

Communion Hymns

Once in Royal David's City
LSB #376 v. 1-4

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
LSB #374 v. 1-3

The Benediction

Sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Pastor: Now may the good Lord bless and keep,
His love in you increase;
Lift up His face with shining grace,
and grant eternal peace.

People: To Father, Son and Spirit,
eternal One-in-Three,
Be thanks and praise through all our days
and to eternity.



REGULAR WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIME

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Contemporary Worship
	6:30 PM	SPL KIDS Education Time
	7:15 PM	Community Group
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Education Time (Adults/Youth/Children)
	10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

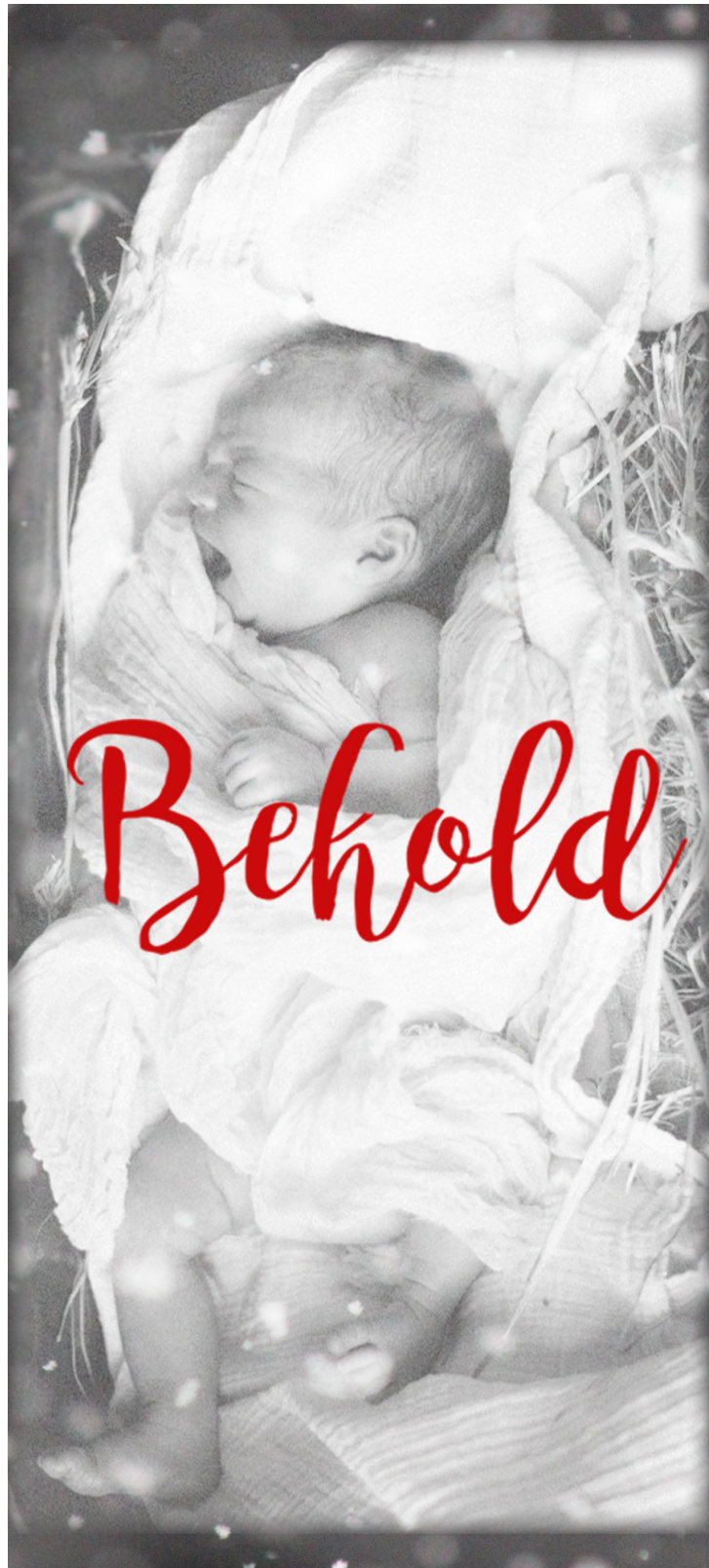
1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

**For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.*

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10:00AM

DECEMBER 25, 2018

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Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World
LSB #387 v. 1, 2, 4

Christmas Call to Worship

Pastor: Welcome, sisters and brothers, in the name of the newborn King, the Child sent by God to bring light into a dark world.

People: We welcome one another, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Come, let us celebrate.

People: Let us rejoice together.

Pastor: The Baby born in Bethlehem is a great Savior.

People: He is the Lord of all ages.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People: We have beheld His glory.

Pastor: Come, let us worship Him.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

All: (Sung) *O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Confession of Sins

Pastor: When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. We confess our unrighteousness, we plead for His mercy.

People: Most merciful God, we confess to You our sins, our most grievous sins, that we have committed against You. It is for them that the joy of Christmas will give way to the agony of the cross. We are sorry for them, we repent of them, we plead for Your mercy.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Christmas Collect

Pastor: O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Out of respect for Jesus and His words of life, we stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away

People: But Your Word will never pass away.

The Christmas Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshiped by shepherds, adored by wise men. He lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and all I am and have. I live under Him as my King, now and forever. Amen.

Message Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old
LSB #397 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

The Message

"Behold"

Pastor Mark Gearig

Offering

Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you & pass it to the center aisle.

Christmas Prayer

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of hope in our lives.

People: Inspire us to see that Your helping hand is always there to support us.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of faith in our lives.

People: Cause us to be more genuine in our worship, in our work, in our witness.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of joy in our lives.

People: Restore within us the joy of Your salvation.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of gratitude in our lives.

People: Make our family life, our festive times, and our fellowship activities authentic expressions of gratitude with generosity.

Pastor: O God, let this Christmas see a new birth of witness in our lives.

People: Challenge us to let Your light shine through our sharing and service and support of others.

Pastor: Hear our prayer for peace among nations, reconciliations among people, hope among the poor and lonely and the exploited. Make us willing instruments of peace and reconciliation and hope.

People: In the name of the Christ Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

Words of Institution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the back page. We encourage families to commune together.