ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord — December 24, 2008
Service of Holy Communion – II — 7:30 P.M.

The Prelude "O Beauteous Heavenly Light"		J.S. Bach
An Anthem "Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming"		Carol
*The Corporate Confession and Forgiveness		p. 193
†*The Entrance Hymn	(4)	# 50
*The Greeting	(5)	p. 78
*The Kyrie	(6)	p. 78
*The Hymn of Praise	(7)	p. 81
*The Prayer of the Day	(8)	p. 14
The First Lesson	(9)	Isaiah 9:2–7
The Psalm 98		p. 262
The Second Lesson	(12)	Titus 2:11–14
*The Alleluia	(14)	p. 83
*The Holy Gospel	(15,16)	Luke 2:1–20
The Sermon		Pastor Phyles
*The Hymn of the Day	(19)	# 40
*The Nicene Creed	(21)	p. 84
*The Prayers	(22)	p. 85
An Anthem "Glory to God"		Rogers
The Offertory	(25)	p. 86
*The Offertory Prayer	(26)	pp. 87–88
*The Great Thanksgiving	(28)	p. 88
*The Preface Hymn	(29)	p. 89
*The Prayer of Institution	(33)	p. 90
*The Lord's Prayer (either version)		p. 91
The Communion (Lamb of God) (36, 37)		p. 92
Carols During the Administration		# 67, 41, 60, 58
*The Post-Communion Canticle (39)		p. 92
*The Post-Communion Prayer (40)		p. 94
*A Carol "Silent Night"		# 65
*The Benediction	(48)	p. 95
*The Departure Hymn		# 71
*A Moment of Reflection		
*The Postlude "Wie Schön Leuchtet"		Philipp Nicolai

**Congregation standing* †*Latecomers may be seated*

Lay Assistant: Steve Gemma
Lector: Philip and Susan Reed
Crucifer: Julia Bott
Ushers: Chip Bott and Shannon Bott

The flowers on the Altar this evening have been presented by the Faust family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Faust.

On this Christmas Eve, we gather at the manger to celebrate the sacrament of holy communion and to mark the birth of our Lord in this special and appropriate manner. St. John practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized Christians who have been admitted to the Table in other traditions are welcome to share the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Young children may also come to the Altar, folding their hands to indicate they are to receive a pastoral blessing. If you prefer to receive the elements in your place, please so inform an usher.

We extend a warm and cordial welcome to all visitors who may be worshipping with us this night. We are delighted by your presence and invite you to worship the newborn King with us next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and throughout the coming year.

We shall use Setting II of the liturgy for our worship. During the administration of the sacrament, the congregation is invited to join in the singing of the carols noted.

We express our deep appreciation to Margaret Knowlton and the members of the Chancel Choir for their beautiful musical contributions to our worship celebration.

Offering envelopes and congregational calendars for 2009 are available downstairs. Please take yours home if your have not yet done so. Our sincere thanks go to the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home of Peabody for presenting the calendars.

The Flower Chart for 2009 is posted on a bulletin board downstairs. Please reserve Sunday(s) as you wish. The cost remains $30.00 per Sunday. If the cost is prohibitive or if a Sunday is taken, we encourage you to share a Sunday and its costs. The bulletin dedication will reflect the wishes of both parties.

We encourage you to take your poinsettia(s) home following the service tonight. Those that are left will be shared with our sick and shut-in. We deeply appreciate all who have placed poinsettias for the beautification of the chancel.

A gentle reminder: While young children are always welcome to take part in the services of God's house, please take them downstairs if they should begin to disturb the attention to worship of others.

We extend to all members and friends of St. John warmest wishes for a joyous and blessed celebration of our Lord's birth and pray that the blessings of this season will remain with you throughout the new year.