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**THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY  
OF OUR LORD**

**24 DECEMBER 2022**

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## PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
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To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin He set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place,  
When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night,  
All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
“Glory to God and peace to men  
Now and forevermore. Amen.”

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PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS



HYMN OF INVOCATION

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OPENING VERSICLES

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**PSALMODY**

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OFFICE HYMN

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OLD TESTAMENT

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**CANTICLE**

CANTICLE HYMN

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

COLLECT FOR PEACE

## BENEDICTION

## HYMN TO DEPART

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## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

Tomorrow morning we as God's redeemed people, have the opportunity to worship and rejoice in the most holy and precious gift of Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Divine Service with Holy Communion begins at 8:30 a.m.

In regard to what we believe teach and confess concerning the Lord's Supper, please read, *A Word of Explanation and Instruction for Our Visitors.*

If you are visiting with family and are a communicant member of another LCMS congregation or if you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Dickmader *this evening before leaving church* about communing here in the morning.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas.

***A Word of Explanation and Instruction for Our Visitors:***

*The receiving of Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins is a unity, not only in doctrine but also of a common confession of faith. (Acts 2:42, 44; 1 Cor. 10:17, 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17). We believe and teach that unity of doctrine and confession of faith come prior to and not as a result of Communion. For God's Word clearly teaches that in the Sacrament the bread and wine are a communion or participation in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16); furthermore, those who misuse the Sacrament sin not against bread and wine but against Christ's body and blood (1 Cor. 11:27, 29).*

*Therefore, out of loving concern for souls, we ask that visitors who are of a different confession of faith and those who are not communicant members in good standing with another Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation—remain seated during the distribution. Pastor Dickmader would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about instructing you and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.*