

[We rise] **The Prayers of the Church**
 The Te Deum Laudamus Handout
The *Kyrie*, The Our Father, The Collects
 “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 “O Sing of Christ” #362
[We rise] “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #805

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

 [We rise for the Final Hymn]
Final Hymn “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice” #390

A Guide to The Divine Service

9:00 A.M.

1 January 2012



Testimonia tua fidelia facta sunt
“Thy testimonies are very sure”
[Alternate Sunday after Christmas]
“The Holy Family Sunday”

**The Eve of the Feast of
The Epiphany of our Lord
at Shepherd of the Springs
Lutheran Church**
Thursday, 05 January 7:00 p.m.

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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 "From Heaven Above" #358 [st. 1-7]

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon: I saw / also the / Lord: * Sitting upon a throne, / high and / lifted / up. || And I heard the voice of a great / multi - / tude: * Saying, Alleluia, for the Lord / God Omn - / ipo-tent / reigneth.

Make a / joyful / noise: * un - / to the Lord / all ye / lands. || Serve the / Lord with / gladness: * Come be- /fore His / presence with / singing.

Know yet that the Lord, / He is God: * It is He that hath made us / and not we our- / selves. || We / are His / people: * and the / sheep_ / of His / pasture.

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The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186
The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187
Salutation p. 189

Collect for the alternate Sunday after Christmas: O Lord, we beseech Thee to received mercifully the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee and grant that they may both perceive and know what things that ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee 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 The 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]

The Old Testament of the Day 1 Kings 8.6-13
[The Old Testament Ark Arrives in the Temple]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Hymn:
"From Heaven Above" #358 [st. 8-15]

Epistle of the Day Romans 12.1-5
[Present Your Bodies as a Living Sacrifice]
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**
The Gradual and Nine-fold Alleluia

Blessed / be the Lord / God: *
The / God of / Isra- / el. ||
Who only doeth / wondrous / things: *
And blessed be His / glori - ous / name for- / ever.
The mountains shall bring peace to Thy people: Alleluia! / Alle- / luia! *
And the hills, righteous. / Alle- / lu - / ia!
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands! / Alle - / luia!
Serve the Lord with gladness: / Alle - / lu - / ia!

The Triple Alleluia p. 190

The Holy Gospel
Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Luke 2.41-52
[Boy Jesus, the true Ark of the Covenant, arrives in the Temple!]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild" #546

Sermon

[We rise]
The Offertory "Create in Me" p. 192

[We are seated]

The offering is received
God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!