



*Christmas*

BEGINS  
WITH

*Christ*

FOR UNTO US

A CHILD IS BORN...

AND HIS NAME SHALL

BE CALLED WONDERFUL,

COUNSELOR,

THE MIGHTY GOD,

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

**Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2021**

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*Worship Services:*  
Sundays at 9:00a

**WELCOME TO ALL** guests and visitors this morning! It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

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### OPENING HYMN

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* ..... **LSB 379**

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (p. 203)

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*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.**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38*

In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. 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. 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.

...

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 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. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Titus 3:4-7*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 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, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (p. 205) 

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:1-18*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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. (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.’”) And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 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 to You, O Christ.**

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**SERMON HYMN**

*“We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth”*.....**LSB 382**

**SERMON** by Pastor Provost

*“Washing: Baptism Given Its Underpinnings in Christ”*

*Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60*

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# Remember in your prayers.....

- † Those afflicted by the novel Coronavirus, as well as those who are fearful in this challenging time.
- † Family of Annette Sanders, sister-in-law of Carmen and Dorothy Sanders, who passed away December 16
- † Diane Breckenridge, recovering at home
- † Roger Breckenridge, residing at Park Centre with medical concerns
- † Virgil Hartz, residing at Newton Village
- † The Family of Deanna Ihde, for her 3 yr. old great-nephew, Myron, recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
- † Ruth Rutter, recovering at home and making good progress
- † Pastor Jerry Doellinger, recently advised in need of a kidney transplant
- † Frank Howell, son-in-law of Sandy Koch (David), receiving treatment for brain cancer
- † Lana Corso, continuing treatment for breast cancer
- † Felicia Krizman, receiving treatment for brain cancer
- † Gary & Dee Petersen, medical concerns
- † Charlene Vesely, residing at Nelson Manor in Newton
- † The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- † The Malaria Initiative and the end of Malaria deaths in the world
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Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him

