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Holy Eucharist – Sundays at 9AM

Sunday School – Sundays at 9AM

***A Blessed & Merry Christmas to all!
Have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!***



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Festival Eucharist of the Incarnation (Rite II)

December 24, 2025

6:10 PM – Carols/Hymns – 6:30 PM – Holy Eucharist with Choir

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

It is our privilege to have you worship with us and share in the community of God's faithful as we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We celebrate our diversity, knowing that ALL are created in God's image and likeness. Please join us again on Sundays at 9 AM!

All are welcome...always!

On behalf of Fr. Terry, our Retired Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry, we wish you and yours a blessed and Merry Christmas! Peace and blessings to all!

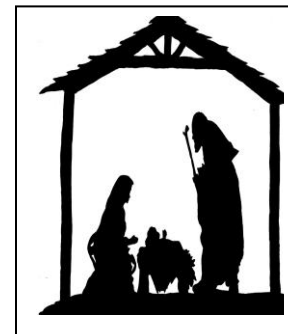
Prelude – Dance Prelude on “Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella” - Uhelein
Von Himmel Hoch, da Komm ich Herr - Pachelbel

The Word of God

The liturgy begins with a congregational hymn for the procession and to further a sense of unity among those assembled.

Hymn at the Procession #83 O Come All Ye Faithful

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.
Amen.***



Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Hymn of Praise #S280 Glory to God

The Collect of the Day concludes the entrance rite and introduces the Liturgy of the Word. These prayers are usually related in theme to the Gospel or the observance of the day.

The Collect of the Day

Please stand if able.

The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant *Let us pray.*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The public reading of scripture is a part of our inheritance from Judaism, and the adoption of the practice by the early church is attested in the New Testament. The Liturgy of the Word includes a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel lesson followed by a sermon. It concludes with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, the Confession, the Absolution, and the Peace.

The Breaking of the Bread is primarily a utilitarian act. Bread is broken to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord's body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.

In the words of St. Augustine, "Become what you eat," and so we take the love of God made known to us in Christ and share in the healing and restoration of creation.

Having heard the pronouncement of God's blessing upon us and all of creation, we are sent forth to be Christ in the world.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Invitation and Communion

Fraction Anthem #S161 *Lamb of God...*

The Communion of the People

****Spiritual Communion – on the back cover****

Communion Hymn *Still, Still, Still – arr. Joyce Eilers*
Post Communion Hymn #107 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Please stand if able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #111 *Silent Night*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #100 *Joy to the World*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude – In dulci jubilo – J.S. Bach

which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ’s self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #96 – Angels We Have Heard on High

Gospel **Luke 2:1-20**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom

All stand, as able, for the reading of the Gospel, which is preceded and followed by acclamations directed to Christ. The Gospel holds a place of honor as the final reading. The Gospel procession is symbolic of the Word coming to the people.

In the Sanctus, we join with saints and angels and all of creation in a song of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus #S125 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body,

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen*

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

To receive Holy Communion, please come forward. After receiving, return kindly to your pew. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to be blessed. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*
Arr. Cherwein

Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Gifts are collected and presented at the altar as a tangible sign of our daily work; it represents the first fruits of our labor. We give back to God in gratitude for what we have already received.

The Nicene Creed is our common affirmation of faith. It states what we as a church believe, even as an individual understanding may grow and change over time.

he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Terrence O’Connor, Jr.

The Nicene Creed
Please stand, as able.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as able.

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray: “Glorious Lord, ***grant us your peace.***”

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: Make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

Silence

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.

Silence

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you.

The people join in heart and prayer to offer our common petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings to God.

The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin (“missing the mark”) and our desire to live into the fullness of God’s will for us by accepting God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Stir up your strength, O Lord;
Silence
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

Silence
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.

Silence
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.

Silence
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.