



The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Day

December 25th, 2025

Wrapped Presents

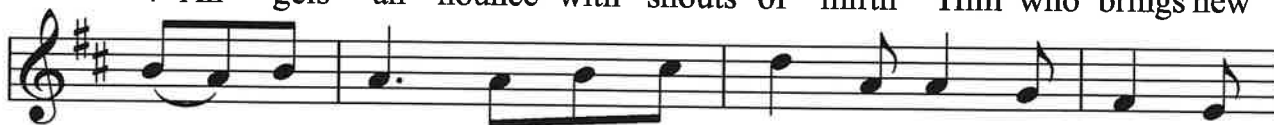
This Advent, we prepared for our Christmas celebration by considering various ways our seasonal decorations amplify the real meaning of Christmas. Though many of the reasons behind holiday decorations go unappreciated and even unnoticed, they still point us to Christ. Some of the decorations do this in a more obvious way. Everyone sees baby Jesus in manger scenes. But even seemingly nonreligious signs of the season like evergreens and lights originated in Christendom.

Now, as we have come to the Twelve Days of Christmas, we consider another Christian tradition: the exchange of Christmas presents. The giving of gifts, beautifully wrapped, reflects the gracious love of our heavenly Father, the “Father of lights,” from whom “every good gift and every perfect gift” comes (James 1:17). Certainly, the greatest gift of all is none other than what we have come to celebrate: God’s self-offering to us through His Son for the forgiveness of our sin. It is a gift that produces abundant blessings for us and in us. These blessings know no end. They regenerate and renew us as we walk into the bright eternity God has in store for us. The gift is all wrapped up in the babe, who lies in a manger. Come, let us adore Him!

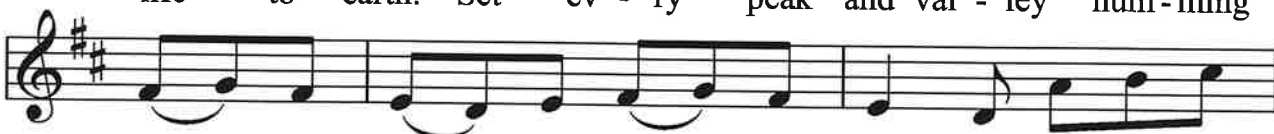
Processional Hymn: People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the crown-ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
With the Word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Divine Service Setting One

LSB 151

Entrance Hymn: O Sing of Christ

LSB 362

Kyrie

LSB 152

Old Testament Reading for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7–10

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter.

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

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

Choir:

Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

P The Epistle is from Titus, the third chapter.

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C *(sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

John 1:14

P Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C **glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sermon Hymn: God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Regarding Holy Communion at St. Paul Lutheran Church

We participate in the biblical, historic, loving practice of “Closed Communion.” **We do this out of love and concern for you.** We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:26-30). Those who come forward to take communion are making a public profession of faith that they are united with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and confession of St. Paul Lutheran Church and of our church body, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS).

(For more information please read “What is the Sacrament of the Altar” in the black attendance booklet found at the end of your pew.)

- ✦ We ask that only those who have been instructed and are in fellowship with the LCMS come with a contrite heart to the Lord’s Table to receive His gifts in faith.
- ✦ Those who do not commune today may remain seated and sing during the distribution, or you may come forward for a blessing at the communion rail. If you desire a blessing, please indicate this at the rail by folding your arms across your chest.
- ✦ Visitors who are in fellowship with the LCMS are asked to speak with our Pastor before communing with us.

Preparing for Holy Communion:

- ✦ Prayers are located in the front cover of the hymnal. To aid in self-examination review and pray through the 10 Commandments (pg. 321), Confession (pg. 326), the Sacrament of the Altar (326) and/or Christian questions with their Answers (pg. 329-330).
 - ✦ The Chalice and individual cups are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. If you have gluten concerns please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to service.
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<u>Preface</u>	<i>LSB 160</i>
<u>Distribution Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful</u>	LSB 379
<u>Distribution Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</u>	LSB 380
<u>Distribution Hymn: Let All Together Praise Our God</u>	LSB 389
<u>Nunc Dimittis</u>	<i>LSB 165</i>
<u>Hymn: Joy to the World</u>	LSB 387

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER- MAY)

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✠ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
- ✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

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