

Christmas Eve
The Nativity of our Lord

December 24, 2015

SERVICE NOTES:

- Please note the Psalm of the Day is Psalm 96. The psalm is found on page 102 in the front of the hymnal.
- Please note the Scripture readings are printed on the back of the service folder.
- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Also mark page 24 so that you are prepared for the close of the liturgy.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE (p.15)
The Service of Preparation

PROCESSION - (Please stand)

(It is customary to face the processional cross during the procession)

THE HYMN – #90 “The People That in Darkness Sat”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The Service of the Word

FIRST READING – Isaiah 9:2-7

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 96 (hymnal, p. 102)

SECOND READING – Titus 2:11-14

VERSE OF THE DAY – Alleluia! Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 2:1-20 (King James Version)
(Read from the nave to symbolize Christ dwelling among his people)

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THE CHIEF HYMN - #37 “Once Again My Heart Rejoices”

THE SERMON

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Service of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT (p. 21f)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - #67 “What Child is This”

THE THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION (p. 25)

CLOSING HYMN - #60 “Silent Night! Holy Night”

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Paul Schaefer
Communion Assistant: Ron Bude
Organist: Kim Pappenfuss