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## *First Sunday of Christmas 12/27*

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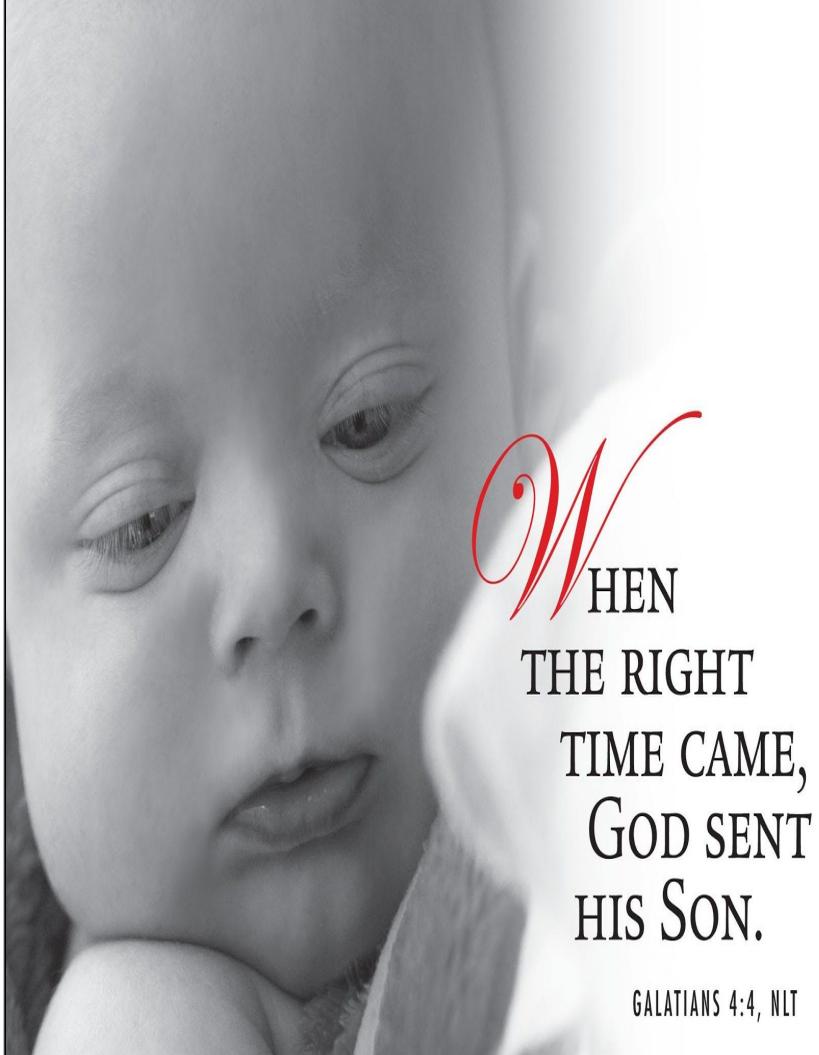
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THE RIGHT  
TIME CAME,  
GOD SENT  
HIS SON.

GALATIANS 4:4, NLT

+++Please take a moment to read the brief biblical explanation of Communion on the inside cover of the hymnal.+++

## Hymn of Invocation

### 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory LSB 367

1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

ref Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain

4 Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. Refrain

D 5 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the\_ eternal Three in One. Refrain

#### Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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. .... 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,

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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** 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 T The Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### f Introit

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

**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.**

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

**f** Kyrie

LSB 186

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

**f** Gloria in Excelsis (*Glory in the Highest*) Page 187

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**C** 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.

**f** Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 61:10–62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## † Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,\*  
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

**Great are the works | of the LORD,\*  
studied by all who de- | light in them.**

Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,\*  
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

**He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.**

He provides food for those who | fear him;\*  
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

**He has shown his people the power | of his works,\*  
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.**

The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;\*  
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

**they are established forever and | ever,\*  
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.\*  
Holy and awesome | is his name!

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.\*  
His praise endures for- | ever!**

## **Epistle Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**f Alleluia** *Page 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **f Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40**

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

C **f Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of

turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

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

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day

#### **361 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.
  
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

- 3 How silently, how silently  
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
 So God imparts to human hearts  
 The blessings of His heav'n.  
 No ear may hear His coming;  
 But in this world of sin,  
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
 Descend to us, we pray;  
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
 Be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels  
 The great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us, abide with us,  
 Our Lord Immanuel!

## Sermon

### Pre-communion Litany

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**Offering (Please place your offering in the white box as you enter or depart)**  
*(As we sing the offertory pastor raises the offering plate as a wave offering for all of our tithes and offerings given in person or by mail or via the internet)*

## † Offertory

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

## † Preface *Page 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.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

**ƒ Sanctus** (*Holy*) *Page 195*

**C 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.**

**ƒ Lord's Prayer** (*Sung tune not in Hymnal*)

**ƒ The Words of Our Lord**

**ƒ Pax Domini** (*The Peace of the Lord*) *Page 197*

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

**C Amen.**

**ƒ Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*) *Page 198*

**C 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.**

**Distribution**

**ƒ Nunc Dimittis** (*Now Dismiss*) (*Song of Simeon*) *Page 199*

**C** 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.

**f** **Thanksgiving** *Page 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**f** **Post-Communion Collect** *Page 201*

**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.

**f** **Salutation & Benedicamus** *(we bless / we praise)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**f** **Benediction**

**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 T give you peace.

**C Amen amen amen.**

### Closing Hymn

#### **368 Angels We Have Heard on High    LSB 368**

1    Angels we have heard on high,  
      Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
      And the mountains in reply,  
      Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain

ref    Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
      Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2    Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
      Why your joyous strains prolong?  
      What the gladsome tidings be  
      Which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

3    Come to Bethlehem and see  
      Him whose birth the angels sing;  
      Come, adore on bended knee  
      Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

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