

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
REDLANDS, CA

TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**;
- C) who 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) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

HYMNS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Processional Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory LSB-367
Hymn of the Day: Now Are the Days Fulfilled..... TLH-99 (see bulletin insert)
Recessional Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn LSB-391

THE READINGS

ISAIAH 52:7-10

⁷ How 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."
⁸ The 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.
⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The 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.

HEBREWS 1:1-12

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."

⁷Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,

and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and
ever,

the scepter of uprightness is the
scepter of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and
hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed
you

with the oil of gladness beyond your
companions."

¹⁰And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the
earth in the beginning,

and the heavens are the work of
your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment,

¹² like a robe you will roll them up,

like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will have no end."

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. (¹⁵John 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.

How Are the Days Fulfilled

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Gal. 4: 4

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Nun ist die Zeit erfüllt

Author unknown, 1748

Tr., Frederick W. Herzberger, †1930, alt.

Was frag' ich nach der Welt

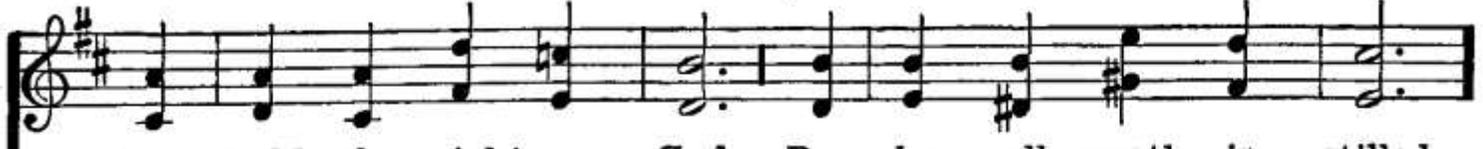
Ahasverus Fritsch, 1679



1 Now are the days ful-filled, God's Son is man-i - fest - ed,
 2 Now are the days ful-filled, Lo, Ja-cob's Star is shin - ing;
 3 Now are the days ful-filled, The child of God re - joic - es;



Now His great maj - es - ty In hu-man flesh is vest - ed.
 The gloom - y night has fled Where-in the world lay pin - ing.
 No bond-age of the Law, No curs - es that it voic - es,



Be - hold the might - y God, By whom all wrath is stilled,
 Now, Is - rael, look on Him Who long thy heart hath thrilled;
 Can fill our hearts with fear; On Christ our hope we build.



The wom-an's prom-ised Seed— Now are the days ful-filled.
 Hear Zi-on's watch-men cry: Now are the days ful-filled.
 Be - hold the Prince of Peace— Now are the days ful-filled. A - men.



CHRISTMAS DAY

THE LIVING AND LIFE-GIVING WORD OF GOD DWELLS AMONG US IN THE FLESH

The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples “of all the nations,” so that “all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” For the Lord has “bared His holy arm” in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The Child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only-begotten Son of the Father, “whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world” (Heb. 1:2). As “all things were made through Him” (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold “the radiance of the glory of God” (Heb 1:3), “glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.

Kids in the
DIVINE SERVICE



What is “The Festival of the Nativity of Our Lord”?

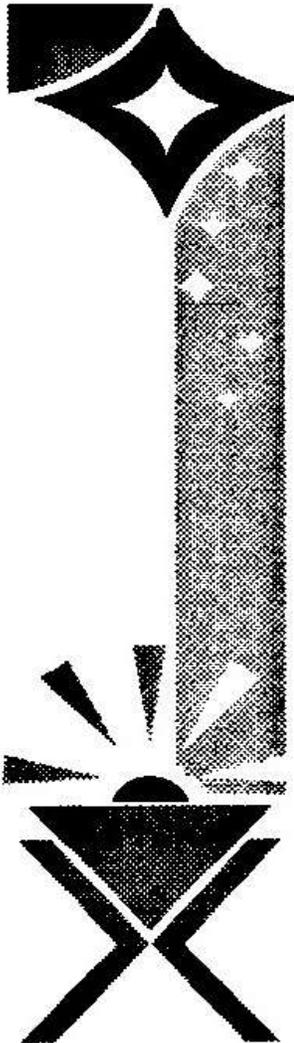
The Festival of the Nativity of Our Lord is the church’s way of saying “Christmas Day.” December 25th is one of the most important festival days in the church year. This is the day we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

Why do we do the things we do at Christmas?

Have you ever stood under mistletoe? Maybe you have helped someone make a wreath out of evergreen branches? If so, you have taken part in some very old Christmas customs. Actually, many of the things that we do at Christmas have their beginnings way back with the Romans. Early Christians soon saw some of these things as outward reminders of Christmas and began to use them in their own celebrations. For example, when we give and receive presents, we can remember the greatest gift that has ever been given, our Lord Jesus! After all, today we celebrate Jesus’ birthday, and He is the real reason for the season!

FOR PARENTS

What a great way to spend Christmas! Thanks be to God that you have brought your children to hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus today! When you go home, be sure to remind your children that Jesus is the best present we could ever have. He gave up His life so that we might have eternal life. What a great message to share!



INTROIT (*Psalm 98:1-4. Antiphon Isaiah9:6*)



For to us a child is born, to us a Son is | given; *
and the government shall be upon His | shoulder,

**and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God, *
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things! *
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

**The LORD has made known His sal- | vation; *
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; *
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is | given; *
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COLLECT

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Isaiab 9.6; Psalm 98. 1*)

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