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Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers.

Regarding Communion

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service this morning.

Scripture indicates that, in Holy Communion:

- Christ gives us his true body and blood with the bread and wine, which believers eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29; John 6:51-58; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-25).
- Those who commune without repentance and faith can do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).
- By communing, we profess unity in our beliefs with the people communing with us (1 Corinthians 10:16-18).

At this congregation, therefore, all who commune are to examine themselves in repentance. Those not yet baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, or who do not share the beliefs of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune and to speak to the pastor about receiving instruction. Any who desire may receive a blessing instead of Communion by coming forward and crossing their arms on their chest. Thank you.

De-alcoholized wine is offered at communion in the center circle of the individual cups.

Please sign the red record book found in your pew. If you plan to take communion, mark “communion”

*Hymns and content are from the Lutheran Service Book
Divine Service 4*

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prelude Special Music: "Baroque Christmas
Festival" (Katarina Oliver on clarinet)

Hymn of Invocation #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!*

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Confession and Absolution

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,
who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and

receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

☩ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 203

☐ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

☩ Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

**Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6;
antiphon: Liturgical Text**

P When all was still, and it was midnight,
C your almighty Word, O Lord, descended
from the royal throne.

P Why do the nations rage
C and the peoples plot in vain?

P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the
rulers take counsel together,
C against the LORD and against his anointed.

P He who sits in the heavens laughs;
C the Lord holds them in derision.

P Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
C and terrify them in his fury, saying,

P “As for me, I have set my King
C on Zion, my holy hill.”

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.

P When all was still, and it was midnight,
C your almighty Word, O Lord, descended
from the royal throne.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C *Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C *To God on high be glory*

*And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

*To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—*

*For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad reply.*

Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

- ² 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.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in
battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 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.
⁷Of 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to
renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to
live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the
present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the
appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior
Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

C *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city

of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom
he is pleased!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 207

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 ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn #379 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain***

***ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,***

*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

- 2 *Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain*
- 3 *Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain*
- 4 *Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain*

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1711–1786
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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

- P** Lord in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude)

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering (Choir: “Carol of the Bells”)

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Jacobean)

It is truly meet, 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 singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth
adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the
glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna
to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of
the Lord!*

Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

**☐ 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

☐ 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 209

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

(Trinity Handbells: “Silent Night)

(During the distribution, as you wait, take a few moments to meditate on God's Word and the gift we are about to receive at His table. [Questions on page 329 of LSB are available your use.](#))

Hymn #368 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

- 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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Hymn #374 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

1 *Gentle Mary laid her child*
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undeified,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.

2 *Angels sang about His birth,*
Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth
Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;

*All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.*

- 3** *Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undeified
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!*

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Hymn #365 “Away in a Manger”

- 1** *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where
He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*
- 2** *The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the
sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*
- 3** *Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.*

(sts. 1–2): Little Children’s Book, 1885, Philadelphia;
(st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt.
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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C *O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.*

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray...

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 #363 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

1 *Silent night, holy night!*
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 *Silent night, holy night!*
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 *Silent night, holy night!*
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young,
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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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Mary Ellis, Sue & Jim Martin's daughter- Stroke
Thomas Knox, Winnie Knox's son- Cancer
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