

# Merry Christmas



Christmas Day Service

St. John Lutheran Church

December 25, 2021

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We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

*Hebrews 6:19*



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**Lutheran Hour is Sundays at 7am on 92.5 FM & 11am on 1450 AM  
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*We cordially welcome all who are worshiping with us this week.  
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom  
to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.*

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### **COMMUNION POLICY**

As an expression of our faith and fellowship as the Missouri Synod Lutherans we welcome to the Sacrament those baptized Christians who:

- confess and repent of their sins; believe in the Triune God, and in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior;
- believe that they receive Christ's true Body and Blood with the Bread and Wine for forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation;
- promise to change their sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Oneness at the altar requires oneness in doctrine, faith, and life (Acts 2:42). Therefore, "Let each person examine himself, and thus eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28)

**Visitors and Guests** - please speak with the Pastor or a Deacon before the worship service.

**Visitors and Members** - please fill out a communion registration card found next to the hymnals. Please hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

**Visitors** – please write your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entry way of the church.

**Parents** – we encourage you to bring your children up with you during the communion celebration for a pastoral blessing. Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

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***Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!***

# ***Divine Service Setting Four*** (p.203) **Christmas Day**

## Hymns

**Opening Hymn:** 388 – Go Tell It on the Mountain

**Hymn of the Day:** 382 – We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth

**Distribution Hymns:**

367 – Angels from the Realms of Glory

380 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

370 – What Child Is This

**Closing Hymn:** 387 – Joy to the World

## Readings

**First Reading** – Isaiah 52:7-10

**Psalm** – Psalm 2; antiphon: v. 7

**Epistle** – Hebrews 1:1-6

**Holy Gospel** – John 1:1-18

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## **Those Serving the Lord This Morning**

Officiant: Rev. David Weirauch

Organist: Deanna Karsten; Deacons: Willy Brege & Terry Bellmore

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### **First Reading:** Isaiah 52:7–10

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.



## Psalm: Psalm 2

1Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?  
2The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,  
3“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”  
4He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.  
5Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
6“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”  
7I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.  
8Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.  
9You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”  
10Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
11Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
12Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## Epistle: Hebrews 1:1–6

1Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making 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. 5For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

6And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

## Holy Gospel: John 1:1–18

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.