



FOR UNTO US  
A CHILD IS

*Born*

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

December 25, 2016

*The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day*



## Hymn

375 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

## Invocation, Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the holy gift You have given to us by placing in the womb of a mother the gift of Your Son.

**I confess, by my sin I insult His innocence  
and make light of His sacrifice.**

**By my doubts I mock His trust in Your unfailing Word,  
And by my selfishness I make light of His gift of paradise.**

**Forgive me, O Lord.**

**Gently teach me to trust Your love and Your promises.**

**Pour over me Your grace through Your holy Son.**

It was a most holy night, and He now gathers us in the glory of the birth of His Son. He is ours to trust and to adore. We are His by His grace, through His faithful creating Word, through Holy Baptism. As a called and ordained servant of the most High God, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Christmas Versicles**

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1–4*

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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*(Gloria in excelsis Deo is Latin for "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14))*

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| 1 | Angels we have heard on high,<br>Sweetly singing o'er the plains,<br>And the mountains in reply,<br>Echoing their joyous strains.<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo.<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo. | 2 | Shepherds, why this jubilee?<br>Why your joyous strains prolong?<br>What the gladsome tidings be<br>Which inspire your heav'nly song?<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo.<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo. |
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- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, that in the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh You have set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 52:7–10*

**H**ow beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Response

**379** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Verses 1-2)

## Epistle

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

**L**ong ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Response

**379** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Verses 3-4)

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:1-18*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

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

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **384**    *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, having lived from 348-413 A.D., wrote the words of this Christmas hymn approximately 350 years after St. John the Evangelist wrote the fourth Gospel of the New Testament. Now 1,600 years later, Christians still appreciate the profound truths of the incarnation captured by Clemens in his meditative, age-old text.*

- 1 – congregation
- 2 – women
- 3 – pipe organ only
- 4 – men
- 5 – congregation

## **Christmas Sermon**

*John's Confession, and Yours: We Have Seen His Glory (John 1:14)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Offering**

*(Please fill in the Friendship register found on the end of each pew.)*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

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*Note for those desiring to commune...* Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to a pastor before communing.

## **Distribution Hymns**

- 366**    *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*
- 393**    *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
- 370**    *What Child Is This*
- 364**    *Away in a Manger*
- 358**    *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Verses 1-5)*

## **Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**



# Benediction

## Closing Hymn

387 *Joy to the World*



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### Next Weekend's Services

Saturday, December 31, Worship Service – Holy Communion, 7:00pm  
Sunday, January 1, Worship Services – Holy Communion, 8:00am, 10:15am

*Poinsettias may be taken home following the  
Christmas Day service on December 25<sup>th</sup>.*



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