



The
WORD
became
flesh

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

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Worship Plan for Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day (III) Nativity of Our Lord III: Christmas Day

LBW Holy Communion Setting Two

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *In the Bleak Midwinter* Page 3

GREETING (LBW p. 78)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 81)

This is the feast.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.**

³The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶**Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁸**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰**In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.**

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SING *Away in the Manger* LBW 67 to prepare for Children's message

VERSE (LBW p. 83)

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. John , the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet

the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *From Heaven Above* (LBW 51) Verses 1-4

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84)

THE PRAYERS

PEACE (LBW p. 86)

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* LBW 410 Verses 1&6

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 88)

Let us pray.

DIALOGUE (LBW p. 88)

PREFACE (LBW p. 88)

SANCTUS (LBW p. 89)

THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 89)

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91)

COMMUNION (LBW p. 91)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God (LBW p. 92)

It Came upon the Midnight Clear LBW 54

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

BLESSING (LBW p. 95)

Three fold Amen sung

SENDING HYMN *The Bells of Christmas* LBW 62

DISMISSAL (LBW p. 94)

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.



MEMBERS

- Tanya Vollan - Paul Romsdahl
- Betty Jean Benjamin - Donna Lee Boyd
- Ryan Voeltz - Rhoda Wold
- Ella Riswold - Dorothy Sittig
- Barb Lobdell -Shari Fowlds
- Peggy Sue Warkenthien
- Ed Mellegaard - Brian Linton

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

- John Jorgensen—Friend of the Community
- Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
- Clara Shank Gabrielle—Cousin of Karen Doom
- Michael Gross—Friend of Jesse and Jenni Hartman
- Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
- Darci Niva –Sister of Ginger Lodmell
- Jennifer Even—Friend of the Community
- The Family of Ona DeWitte The Family of Jim Park
- The Family of Jarvis Brende

Our Response to God’s Love

Baltic: Dec 11: Attendance:55 General Fund: \$2355. Noisy Can: \$53.83

Dec 18: General Fund \$3585.60 Noisy Can \$123.28 Christmas offering \$130.

East Nidaros Dec 11: Attendance:29 General Fund: \$430.00 Noisy Can: \$79.33 Christmas Offering \$30.

Dec 18: Attendance: 77 General Fund \$940.00 Noisy Can \$9.12

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

- In loving memory of Rudy & Helen Schulz and Zane Schulz from Terry & Kaye Snow.
- In loving memory or Gerard & Anastasia Siemonsma, Gerald & Chad Siemonsma, Bob & Marcella Hembd from Tom & Becky Siemonsma
- In loving memory of Jim Park, Dorothy McFarland and Mike Warkenthien from Todd & Tammy Park.
- In loving memory of Judy Laue from Harry Laue.

Sunday, December 25th

Baltic

Joint Service at 10am at Baltic Lutheran Church
Holy Communion

East Nidaros

Things Happening Week of December 26th

Mon Dec 26

No Bible Study @ Baltic

Tues Dec 27

No Bible Study @ EN

Wed Dec 28

No Confirmation

Thur Dec 29

9am Newsletter Assembly

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Baltic

9:00 Worship

East Nidaros

10:30 am Worship and Live streamed on Facebook
@ EastNidarosLutheranChurch

DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Baltic Food Bank

East: Baltic Food Bank

Thank you for all the prayers for our daughter, Kami Van Sickle. We hope and pray that this third surgery is her last back fusion. She is doing much better and has been able to return to work part time. Any continued prayers will be appreciated! Tom and Becky Siemonsma

Fellowship Serving at Baltic Lutheran Church

Any members who wish to be added to serving for fellowship after Sunday service, please contact the office to add your name. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members. Also, any members who wish to be removed, please contact the office. Call 605-529-5471 and leave a message or email Lisa @ nidaros@alliancecom.net