



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*All About Mary: She Gave Birth*

Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
Traditional Service

## AS WE GATHER

The wait is over. The Child Mary carried, the Savior she pondered, has been born for you and for your salvation. On this holy day, you are welcomed to the manger bed of your Redeemer as heaven touches earth and the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. All through Advent, we have waited with Mary, hearing the promises, bearing the hope, watching for dawn to brighten the horizon. Today, we mirror Mary's joy as the promise is fulfilled. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not—*cannot*—overcome it. Come, let us adore Him—Christ the Lord—born of Mary, cradled in a manger, and given for you.

**Hymn of Invocation** “Joy to the World” LSB 387

### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Opening Sentences** *Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 33:16*

P: The Lord Himself will give you a sign.

**C: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**

P: In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

**C: And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”**

**Psalms** *Psalms 96:1–4a, 6, 9, 11–13a; antiphon: v. 2*

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

**C: tell of His salvation from day to day.**

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

**C: sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

**C: His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

P: For great is the LORD,

**C: and greatly to be praised.**

P: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

**C: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

**C: tremble before Him, all the earth!**

P: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**C: let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

P: let the field exult, and everything in it!

**C: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

**C: tell of His salvation from day to day.**

**Hymn of Praise** "What Child Is This" *LSB* 370

**Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 9:2–7*

P: *(after the reading)*...

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *Titus 2:11–14*

P: *(after the reading)*...

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)*

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** *(after the reading)*...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *LSB* 361

**Sermon** “She Gave Birth” *Luke 2:1-14*

**Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayers of the Church**

P: *(after each petition)*... Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Sentences**

P: He who is mighty has done great things for me.

**C: Holy is His name.**

P: To God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

**C: Amen. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!**

**Candlelighting**

During the following hymn, candles may be lit from the Christ Candle and passed throughout the sanctuary.

**Closing Hymn** “Silent Night, Holy Night” *LSB* 363

**4:00 PM Service - last verse will be sung in German**

4. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht  
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen  
Haar, *Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

**Benediction**

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.**