



OUR SAVIOUR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.

We are a community of faith,
formed in the grace and joy
of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His creation
through the life, death and
resurrection of His Son, and
in the power of the Holy
Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by the
ancient rhythms of Christian
worship, fellowship, and
service to others.

Come share the joy!

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (YEAR C)

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Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship

Welcome to Our Saviour's

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart earlier by Pastor Braaten. In this sense, the Lord's Body and Blood offered today is an extension of the celebration of the Sacrament of the Alter at that time.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him." Psalm 96:9

Please stand

"O, COME, O, COME, EMMANUEL" VSS. 1, 3, & 4 (LBW #34)

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Invocation and Nativity Litany

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen!**

P Christ is born!

C **Glorify Him!**

P Christ comes from heaven;

C **Let us meet Him.**

P Christ is on earth

C **Let us exalt Him.**

P O you earth, sing to the Lord.

C **O you nations, praise Him in joy for He has been glorified. Amen**

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH/LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. With Mary and Joseph, with the angels and shepherds, and with the animals in the stable we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us, and fill us with joy and wonder as we light these candles. May Jesus be born in our lives, that we might share His light and love with all the world, for He is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C **Amen**

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST" (LBW PGS 79-80)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father: You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P "See Insert" C **Amen**

Please be seated

The Service Of The Word

FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 9:2-7

R "See Insert" R This is the Word of the Lord! C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 96 (CHANTED)

R "See Insert"

SECOND READING ~ TITUS 2:11-14

R "See Insert" R This is the Word of the Lord! C **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ "THE FIRST NOEL" VER. 1 (LBW #56)

The first Noel the angel did say On a cold winter's night that was so
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields deep.

as they lay;

In fields where they lay, keeping their
sheep,

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!

Born is the King of Israel

Feeding Our Little Lambs

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN ~ "ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" VER 1 (LBW #50)

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd Chapter. C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 2:1-20

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN ~ "ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" VER 2 (LBW #50)

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.

Chorus:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

HOMILY FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ~ BLAINE DAVIS

Please stand

Hymn Of The Day ~ "IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR" (LBW #54)

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For the increase of peace among all the nations of the world in the reign of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the spread of the good news of great joy that the Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord,

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the poor and those who find no room made for them, let us pray to the Lord,

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the renewal of the whole church in unity and joy, let us pray to the Lord,

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P For the light of Christmas to shine on all, let us pray to the Lord,

C Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

P Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, we commend to you, O Lord, all for whom we pray. **C: Amen**

Please be seated

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand and remain standing for Communion

The Doxology~ PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (LBW #564)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, ✠Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Post Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us— our vocations, our time, our possessions— signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

At this time, we invite you to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbors

The Holy Meal

We come to the Table at the gracious invitation of our Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are welcome at this Table—you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to the Sacraments often, and you who have not been in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed—come. It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here. And He comes tonight to increase your faith and forgive your sins. Adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

^P The Lord be with you.

^C **And also with you.**

^P Lift up your hearts.

^C **We lift them up 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 indeed good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so with the Church on earth, and with the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ~ P. 89 LBW

^C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

^P Whenever we gather for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the wonderful story of God's mighty acts, and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remember that in the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

^P Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

^P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

^C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

^P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

^C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

^P Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

^C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

^P We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now, we receive this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through these gifts.

^P Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose dear Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ^C **Amen**

^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**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION COMMUNION HYMNS

"GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE" (LBW #44)

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING" (LBW #60)

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Chorus:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,

Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Chorus

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.

Chorus

"LO, HOW A ROSE IS GROWING" (LBW #58)

Lo, how a rose is growing,
A bloom of finest grace;
The prophets had foretold it:
A branch of Jesse's race
Would bear one perfect flow'r
Here in the cold of winter
And darkest midnight hour.

The rose of which I'm singing,
Isaiah had foretold.
He came to us through Mary
Who sheltered him from cold.
Through God's eternal will
This child to us was given
At midnight calm and still.

The shepherds heard the story
The angels sang that night;
How Christ was born of Mary;
He was the Son of light.
To Bethlehem they ran
To find him in the manger
As angel heralds sang.

This flow'r, so small and tender,
With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the darkness
That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.

Please stand (in body or in spirit)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD” VER 3 (LBW #534)

All praise and thanks to God	The one eternal God,
The Father now be given,	Whom earth and heav’n adore;
The Son, and him who reigns	For thus it was, is now,
With them in highest heaven,	And shall be evermore.

^P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ^C **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

^P Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you refreshed us through the healing power of the gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

^C **Amen**

THE CANDLELIGHTING

The ushers dim the sanctuary and go forward to light their candles from the pastor’s candle.

The ushers bring their candles to the first person in each pew.

Please dip the unlit candle into the lit candle to avoid wax spilling out.

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN ~ “SILENT NIGHT” (LBW #65)

Silent night, holy night!	Heav’nly hosts...sing, Alleluia!
All is calm, all is bright	Christ, the Savior, is born!
Round yon virgin mother and child,	Christ, the Savior, is born!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,	Silent night, holy night,
Sleep in heavenly peace,	Son of God, love’s pure light;
Sleep in heavenly peace.	Radiant beams from your holy face,
Silent night, holy night!	With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Shepherds quake at the sight;	Jesus Lord at your birth,
Glorious stream from heaven afar,	Jesus, Lord at your birth.

The candles are extinguished and the ushers turn the lights on.

BENEDICTION ~P. 95 LBW

^P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. ^C **Amen**

WORSHIP SERVERS

Greeters:	Bob & Launa Tardiff
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PRAYER LIST

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If you have any updates or changes to the prayer list, please contact
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