

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Christmas December 29, 2024, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
John A. Behnke

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of mercy,

C **We confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty.**

C We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #267 *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

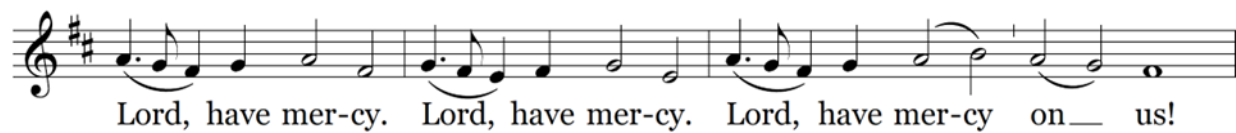
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

UKRAINIAN RITE KYRIE [*The cantor chants the petitions and we sing the responses*]

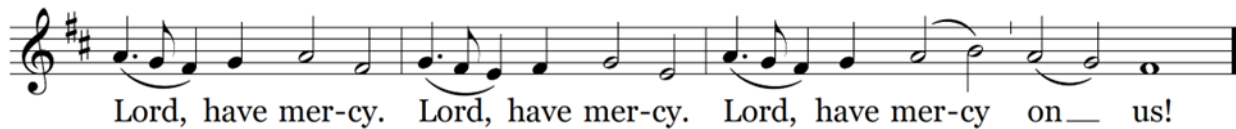
Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All:



Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. Let us pray to the Lord:

All:



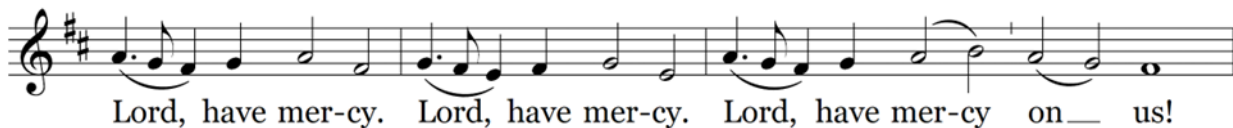
Cantor: Christ Jesus, you are God's true child, born of Mary. Let us pray to the Lord:

All:



Cantor: *Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh, full of grace and truth. Let us pray to the Lord.*

All:



Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Made popular by its introduction at the World Council of Churches' Sixth Assembly,
Vancouver, British Columbia, 1983.

HYMNIC GLORIA: *Angels We Have Heard on High*



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

C **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your Word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 2:19-20, 26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 148



¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
 who commanded, and they | were created,
⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.
⁷ Praise the Lord | from the earth,
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
⁹ mountains | and all hills,
 fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹² **young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together.
¹³ Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and
 heaven.
¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and**
praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the Lord. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with
 compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear
 with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another,
 forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also
 must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds
 everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of
 Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the
 one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you
 richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with
 gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to
 God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the
 name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through
 him.

L The Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

⁴¹ Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**

We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON:

The Reverend John Stoudemayer

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #718 *In A Lowly Manger Born*

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father

and the Son, who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic

church. We acknowledge one baptism for the

forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace, **C** **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The Old Year Soon Will Pass Away*

*The old year soon will pass away. We thank you, God, on this blessed day
that you protect us, still our fears, and see us through our trials here.*

*We pray, O Christ, eternal Son, who with the Father reigns as One,
to guard and guide your holy Church through all the ages yet to come.*

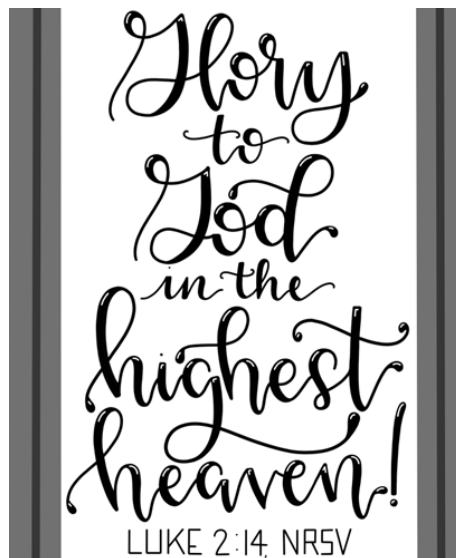
*Preserve us for your saving Word which guides and cheers us every day.
Abide with us, Lord, keep us free from error and hypocrisy.*

*Help us, O God, to turn from sin, a new and holier life begin!
We pray, forgive our wrongs, and bless the New Year with true happiness.*

*"Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Son has given."
With angels sing in pious mirth a glad New Year to all the earth!*

Text: Johann Steuerlein, 1546-1613, sts 1-5. St. 6, Martin Luther.

Tune: Tallis Canon, Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585.



We stand

OFFERTORY SONG: *O Lord, How Shall We Meet You*

O Lord, how shall we meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
Your peo-ple long to greet you, our hope, our heart's de - light!
We wait in ex - pec - ta - tion; your love for us im - parts
the hope to serve you glad - ly with hands, with minds, and hearts.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

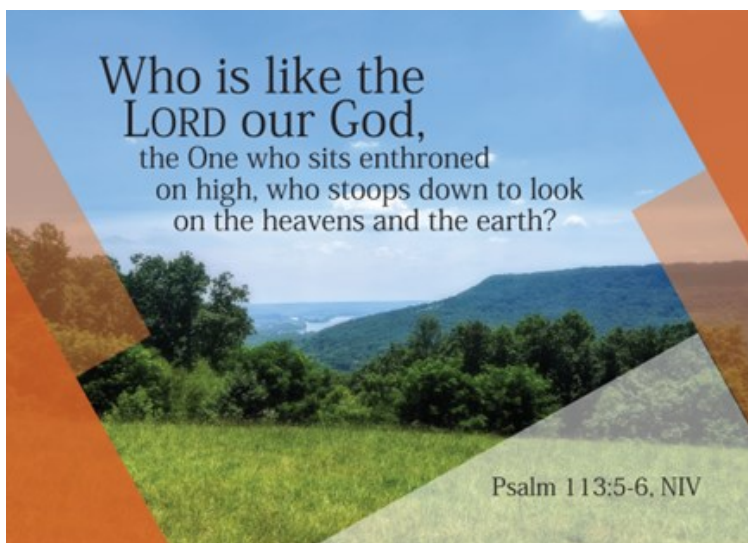
Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, st. 1 alt., RDH 2023.

Tune: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

All We lift them to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

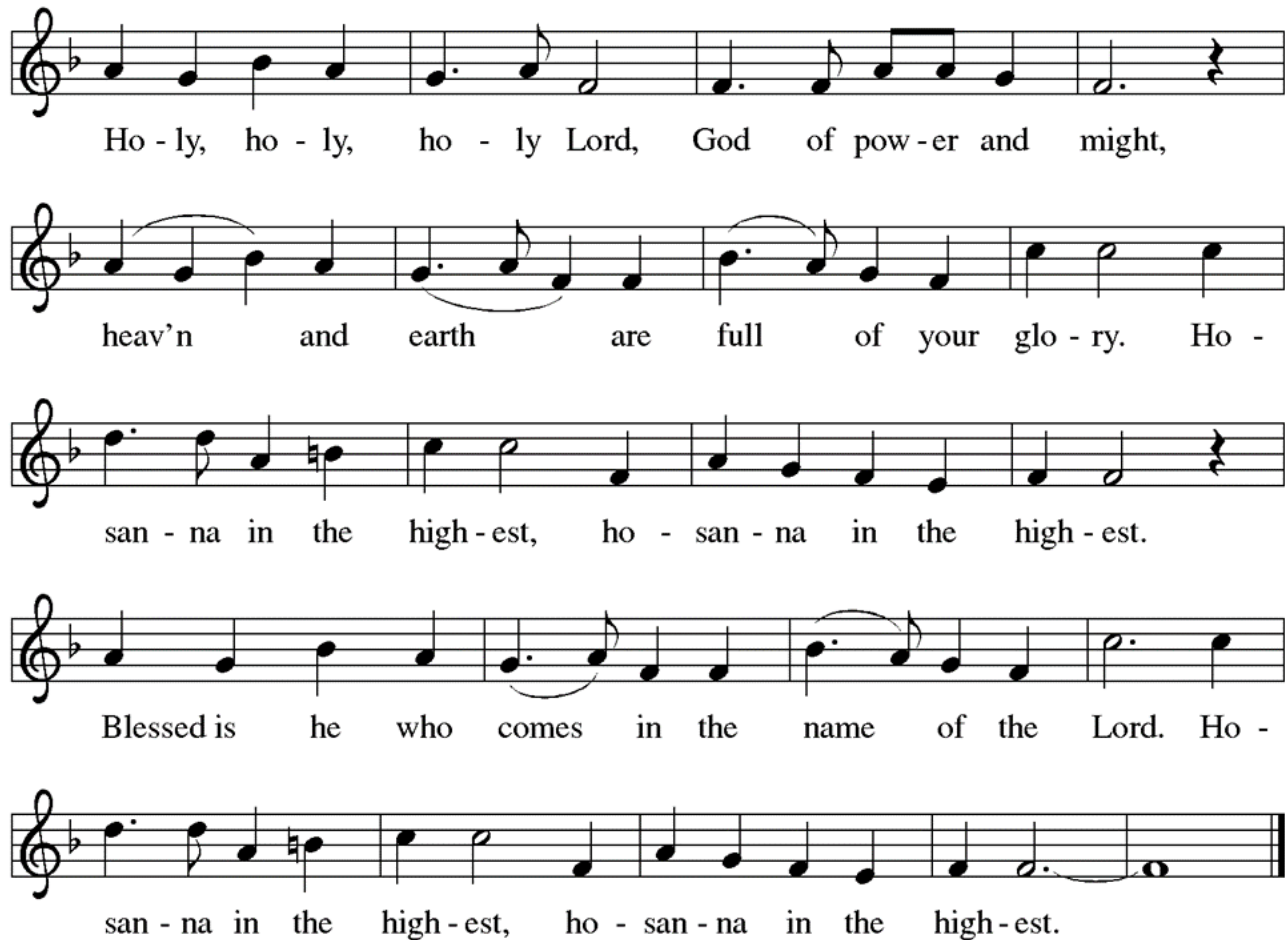
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of
your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be
drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and
the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:



SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine
in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and
resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be
restored in him. By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son. Through him all glory and honor
is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

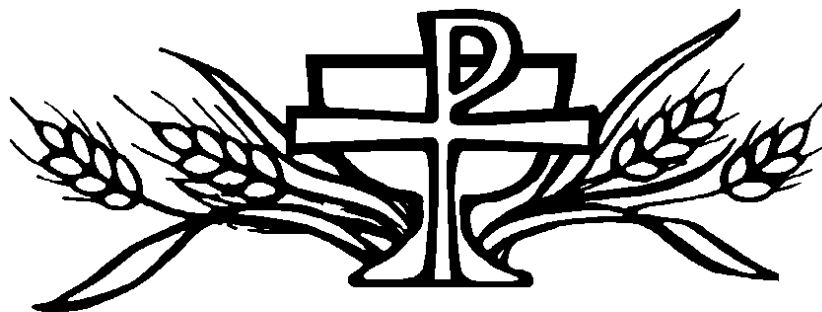
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

We sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the
gift of Jesus.



I am the bread of life

COMMUNION MUSIC: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

COMMUNION MUSIC: #487: *What Feast of Love Is Offered Here?*
#294: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

We stand

BLESSING

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father
✙ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #290 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain!*

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Johann Pachelbel





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To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*
LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*
WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*
SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*
SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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