



*Behold,  
The Christ Child*

*My eyes have seen Your salvation. LUKE 2:30 (NKJV)*

Hope Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod  
Shawnee, Kansas

❄ The Nativity of Our Lord ❄  
❄ Christmas Day ❄  
❄ 25 December A. D. 2021 ❄ 10:00 A. M. ❄

❄ Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting 3 (adapted), pp. 187-202 ❄

❄ Preparation ❄

**PRELUDE**

*See amid the Winter's Snow*  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
*We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth*

Michael Burkhardt  
James Biery  
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Paul Manz, and  
John Eggert

**WORD OF WELCOME**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn 379

❄ *Stand for the last stanza*

**INVOCATION ❄ EXHORTATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ❄ 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.

**P** The Lord has made known His Salvation;

**C** He has revealed His Righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**P** He will judge the world with righteousness,

**C** and the peoples with equity.

*Psalm 98:2, 9b*

**CONFESSION OF SINS ❄ ABSOLUTION**

**P** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sins:  
**C** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**Maker of all things, Judge of the world:**  
**We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty**  
**by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us.**  
**We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins.**  
**We grieve to think of them.**  
**Their burden is intolerable.**  
**Have mercy upon us, gracious Father!**  
**Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Grant that we may serve You in newness of life**  
**in the new birth of Your Son in the flesh,**  
**to the honor and glory of Your holy name,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P** Lift up your hearts! The Lord God, according to His promise, has sent His beloved and only-begotten Son into our flesh to be your Savior from all sin. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Hymn 384

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**P** Almighty God, grant that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through 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 52:7–10  
*(Readings printed on pp. 4–5)*

ANTHEM *A Child Is Born in Bethlehem* Michael Praetorius Ensemble

A Child is born in Bethlehem; Exult for joy, Jerusalem!  
 There in a manger lowly lies He who reigns above the skies.  
 The ox and ass in neighboring stall See in that Child the Lord of all.  
 And kingly pilgrims, long foretold, From East bring incense, myrrh, and gold.  
 He comes, a maiden mother's Son, Yet earthly father hath He none.  
 And, from the serpent's poison free, He owned our blood and pedigree.  
 Our feeble flesh and His the same, Our sinless kinsman He became,  
 That we, from deadly thrall set free, Like Him, and so like God, should be.  
 Come then, and on this natal day, Rejoice before the Lord and pray.  
 And to the Holy One in Three Give praise and thanks eternally.

EPISTLE Hebrews 1:1–12

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✠ Service Leaders ✠

Preacher/Celebrant..... Pastor Michael Penikis  
Organist..... Kim Schuler  
Acolyte..... Michael Moulden  
Video..... Laura Haverkamp

**Ensemble**

Bob, Gretchen, Sophia, and Nathaniel Hollman;  
Zach and Olivia Ruschill; Chris Ord; Louis Schuler

### Isaiah 52:7-10

- <sup>7</sup>How 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.

### Hebrews 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Long 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.”

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness  
is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup>And,

“You, Lord,  
laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up,  
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will have no end.”

### John 1:1–18 (adapt.)

<sup>1</sup>In 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 gives light to 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-begotten\* 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>For 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-begotten\* God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

\**Only-begotten*, or *only*, or *unique*, in v. 14 and v. 18.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
*for Christmas Day*

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose grace we again celebrate the birth of our Savior, we come into Your presence with holy joy, for You have gloriously fulfilled Your promises, given to our first parents after the Fall, to the Patriarchs, to Moses and the Prophets, and to all Your people of old, who waited in hope for the Salvation of Israel. Accept our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving, and grant that through the birth of Your Son we may be born again in the spirit unto the blessed hope of everlasting life.

O Jesus, Son of God, we bless You for becoming flesh of our flesh and for enriching us with inestimable gifts from the treasures of Your grace. You have made reconciliation for iniquity, so that now we have peace with God and access to the Father. You became the Son of Man, that we might be made the children of God in You. Bestow upon us a simple, childlike faith, that in Your lowliness we may adore You; and give us grace to behold the glory shining through the veil of Your humanity, the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Speak to us the words of life, that, as You have loved us, so we may also love You. Be our Light in the darkness, our Abundance in want, and our very present Help in trouble. And as You descended from heaven to earth for our salvation, so may we have power to ascend from earth to heaven, to the glory of Your great and adorable name.

O Holy Spirit, we praise You for Your comfort and guidance. Incline our hearts to meditate devoutly on the sublime mystery of the Nativity, and help us to embrace our Redeemer, in true faith, as our most precious possession. Fill our hearts with peace, and comfort, and hope, and life, and joy in Him. Let us so keep the feast that, at its close, with Your benediction upon us, we may resume the burdens of our several callings, rejoicing in our salvation and delighting to do Your will.

O Holy Trinity, who would be praised for mercy rather than judgment, we glorify You; for You have had respect unto the lowly. Let Your covenant of peace endure forevermore, that we may rejoice in You, ever one God, unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**