Season: Christmas Sundays

Liturgy: Morning Prayer (Matins)

Book: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006)

*This service should be used only when no ordained presbyter (pastor) is presiding. If an ordained presbyter is presiding, use the Holy Communion liturgy instead.*

*Additional notes:*

* *Read the rubrics in the ELW carefully.*
* *Traditionally only one lesson is read at morning prayer, that being a reading from the Old Testament, though the reading is often longer than the one provided for in the lectionary for Sunday mass. The reading may be drawn from the daily lectionary for the prayer offices if preferred.*
* *The rubrics for silence and the inclusion of a psalm prayer are commended. The psalm prayers may be found in the ELW Altar Book.*
* *The closing section (beginning with the Paschal Blessing) is optional but commended for Sundays, feasts, and festivals. If dropped, employ the benedictions where indicated in the rubrics.*
* *If using the Paschal Blessing, do not use the benediction on p.306.*

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p.299 Psalmody

*Venite exultemus* (“Come, let us sing to the Lord…”)

Psalm \_\_\_

Psalm \_\_\_

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Word

Readings

Sermon

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p.303 Gospel Canticle: *Benedictus* (“In the tender…Blessed are you…”)

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p.306 Blessing (“Let is bless the Lord…”

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Resurrection Gospel according to St. Luke

#\_\_\_\_ *Te Deum* (“We praise you, O God”)

Prayer

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