



**The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve - Dec. 24, 2025**

*For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given*

Isaiah 9:6



**St. Paul's**  
Missouri Synod Lutheran

## Welcome

### Divine Service Four

Hymnal LSB, page 203, and this bulletin

**Congregation response in bold**

### Hymnal - 379 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

sts. 1, ref, 2-3

*Please stand*

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

### Invocation

#### Opening Sentences\*

Psalm 26:8; 1 Kings 8:27;

Matthew 1:23; John 1:14

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house  
and the place where Your glory dwells.

**Will God indeed dwell on the earth?  
Behold, heaven and the highest heaven  
cannot contain You; how much less this  
house that I have built!**

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a  
son, and they shall call His name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).

**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.**

#### Confession and Absolution\*

Isaiah 52:7; John 1:12-13, adapt.

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

*Please Kneel/Stand/Sit*

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, the  
Word, to become flesh and dwell among us.  
We confess we struggle to see His glory when  
life is difficult or when we are suffering.  
We look elsewhere for grace and truth instead  
of focusing on Your eternal Word. We have  
heard the Good News and struggle to share  
it. Forgive us, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ. Shine the light of Your love on us  
and dispel the darkness of our hearts.

**People of God, I have good news for  
you, “Your God reigns.” In the mercy of  
our almighty God, Jesus Christ was born  
to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives  
you for all of your sins.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

As a called and ordained servant of Christ,  
and by His authority, I therefore forgive you  
all your sins in the name of the Father and  
of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Please stand*

#### Introit

*Read responsively*

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

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 salvation for him.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
**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 beginning,

**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 and Hymn

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory. *sts. 1, ref, 2, 5*



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2):  
James Montgomery,  
1771–1854, alt.; (st. 5):  
Salisbury Hymn Book,  
1857, Salisbury, alt.  
Tune: Henry T. Smart,  
1813–79  
Text and tune:  
Public domain

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2–7

<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>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior  
in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Ps 98:1a

*Read responsively*

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.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**for he has done marvelous things!**

## Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing  
salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce  
ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live  
self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the  
present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope,  
the appearing of the glory of our great God and  
Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us  
to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify  
for himself a people for his own possession  
who are zealous for good works.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Verse

Luke 2:11

Alleluia. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

LSB 206

*Please sit*

## Sermon Hymn - Hymnal LSB - 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 1–3, 7, 13, 15

## Sermon - Two Words

*Please stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Please sit*

## Offering

*Please stand*

## Offertory Prayer

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface LSB 208

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Proper Preface

### Sanctus LSB 208

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Lord's Prayer LSB 209

### The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Agnus Dei - Sung LSB 210

*Please sit*

### Distribution

### Hymn - 380 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### Hymn - 377

**On Christmas Night All Christians Sing**

*Please stand*

## Post-Communion Collect\*

### Sharing the Light of Christ

*\*The lights in the church are dimmed.*

*The light from the Christ candle is spread from one person to another through the entire congregation to symbolize the spread of the light of Christ through the darkness of this world.*

### Hymn - 363 - Silent Night, Holy Night

sts. 1–3

### Response

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

**The light no darkness can overcome.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*The lights in the church come back up reminding us of the strength of light of Jesus in the world. Candles may be carefully blown out at this time.*

### Closing Sentences\* Luke 1:49, alt

He who is mighty has done great things for me.

**Holy is His name.**

To God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

**Amen. Christ has died! Christ is risen!**

**Christ shall come again!**

### Benediction

### Hymn - 387 - Joy to the World

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*They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.* Isaiah 61:3b

# Church Events

**Christmas Gifts** - Thanks to all for purchasing gifts for the Wyoming County Christmas Bureau Christmas program.

**Meet with Pastor Josh** - sign-up  
sheet in narthex

## Advent Bible Study on Wednesday Night

Starting Dec 3. Light dinner at 5 pm.  
Christmas is a wonderful time of the year,  
but where does the celebration originate?  
With so much information about Christmas  
out there, it is hard to know what to believe.

Join us Wednesdays during Advent as we  
separate the holiday from the holy day,  
the facts from the fantasy, and the truth  
from the tradition by using Lee Strobel's  
*The Case for Christmas*.

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# Prayer Concerns

**Mabel Lawson** - Prayers for family  
and friends as they morn her passing.

**Ashley Forba** - Ongoing health issues

**Mary Ellen Mills** - Eye issues

**Janet Finn** - Continued rehab after knee  
replacement

**Elaine Decker** - Ongoing health issues

**Vladimir and Marie Dutko** - Healing and  
well-being - Marina Yarasavage's parents

**Keith Mitchell's father** - Kendall  
Health issues

**All those in the armed forces,  
including Kyle Stackhouse**

**All those suffering due to natural disasters**

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## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Dec 1** *Rob and Heather Slater - Anniversary*

**Dec 6** Marina Yarasavage

**Dec 13** *Jerry and Elaine Decker - Anniversary*

**Dec 16** Jacob Learn  
Keith Mitchell

**Dec 29** Diane Turrell

**Dec 30** Richard Cline III

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## Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Dec 21	Bill Y	Jack W & Gene A	Nate J
Dec 24 Eve	Donna W	Will F & Bill Y	Nate J



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## December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	Advent 3 Bible Study 5 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	Advent 10 Bible Study	11	Christmas 12 in Our Hometown 4 pm set-up	Youth 13 Cookie Bake 9 am
Youth 14 Program & Brunch Christmas Gifts due	15	16	Advent 17 Bible Study	18 Christmas Gifts delivered	19	20
21	22	23	Christmas 24 Eve Service 7 pm	25 Christmas!	26	27
28	29	30	31			