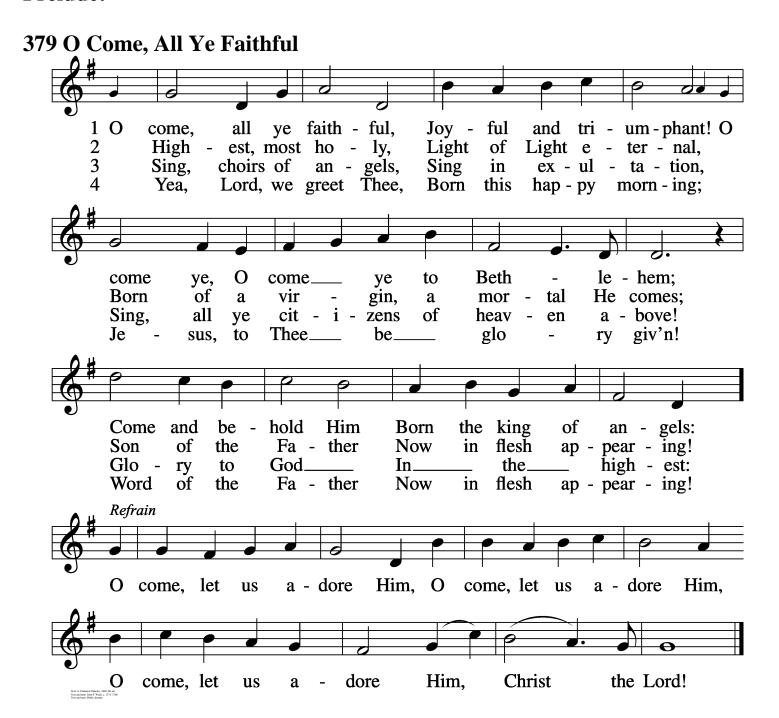
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## **Divine Service Setting 3**

## **Prelude:**



Stand

### **Invocation**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

- 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

## **Absolution**

- P Upon this your confession, 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.
- C Amen.



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.

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.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

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.

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.

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.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
  We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
  we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
  O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
  O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- 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 Amen.

Sit

# **Old Testament** *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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Gradual: 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- Now sing we, now rejoice,
  Now raise to heav'n our voice;
  He from whom joy streameth
  Poor in a manger lies;
  Not so brightly beameth
  The sun in yonder skies.
  Thou my Savior art!
  Thou my Savior art!
- Come from on high to me;
  I cannot rise to Thee.
  Cheer my wearied spirit,
  O pure and holy Child;
  Through Thy grace and merit,
  Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
  Draw me unto Thee!
  Draw me unto Thee!
- Now through His Son doth shine
  The Father's grace divine.
  Death was reigning o'er us
  Through sin and vanity
  Till He opened for us
  A bright eternity.
  May we praise Him there!
  May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
  Where but on heav'nly ground?
  Where the angels singing
  With all His saints unite,
  Sweetest praises bringing
  In heav'nly joy and light.
  Oh, that we were there!
  Oh, that we were there!

Epistle Titus 3:4–7

<sup>4</sup>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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 1:1–18

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

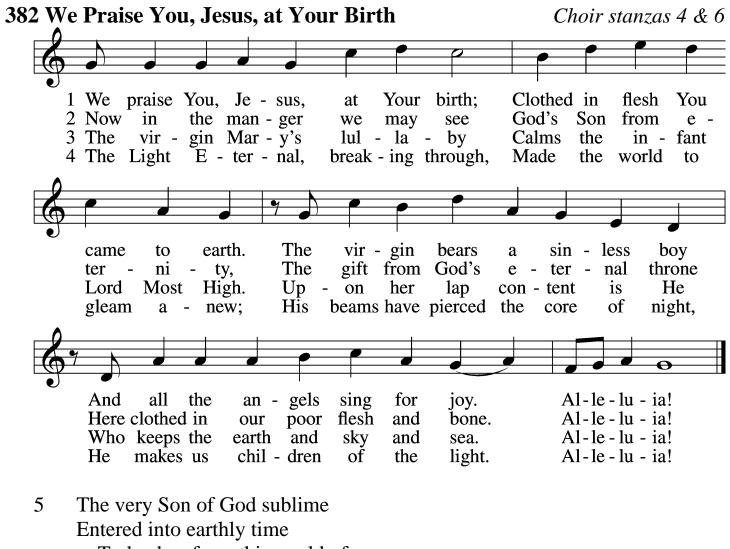
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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



Entered into earthly time
To lead us from this world of cares
To heaven's courts as blessèd heirs.
Alleluia!

- 6 In poverty He came to earth
  Showing mercy by His birth;
  He makes us rich in heav'nly ways
  As we, like angels, sing His praise.
  Alleluia!
- 7 All this for us our God has done
  Granting love through His own Son.
  Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice
  And sing His praise with endless voice.
  Alleluia!

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Sermon: "The Light shines in the darkness."

John 1:1-18

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

# Offering

Stand

## **Prayer of the Church**

## Service of the Sacrament

We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface LSB 194

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.

# **Proper Preface**

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

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."

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."

Pax Domini LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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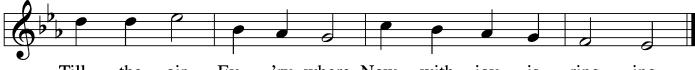
360 All My Heart Again Rejoices



- 1 All my heart a gain re joic es As I hear Far and near 2 Hear! The Con quer or has spo ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,
- 3 Should we fear our God's dis-plea sure, Who, to save, Free ly gave
- 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak ing To the cross, Suf f'ring loss,



an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are Sweet - est bro-ken!" God and hell are de - liv - er. Death is man, man to most pre-cious trea-sure? To re - deem us giv - en His He has Full a - tone-ment mak-ing. For our life His own He ten - ders.



Till the air Ev -'ry-where Now with iov is ring - ing. And the Now With blood for - ev - er. Son is one our His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en. His grace And All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders. 5 Softly from His lowly manger

Jesus calls

One and all,

"You are safe from danger.

Children, from the sins that grieve you

You are freed;

All you need

I will surely give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness!

One and all,

Great and small,

Come with songs of gladness.

We shall live with Him forever

There on high

In that joy

Which will vanish never.

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## 373 See amid the Winter's Snow



- 1 See a mid the win ter's snow, Born for us on earth be low,
- 2 Lo, with in a sta ble lies He who built the star ry skies,
- 3 Sa cred In fant, all di vine, What a ten der love was Thine,





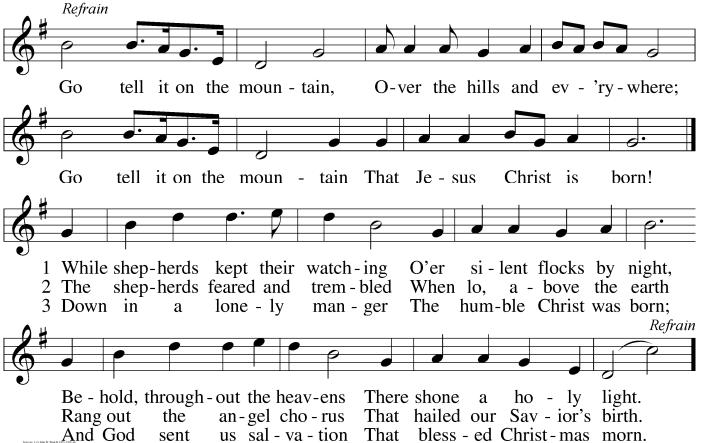
See, the gen - tle Lamb ap-pears, He who, throned in height sub-lime, Thus to come from high - est bliss Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee Prom-ised from e - ter - nal years. Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim. Down to such a world as this! In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!



## 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain



## 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared

before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200

- **A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

# **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.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 

  → give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.



#### **Postlude:**

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