

Dismissal

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.



Thanks be to God.

Please KNEEL.

Blessing

Almighty God bless you: the Father, the ✕ Son, and the Holy Spirit.



A - men

Silent Prayer

*Give thanks to God, for in preaching and the Blessed Sacrament,
Our Lord has become flesh and dwelt with You.*

Retiring Procession Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds and BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN”

The Lutheran Hymnal #98

Postlude All Praise to Thee, Eternal God (BWV 604)

—J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Pastor, Kantor, Parish Council and Staff
of Zion Evangelical-Lutheran Church
wish you a blessed and merry Christmas!

Nativity of Our Lord Christmass Day

It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer after entering the pew.

It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).

*At those points marked with a cross (✕),
it is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross.*

Preliminaries

Prelude

Partita: “All Praise to Thee, Eternal God” —G. Böhm (1661–1733)

Bells

Processional Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds to honor the cross of Our Blessed Lord and those in procession with it. Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“PRAISE GOD THE LORD, YE SONS OF MEN”

The Lutheran Hymnal #105

Liturgy of the Word

Introit—Isaiah 9.6; Psalm 98.1

—setting: Paul Bunjes (1914-1998)

The Introit is chanted while the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

✕ *Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:*

*And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God:
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song:

For He hath done marvelous things.

♦ *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*

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given:

*And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God:
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

Kyrie Eleison



**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us! Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**



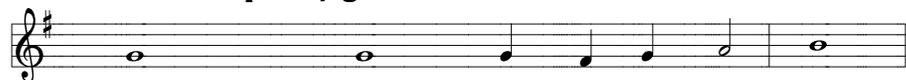
**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**

Gloria in Excelsis

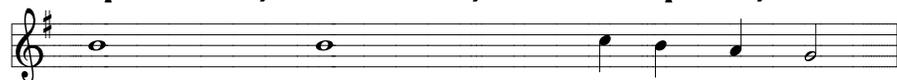
Glory be to God on high:



And on earth peace, good will toward men!



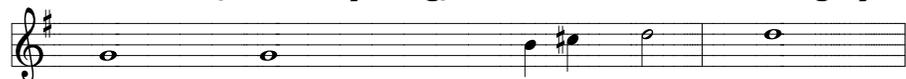
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we † wor-ship Thee; We



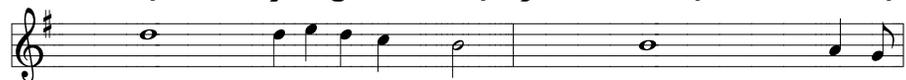
glorify Thee, we † give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, † Je-sus Christ; O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of

food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Communion Hymnody

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

The Lutheran Hymnal #87

“All My Heart Today Rejoices”

(sung by choir)

“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

The Lutheran Hymnal #94 (stanzas 1-3)

“BEHOLD, A BRANCH IS GROWING”

The Lutheran Hymnal #645

After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.

Communio – Psalm 98.3

All the ends of the earth:

Have seen the salvation of our God.

Please STAND.

Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that as Your Son, born on this day the Savior of the world, has been made the Author of our heavenly birth, so may He bestow on us the gift of everlasting life; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Distribution of Our Lord's Body and Blood

Please REMAIN KNEELING or BE SEATED.

Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you have not communed at Zion before, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper unless you have first spoken with the Pastor.

The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.

The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.

You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.

Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.

Prayers During Holy Communion

Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever. Amen

Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:

I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:

What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:

Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

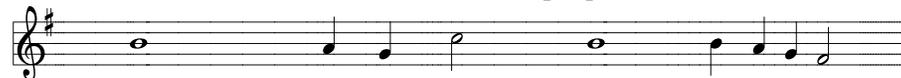
I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly



the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou who take away



the sin of the world, † re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit at



the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.



For Thou on-ly are ho-ly; Thou on-ly are the Lord. Thou



only, † O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, ✠ are most high in



the glory of God the Father. A - men

Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Please BE SEATED.

Old Testament—Isaiah 52.6-10

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 98.3, 4, 2

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God:

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

The Lord has made known His salvation:

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

Epistle—Hebrews 1.1-12

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND.

Alleluia—Psalm 95.1, 6

Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us worship and bow down before Him. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel—St. John 1.1-14

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John:



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

The Our Father is chanted in monotone.

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. Amen

Embolism

The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:

...one God now and forever.



A - men

Pax Domini

The peace of the ✕ Lord be with you always.



A - men

Agnus Dei



O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin

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of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.

of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.

of the world: grant us Your peace. A - men



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-



san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is



He, Bless-ed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!



Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed ending with the words:
...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord
Amen

Verba Christi

The Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, the chimes are rung and we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.

Anamnesis

The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed ending with the words:
...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men

When the chimes are rung at the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.

Please BE SEATED.

Preaching of the Gospel

Chief Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

"ALL PRAISE TO THEE, ETERNAL GOD"

The Lutheran Hymnal #80

*Choir sings stanzas 2 & 4 in a setting by Carl F. Schalk (b. 1929)
Organ introduction by Samuel Scheidt (1587-1653)*

Credo

The Nicene Creed is chanted in monotone.

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**
Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.
**And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;**
Please STAND.
**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 shall come again with glory to judge the living
and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is † wor-
shipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy, catholic 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**

Please KNEEL.

Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please BE SEATED.

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory

*While the offerings are gathered and the Altar prepared,
you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind
for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.*

After the Altar is prepared, the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

Then the Ministers and Faithful are incensed.

Please STAND and BOW when being incensed.

Offering Hymn

"NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE"

The Lutheran Hymnal #92

Offertorium – Psalm 89.11, 14

*The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness,
You have founded them.*

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne.

Oblation

*The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer ending with the words:
...one God, now and forever.*

Amen

Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Christmass Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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 be drawn to the love of 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 saying:

Sanctus

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.



† Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth.