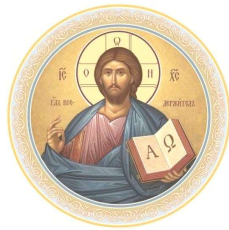


**Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”**

This is the joy of the Gospel. There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will.



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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Feast of the  
Annunciation of Our Lord

+ March 29, 2020 +

**THE FEAST OF THE  
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*“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.”*



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.*

*Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.*

*We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

**WELCOME:**

“There Eve believed the words of the evil angel and thereby was the recipient of sin and death into her heart. Here Mary believes the announcement of the good angel, and thereby obtains in her virginal body the Savior who once again took sin and death away from us. God grant that this story be fruitfully heard.”

—Johann Gerhard, *Postilla*

**Eastern Easter in a Western World**

*An Update on Worship at Christ Lutheran*

Gov. Reeves has recently ordered that Mississippi residents avoid gatherings in groups of ten or more people until April 17 (Executive Order No. 1463). Of course, with Easter falling on April 12, this is a great sadness to us who find our very identity in the Resurrection of our Lord.

But do not weep! For here we are presented with a unique opportunity. You may know that, while the whole Church on earth observes the church year together with all its times and festivals and seasons, the calendar of the Western Rite (or tradition) is staggered by a week from that of the Eastern Rite. So, while we in the Western world celebrate the Feast of Easter on April 12th this year, our Eastern kin will not celebrate it until April 19th.

Due to our highly unusual situation this year, we are going to join our Eastern brethren for a time, that we might not fast from the Lord's Feast of Victory on this highest and holiest of days. Because our quarantine will be lifted on April 17, briefly adopting the calendar of the Eastern Rite would allow us to celebrate the Feast in all its fullness, together as the Body of Christ, partaking of the Body (and Blood) of Christ.

To that end, see the revised schedule of services below, and note most importantly that **we shall celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 19**. Beginning Friday, April 17 (Good Friday, marked in red), our quarantine is lifted and we will meet together *at church*.

For those among us who remain in a risk category for this virus, please quarantine yourself as long as you feel necessary. Just because you are not here physically for the celebration of Easter does not mean that you are excluded. The pastors can visit you with communion so that you may participate in this joyous occasion with the rest of the saints.

Dear Christians, our fast is soon to end, for Easter is drawing nigh. Peace be to you all.

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Service</u>
Sunday, March 29	The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord
Wednesday, April 1	Lenten Midweek Vespers
Sunday, April 5	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Wednesday, April 8	Lenten Midweek Vespers
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 16	Maundy Thursday
<b>Friday, April 17</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	<b>The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord</b>

**Life at Christ... while You're at Home:** Don't let quarantine keep you down! The good Lord continues to give you His gracious gifts. Join us, even from afar:

- Find bulletins and audio recordings of CLC's worship services in your email inbox (contact Sister Sara if you have not received them). They will be sent in time for you to participate at our normal service hours, that we may "not give up meeting together" (Hebrews 10:25).
- Find video of our worship services streamed on the Christ Lutheran Facebook page.
- Follow Christ Lutheran on Facebook for daily encouragement and updates.
- Check the church blog ([ChristLutheranJacksonMS.org/LifeAtChrist/](http://ChristLutheranJacksonMS.org/LifeAtChrist/)) for articles and meditations from your pastors.
- Contact us – by phone, email, Facebook, or carrier pigeon – with concerns, prayer requests, questions, and thoughts. We are here for you!

Even and *especially* in times of crisis, God is with His people – you don't have to go it alone. Join together with your family here at Christ Lutheran, wherever you may be, as we await the celebration of our Lord's victory over the grave!

**Readings for next Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Fifth Sunday in Lent:**

Introit Ps. 116:1-4, 8; Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53.

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***This week at Christ Lutheran Church: March 30 – April 5***

**Wednesday 6:00 p.m.** Lenten Vespers Online

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.** Divine Service Online – **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**



YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW...

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE IV

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.*

## OPENING HYMN

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

## CLOSING HYMN

**My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

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## POSTLUDE

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## Serving Today:

**Celebrant:** Rev. George Fields

**Liturgist:** Rev. James R. Holowach

**Cantor:** Rachel Landrum

**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields

*Special thanks to Rush Agent and Eric Held for coordinating the audio and video recordings of the services during this quarantine.*

**Lenten Vespers – Wednesday Nights at 6:00pm:** This year, we are examining those attitudes and habits that are incongruous with our new life in Christ through the lens of our fallen eyes – our Betraying Eyes, Denying Eyes, Murderous Eyes – eyes that will serve not only as a metaphor for our sinful hearts, but also as a metaphor for contrition and faith by which we gaze upon Christ crucified and risen for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Throughout this Season, “let us fix our eyes on Jesus” (Heb 12:2), turning from all that might separate us from Christ to walk in newness of life, that we may be ready to enter with Him into the Paschal Feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end.

3/4/20: Midweek 1 – “Betraying Eyes”

3/11/20: Midweek 2 – “Sleepy Eyes”

3/18/20: Midweek 3 – “Denying Eyes”

3/25/20: Midweek 4 – “Murderous Eyes”

4/1/20: Midweek 5 – “Worldly Eyes”



Please stand following distribution of communion

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser- vant De-  
2 All glo- ry to the Fa- ther, All  
part in heav'n- ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo- ry to the Son, All glo- ry to the  
glo- ry Of Your re- deem- ing grace:  
Spir- it, For- ev- er Three- in- One;  
A light to lead the Gen- tiles Un-  
For as in the be- gin- ning, Is  
to Your ho- ly hill, The glo- ry of Your  
now, shall ev- er be, God's tri- une name re-  
peo- ple, Your cho- sen Is- ra- el.  
sound- ing Through all e- ter- ni- ty.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT: EXSPECTANS EXSPECTAVI DOMINUM** Psalm 40:5-11; Ant. Psalm 40:11



*As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me; \*  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!*

**You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you!\***

**I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.  
Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.\*  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.**

Then I said, "Behold, | I have come; \*  
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:  
I desire to do your will, | O my God; \*  
your law is with- | in my heart."

**I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation; \*  
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, | O LORD.  
I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and your sal- | vation; \***

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great  
congre- | gation.**

*As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me; \*  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!*

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me; \*  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!*

**THE LITANY**

- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.

- L** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,
- C** hear us.
- L** God the Father in heaven,
- C** have mercy.
- L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- C** have mercy.
- L** God the Holy Spirit,
- C** have mercy.
- L** Be gracious to us.
- C** Spare us, good Lord.
- L** Be gracious to us.
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
- C** Good Lord, deliver us.
- L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- L** We poor sinners implore You
- C** to hear us, O Lord.

**AGNUS DEI**

*John 1:29*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to one of the pastors are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to a pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

**(Tune #413)**

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| <p>1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee<br/>My heartfelt thanks forever be,<br/>Who hast so lovingly bestowed<br/>On me Thy body and Thy blood.</p> | <p>2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:<br/>What wealth is come to me this day!<br/>My Savior dwells within my heart:<br/>How blessed am I! How good Thou art!</p> |
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**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;  
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;  
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;  
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** we implore You to hear us.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** grant us Your peace.

- L** O Christ,            **C** hear us.
- L** O Lord,            **C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,           **C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,            **C** have mercy. Amen.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

O Lord, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of the angel to the virgin Mary, so by the message of His cross and passion bring us to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 7:10-14*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Ps. 45:6-7*



Your throne, O God, is forever and | ever.\*  
 The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;  
 you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.\*  
 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of | gladness.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**PREFACE**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition of the prayer:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*For comfort, health and recovery:* **GINNY BARTON, CHERYL BODKIN, MICHELLE EVERETT, CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, SONNY PAYNE, JILL SONKA;**

*For those who are ill or distressed:* **Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Kimberly Airhart, Layne Bagley, Rose Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Paula Burkhalter, Amie Caroll, Bobby Carroll, Arthur Collins, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Mike Ellis, Robert (Andy) Evers, Michele Rae Fowler, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Hugh Hunt, Beth Jarratt, Jimmy Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Alex Kettler, Arlene Kleinschmidt, Eleanor Koster, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Mark Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Lindberg Moore, Jerry Mutter, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Janea Parker, Deborah-Annette Ried, Elmira Roever, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sally Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, MariLyn Unger, Betty Venator, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Celia Weidner, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler, Vernon Zeigler;**

*For college and graduate students:* **Jake Everly, Sara Fields, Keith Martin, Claudia Nelson, Roselynn Nelson, Katie Rudsenske;**

*For military servants and their families:* **Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Christopher Martin, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;**

*For foreign missionaries:* **David and Shelee Warner;**

*This week's prayer family:* **Roger & MariLynn Fuhrer** and their loved ones.

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Please stand*

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 10:4-10*

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:26-38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a

son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

OFFICE HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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SERMON

*The Annunciation*



*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)  
the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)  
maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)  
and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)  
the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)  
God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)  
very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made, (Jn 1:2)  
being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)  
by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)  
who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)  
came down from heaven (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)  
and was made man; (Jn 1:14)  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)  
He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)  
and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)  
and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 7:55)  
And He will come again with glory (Mt 26:64)  
to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)  
whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)  
the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)  
who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)  
Amen. (Ps 106:48)

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian*: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine