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**Monday, December 25, 2023**  
**Christmas Day**

Prelude  
Tower Bells  
Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the “Communion” side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also be left on the pew seat.  
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship.  
Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

Opening Hymn

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**LSB 380**

Confession and Absolution (*stand*)

LSB 203

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

**C: Amen.**

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.

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

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life

through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage

**and the peoples plot in vain?**

2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
**and the rulers take counsel together,**  
**against the LORD and against his Anointed,**  
**saying,**

3 "Let us burst their bonds apart  
**and cast away their cords from us."**

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
**the Lord holds them in derision.**

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

**6 "As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."**

7 I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.**

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your  
heritage,

**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter's  
vessel."**

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

11 Serve the LORD with fear,  
**and rejoice with trembling.**

12 Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**  
**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

Kyrie (*sing*)

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis (*sing*)

LSB 204

**1 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.**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,**

**The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.**

**3 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, grant that the 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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 52:7-10

7 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."  
8 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.  
9 Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
10 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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Epistle      Hebrews 1:1-12

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 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. 3 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, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 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"?

6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
"Let all God's angels worship him."

7 Of the angels he says,  
"He makes his angels winds,

and his ministers a flame of fire.”

8 But of the Son he says,

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

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

10 And,

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

11 they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,  
12 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.”

A: This is the Word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*stand and sing*)

LSB 205

**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

John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

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

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 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. 15 (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.") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 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.**

Nicene Creed (*Inside back cover of pew hymnal.*) LSB 206

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*  
(*Offering brought up during last verse.*)

**LSB 374**

Sermon

Prayer of the Church (*stand – see insert*)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*stand and speak*)

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.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 (*sing*)

LSB 208

**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!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word become 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. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer LSB 209  
The Words of Our Lord LSB 209

Pax Domini LSB 209  
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sing*) LSB 210

<b>1 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.</b>	<b>2 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.</b>
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Distribution *Continuous Line*

Distribution Hymns	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	LSB 388
	<i>O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee</i>	LSB 632
	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	LSB 364

Communion Dismissal (*stand*)

Nunc Dimittis (*stand and sing*) LSB 211

<b>1 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.</b>	<b>2 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.</b>
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Post-Communion Collect LSB 212

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

*Joy to the World*

**LSB 387**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles  
Postlude and Depart in His Peace  
Acknowledgments

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### **Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.