

**Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day
December 25, 2019
9:30 A.M.**



WELCOME TO GRACE

A blessed Christmas to all.

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

Incarnate God, on this Christmas Day we give you thanks for sending your Son to bring light to our darkness. Grant that we, like the angels over Bethlehem, may sing your praises in our hearts and lives.

C **Amen**

please be seated

Opening Sentences

A The night has passed. The light has dawned.
The hope of the world is hours old.

C **A baby is born, the Son of God, our infant Savior.**

A God's promises are fulfilled. The new covenant is written.

C **A baby is born, the Son of God, our infant Savior.**

A A virgin has borne a son. He has been called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C A baby is born, the Son of God, our infant Savior.

A Angels have announced his birth.
Shepherds have seen the newborn King, the baby Jesus.

**C Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!**

Lessons and Carols

Who Are these Angels Who Come to Earth?

Reading Luke 2:8-14

L Glory to God in highest heaven,
C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'The First Noel' vs 1 & 2 **300**

Who Are These Shepherds

Reading Luke 2:15-20

L Glory to God in highest heaven,
C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'Go Tell It on the Mountain' vs 1 & 2 **290**

Who Is This Child, So Small, So Slight?

Reading Hebrews 1:1-4

L Glory to God in highest heaven,
C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'What Child is This?'
vs 1 & 3 **296**

Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne?

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

L Glory to God in highest heaven,
C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'Angels, from the Realms of Glory'
vs 1 & 2 **275**

Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?

Reading John 1:1-14

P Glory to God in highest heaven,

C who unto us the Son has given.

Meditation

Hymn of the Day

'O Come, All Ye Faithful' vs. 1 & 4

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Christmas Creed

**C We believe in one God, who is Creator,
Ruler of the universe, Maker of all we see
and all we don't see: Source of all
creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus
Christ, God from God, Light from light,
true God and true human. He is one with
the Creator; the Word made flesh, our
Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us.
Who is one with the Creator; one with the
Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Mentor of all creation! Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Amen

Peace *The people greet one another saying: 'Peace be with you'.*

please be seated

offering received and presented

Hymn at the Offering

'Joy to the World' vs 1 & 2

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Offering Prayer

A Generous God,

**C you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth that become
the meal of your grace. Move in our
hearts, that we might use your gifts to
bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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Great Thanksgiving

P Wonderful Counselor!

C Mighty God!

P Everlasting Father!

C Prince of Peace!

P We bless your Name forever!

C Light of Light!

P Lord of Lords!

C King of Kings!

P Emmanuel, God with us!

C We bless your Name forever!

P True God, Giver of Life, Word of our Creator,
Spirit of Counsel and Might; God of our
essence, be with us now as we join in the
celebration of your love.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

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'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'	276

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Emmanuel, God with us,

C you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen

Benediction

P Grace from God's own heart, peace from the † Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn

'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice' **288**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is born!
Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Assistants: December 25

Greeters: Those who attend, greet each other.

Assisting Minister: Tom Jensen

Lector: Tom Jensen

Ushers: Volunteers needed

Accompanist: Becky Luett

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.

There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.

*If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

Other music:

Prelude:

"What Child Is This?" Traditional English Melody, arranged by Victor Labenske

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" arranged by Chip Davis

Postlude: "Angel's We Have Heard On High" arranged by Chip Davis.

Christmas Display

Name	In Memory/Honor of:
Valerie & Gary Sieg Carol Patrick	Helen Smith, Roy Sieg Judy
Mark & Marilyn Caitlin	Loved ones
Joe & Millie Wilharms	Loved ones
Ron & Diane Bailey	
Chuck & Mary Kruckeberg	Loved ones
Joyce Learman	Tony & Parents
Sandy Werth	
Bonnie Planner	William & Adeline Elias
Janice & Melissa Krahn, David Loos	Lee Krahn, Walter & Eleanor Loos, Tony & Eleanor Dillinger
John & Kay Elliott	
Carol Aldinger	Karl & Lori Demmin
Gene & Karen Krull	Melissa Heins
Joyce DeBaal	Jim DeBaal
Kay Oddegaard	

Thank you to all who gave to the Christmas Display!

Merry Christmas

