

# THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
REDLANDS, CA

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## 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.

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### 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

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## THE READINGS

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### **ISAIAH 52:7-10**

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

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## HEBREWS 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but 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. <sup>3</sup>He 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, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For 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"

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire."

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

<sup>10</sup>And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup>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."

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## JOHN 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive

him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And 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. (<sup>15</sup>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.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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**INTROIT** (*Psalm 98:1-4. Antiphon Isaiah 9:6*)



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.**

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and the government shall be upon His | shoulder,

**and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God, \*  
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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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