

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)**  
**Our Father, who are in heaven . . .**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**MUSIC PLAYED DURING COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG - ELW #267**  
**"Joy to the World"**

**DISMISSAL**

Christ is born!  
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**Prayers for healing and on-going health concerns: Cordell Haugen, Jean Batiuk (sister-in-law to Ann & Roger Mayert), Donald Light (grandson to Elsie Thompson), Thelma Bauer (sister-in-law to Myrtle Bauer), Mildred Litzenberger, Fred Mathiason (friend of Dennis & Annette Ulmer), Chad Mahlberg (family friend of Merv Bender), Richard & Leslie Wagner (brother & sister-in-law to Gladys Faber), Dorothy Banjac, Alice Greening, Evelyn Finch, Agnes Brown and Audrey Hodgson.**

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**Please join us Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
for Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to**

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**Christmas Day Service**  
**December 25, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

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Service Leader:	Pastor Fran Schmidt
Organist:	Elaine Serfas
Responsive Litany:	Audrey Johnson
Lighting of the Advent Wreath:	Cheryl Bauer Hyde
Reader:	Wayne Hyde
Greeters / Ushers:	Cheryl Bauer Hyde Wayne Hyde
Communion Assistants:	Everyone

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**Poinsettias are in "Loving Memory" of**

♥Lois Finnestad

~ Craig Finnestad & Colleen Bowen and Kai & Petra

♥Michael Kornaga

♥Bill & Tillie Gaura - ♥Marilyn Langstaff  
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♥John & Barb Meyers & ♥Janet Wahn  
~ Craig & Sue Meyers

♥Cliff Johnson  
~ Audrey Johnson

♥Orest Slywka - ♥Chrystal Marie Slywka  
~ Brad & Debby Slywka

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~ Art & Tracy and Brenna & Jordan Feher

♥Verner Sodenberg  
~ Astrid Sodenberg

♥Jolene Marie Mayer  
~ Donna Deobald

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY  
DECEMBER 25, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #288

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

Responsive Litany

During Advent, we have journeyed in faith toward God's wondrous gift.

**O Come, let us adore Him.**

During Advent, we stood in awe of God's saving grace.

**O Come, let us adore Him.**

During Advent, we recalled the promise of God's spoken word.

**O Come, let us adore Him.**

During Advent, we waited for the time of God's glorious arrival.

**O Come, let us adore Him.**

Tonight, our waiting is over, our eyes are open, and the gift is given.

**O Come, let us adore Him.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for guiding us throughout this season of wonder. We stand amazed at the promise now fulfilled and awed by your humble birth. Helps us receive, again, the joy and wonder of the greatest gift offered to the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our newborn King. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

Word of God, word of life.

. . . . Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 (read responsively)

Psalms begin on page 335 in Red Book

SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

Word of God, word of life.

. . . . Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 1-20

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #296

"What Child is This"

NICENE CREED (E.L.W. p. 104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, praying Hear us O God and responding, **Your mercy is great.**

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Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p. 206)

DIALOGUE (ELW, p. 206)

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**