

[We rise]
The Prayer of the Church
The Our Father (inside back cover of Service Book)
“God Bless Our Native Land” #965

The Service of the Sacrament p. 194
*[Please review our Communion Policy on
Page 1 of this Service Guide]*

[We are seated]
Hymn “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” #624
[We rise] **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** #805

The *Nunc Dimittis* p. 199
Thanksgiving, p. 200
Salutation, Benedicamus, p. 201
Benediction p. 202
[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]
Final Hymn **“Joy to the World”** #387

A Guide to The Divine Service

9:00 A.M.

25 December 2009



El Greco, “*The Nativity*” 1605

Puer natus et nobis

“Unto us a child is born!”

[Christmas Day] “Feast of the Nativity of our Lord”

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THE CONSERVATIVE REFORMATION AND ITS THEOLOGY, p. 159

Rev. Dr. Charles P. Krauth, 1871

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 185

Entr. Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #379

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon Unto us a / child is / born, * Unto / us a / Son is / given: || And the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the / Mighty / God: * The Everlasting / Father, the / Prince of / Peace.

Of the increase / of His / government * and peace / there will / be no / end. || Upon the / throne of / David, * and / o_ / ver His / kingdom.

Oh, sing to the Lord a / new_ / song: * For / He has done / marvel- lous / things. || His right hand and His / holy / arm: * Hath gotten / Him the / victor- / y.

Unto us a / child is / born, * Unto / us a / Son is / given: || And the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the / Mighty / God: * The Everlasting / Father, the / Prince of / Peace.

The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186

The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation, Collect p. 189

Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

Collect for the Season of Christmas: Lord God, gracious Father, who in the fullness of time didst send Thy Son to assume our flesh and become our Brother, we thank Thee for Thy truth and fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior, by whose birth we are delivered from sin, death, Satan, and hell; and we beseech Thee, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that, with all the holy angels, we may rejoice at His nativity and behold Him together with Thee and the Holy Ghost, in glory and majesty, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

First Old Testament of the Day Isaiah 9.2-7

[Unto us a Child is born]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsory: Hymn 358, 1-7

Second Old Testament of the Day Micah 5.2-5a

[He shall be great to the ends of the earth]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsory: Hymn 358, 8-15

Epistle of the Day Titus 3.4-7

[The kindness and love of God]

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Responsory: Hymn 362

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**

The Gradual and Nine-fold Alleluia

The Lord hath made known / His sal- / vation: *

His righteousness He hath revealed in the / sight of / all the nations. ||

He hath re- / membered His / mercy: *

And His faithfulness unto the / house of / Isra- / el.

All the ends of the earth: – Alleluia! / Alle- / uia!

Have seen the salvation of our God! / Alle- / lu_ - / ia!

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth: Alleluia! / Alle - / luia!

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises:

/ Alle - / lu_ / ia!

The Triple Alleluia p. 190

The Holy Gospel

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day John 1.1-18

[The Word became flesh!]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn:

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" #378

Sermon

[We rise]

The Offertory "Let All Together Praise Our God" #389

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!