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Prelude

“In Thee Is Joy”

J.S. Bach

Hymn

“Joy to the World”

LSB 387

Please Stand for Last Verse

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *Amen.*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C *who made heaven and earth.*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *Amen.*

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 141:1, 4, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

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.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

C *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of
Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our
lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C *Amen.*

Sit

In this Old Testament Reading the Lord offered to bless young King Solomon in any way he might choose. Solomon showed humility and purposefulness as he asked for wisdom so he could govern his people well. In time, "as wise as Solomon" became a proverbial phrase.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to

Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

P And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P Sing to the Lord a new song,

C for He has done marvelous things!

How long has God known you as his child through Jesus Christ? St. Paul tells us that already before he created the world God chose, predestined, and adopted those who are his. This adds its own sense of wonder to the mystery that is Christmas.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the

counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Only Luke's Gospel tells us something of Jesus' boyhood. Today we hear about Jesus, when twelve years old. His parents found him in the temple interacting with the teachers of the Word, who were astounded by his understanding and his answers. About Mary his mother we're told, "She treasured up all these things in her heart."

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother

said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.”⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

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Prayer of the Church

- P** ...let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C *And with thy spirit.*
P Lift up your hearts.
C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C *It is meet and right so to do.*
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven...

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

After the welcome, you may kneel or remain standing for the reception of the Lord's Supper. If you partake of our Lord's blood by individual cup, please hold it in plain view as the common cup passes.

Organ

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Hymn

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

Organ

“I Received the Living God”

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,*

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LSB 380

Postlude

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Preacher: Rev. Troy A. Countryman
Celebrant: Rev. Del L. Nack
Organist: Dr. Herman D. Taylor
Elder: Doug ZuHone
Assisting: Bill Havlik
Ushers: **8:00 am** Joel DuFrain, Fred Hood, Warren Moody, Clayton Wohltman
9:15 am Doug Blume, Bill Gass, Mike Stortzum
10:30 am Todd Thoman, Donna Homann
Acolytes: **8:00 am** Zach Prevo & Hannah Prevo
9:15 am Allie Diltz & Emma Diltz
10:30 am Chris Havlik & Lucas Kearney
Altar Guild: Sheryl Artmann Salinas & Therese Miller
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