



St. John Lutheran Church

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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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*Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'*

5:00 pm -Advent

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'*

Service Setting for Today

Divine Service Four (pp 203ff)

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" LSB 877

God, who made the earth and heaven,

Darkness and light:

You the day for work have given,

For rest the night.

May Your angel guards defend us,

Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,

Holy dreams and hopes attend us

All through the night.

And when morn again shall call us

To run life's way,

May we still, whate'er befall us,

Your will obey.

From the pow'r of evil hide us,

In the narrow pathway guide us,

Never be Your smile denied us

All through the day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,

And when we die,

May we in Your mighty keeping

All peaceful lie.

When the last dread call shall wake us,

Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,

But to reign in glory take us
With You on high.

Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in One:

Grant us grace, we now implore You,
Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You
While ages run.

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Invocation

LSB 203

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

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God,

**C Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

P 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.

☩ Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Isaiah 9:2

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

Alleluia

LSB 205

☩ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-5

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

☩ 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.

℟ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Message Hymn

“There is a Redeemer” LSB 971

There is a Redeemer—
Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One. **Refrain**

ref Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face;
There I’ll serve my King forever
In that holy place. **Refrain**

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Message

“Created Light”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

- 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

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” *LSB 883*

All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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