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The Nativity of Our Lord
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

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INTROIT ISAIAH 9:6; PSALM 98:1-4

P Unto us a Child is born.
C **Unto us a Son is given.**
P His name shall be called wonderful counselor, the mighty God,
C **The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**
P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
C **For He has done marvelous things;**
P The LORD has made known His salvation;
C **His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.**
P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
P Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
C **Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.**
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P His name shall be called wonderful counselor, the mighty God,
C **The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – MICAH 5:2-5

2"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet
out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are
from of old, from everlasting." 3Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she
who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children
of Israel. 4And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty
of the name of the LORD His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the
ends of the earth; 5And this One shall be peace.

EPISTLE READING – HEBREWS 1:1-6

1God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
2has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through
whom also He made the worlds; 3who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of
His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged
our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become so much better than
the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5For to which of the
angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to
Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son"? 6But when He again brings the firstborn into the world,
He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 2:1-20

[1]And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2]This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. [3]So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. [4]Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5]to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. [6]So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. [7]And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. [8]Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9]And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. [10]Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. [11]For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12]And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." [13]And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: [14]"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" [15]So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." [16]And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. [17]Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. [18]And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. [19]But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. [20]Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.