

Sunday, December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion

\* stand +kneel

## **GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** O Little Town Of Bethlehem Lewis Redner. arr. James Koerts  
Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime traditional French/ Native American Carol  
On Christmas Night ALL Christians Sing. arr. Lloyd Larson  
Gesu Bambino. Pietro Yon arr. Lloyd Larson  
Once In Royal David's City arr. Peter Hollins. Dianna Curry flute.  
While Shepherds Watched arr. Peter Hollins. Dianna Curry flute.  
In The Bleak Midwinter arr. Peter Hollins. Dianna Curry flute.  
Christmas Time with Angels We Have Heard On High Michael W. Smith and Joanna  
Carlson arr. Lloyd Larson  
Of The Father's Love Begotten arr. Gilbert Martin  
See Amid The Winter's Snow Mary McDonald arr. John Goss  
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen arr. Michael Helman

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C- Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

P- God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C- Amen.**

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C- have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In**

**your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P- Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones,

holy and beloved,

forgiven in Christ,

and freed to respond in joy.

**C- Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (ELW 283)**

## O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

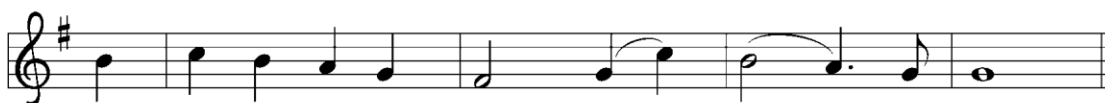


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

### *Refrain*



*Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,*  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



*ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.*  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

### **GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

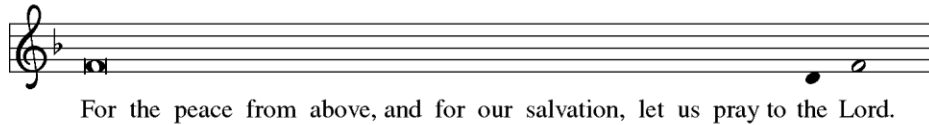
*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

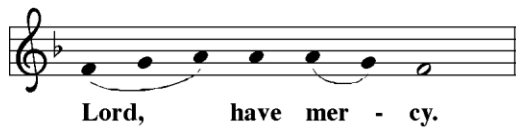
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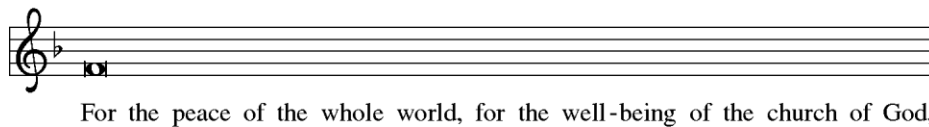
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



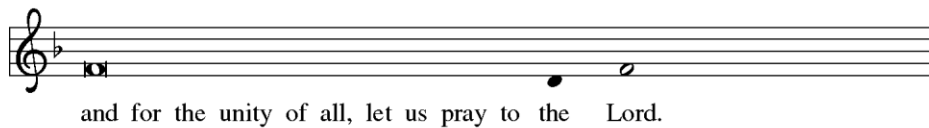
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



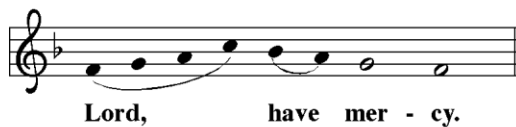
Lord, have mer - cy.



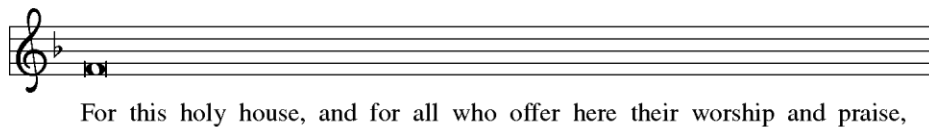
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



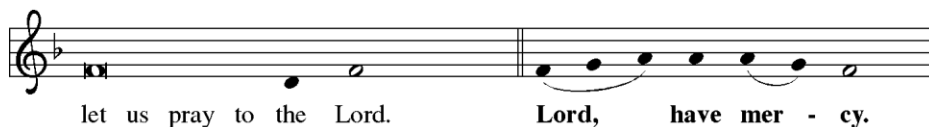
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



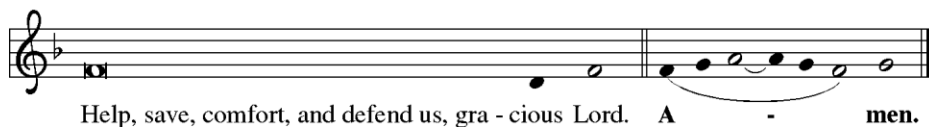
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW 289)**

## Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



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in ex - cel - sis

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- o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
Music: GLORIA, French carol

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P- Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C- Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

### **WORD**

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*God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.*

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!*

- <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 96**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge  
the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is  
therein.

<sup>12</sup> **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,  
for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.

**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

<sup>11</sup> The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

### GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

*The gospel is announced.*

P- The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C- Glory to you, O Lord.**

P- <sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He

went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW 270)

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



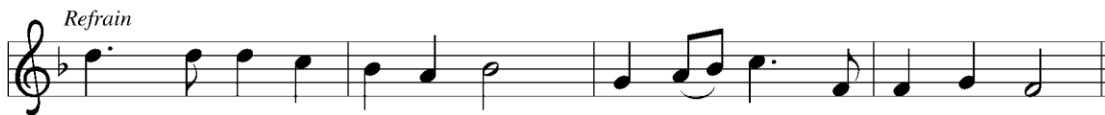
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

### ALL- \*APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

*A brief silence.*

P- Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send us into the world, proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace,

**C- receive our prayer.**

P- The seas roar, and the trees of the forest sing for joy. As creation resounds with praise, inspire us with awe, reverence, and a renewed care for all that fills the fields, skies, and seas. God of grace,

**C- receive our prayer.**

P- The nations declare your glory. Uphold the leaders of the earth with your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict (*places experiencing war or violence may be named*). God of grace,

**C- receive our prayer.**

P- The holy family finds shelter around the animals' manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who are alone this holiday season, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and mercy (*especially*). God of grace,

**C- receive our prayer.**

P- A child is born for us and light shines on the weary. Watch over those who give birth this night and attend to those who are dying. Be present in our joys and in our sorrows (*local joys and concerns may be named*). God of grace,

**C- receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P- The heavenly host praises you. With thanksgiving for Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, sustain us in the blessed hope revealed this night. Fashion us by their example into a people zealous for good deeds, sharing your love and mercy with all. God of grace,

**C- receive our prayer.**

P- We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C- Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C- And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC-** Mary Did You Know Dianna Curry flute Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry arr. Kathy Mattea

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW 884)**

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.*

Let us pray.

P- God of heaven and earth,  
from the beginning, you have called forth life,  
in which you take delight.  
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.  
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,  
that we may join the chorus of creation  
to tell of your salvation from day to day.

**C- Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

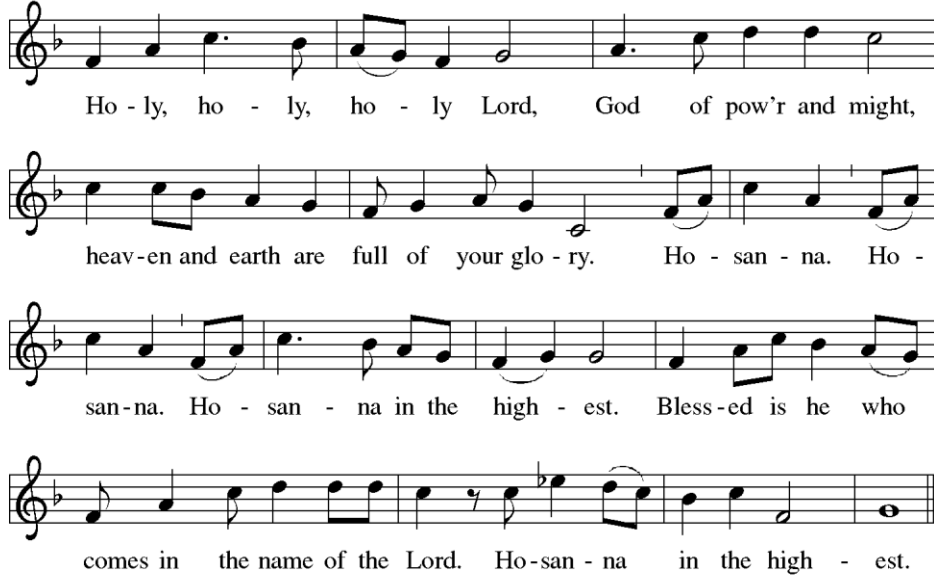
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
 you have opened the eyes of faith  
 to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
 that, beholding the God made visible,  
 we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P- Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

P- Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



**C- Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P- With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**C- Come, Lord Jesus.**

P- Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**C- Come, Holy Spirit.**

P- All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**C- Amen.**

#### **ALL\_ LORD'S PRAYER**

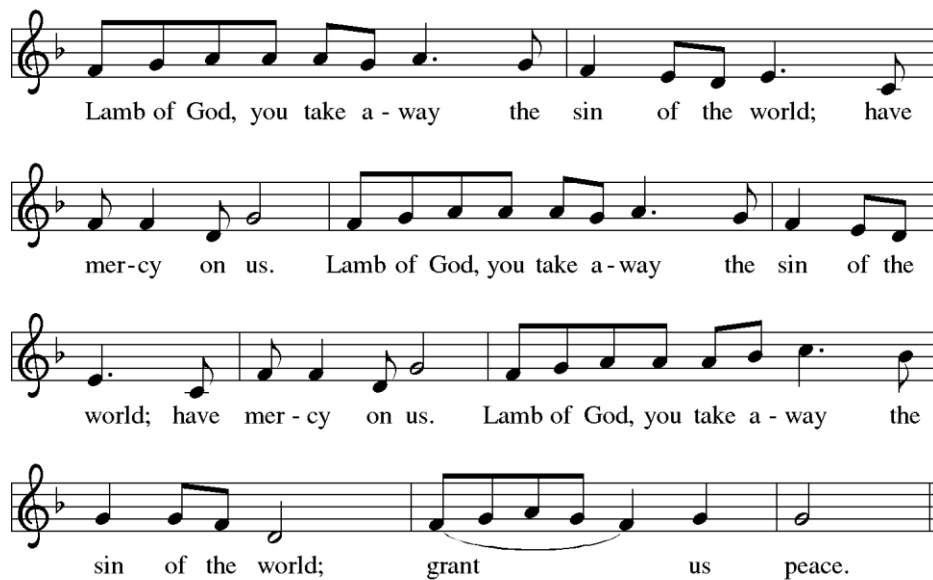
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P- A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.  
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

### \*COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

P- The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*

Amen.

*The ministers commune either after or before others commune.*

### \*TABLE BLESSING

*The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds*

P- The body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in his grace.

**C- Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

P- Merciful God,

we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.

Strengthened by this goodness,

send us forth to announce your peace,

comfort the afflicted,

and share the good news of great joy.

**C- Amen.**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

P- The God of love,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

lavish you with grace,

illumine your path,

and increase your joy,

today and always.

**C- Amen.**

**THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

P/ Christ, the Light, has come!

**C/ Emmanuel! Share the Light!**

P/ The people who had been in darkness have seen a great light.

**C/ The Light of God's Love shines in our darkness; our darkness has not overcome God's brightness.**

*As the pastor reads the litany for candlelighting the ushers will receive the light from the Christ Candle, then pass the flame to the first worshiper in each pew. Always keep the lighted candle vertical. Tip only the unlighted candle to receive the flame. The Hymn will be played softly until all candles are lit. The Congregation will then sing Silent Night.*

Silent Night, Holy Night!  
*Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!*



*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



*ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



*Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher*  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



*Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885  
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

**SENDING SONG *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)**

## Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### DISMISSAL

P- Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C- Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE- In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729

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One vase placed in honor of Matt Platt's birthday by Glenn and Helen Miller.

One vase placed in honor of Nicholas Maldonado, Happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by Mom and Dad.

**Important** Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

**Pastoral Coverage** –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

**Reminder: Hospital visits** -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

**Attendance for Dec 15, 2024** 38 in person, 216 views and 2 shares as of Dec. 18, 2024.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

We will once again provide gift cards for needy families for Christmas. Requests must be given in writing to the office but will only be approved by the pastor.

The annual Mitten Tree will be in the narthex during the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, hats, and any other appropriate items.

The items will be divided between Servants to All and Schuylkill Hope Center (formerly Women in Crisis.)

Birthday cards: Betty Bailey will be 92 on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please send cards to: Betty Bailey, Box 277, Auburn, PA 17922

The snowflakes on the tree in the narthex were made by the Sunday School children. The crocheted snowflakes were made by Holly Maldonado.

Thank you Dianna Curry for being our featured musician and gracing us with her musical gifts on the flute.

Thank you to Matthew Hayes for the prelude music tonight. A special thank you to Diana Curry for sharing her talents with us tonight. Thank you to Linda for all she does during the year. – Pegi Staller.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff at St. Paul;s Lutheran Church.

#### **.IMPORTANT DATES**

Dec 24- Service at 6:30 pm

Dec 29 Service at 10:30 with no communion

Jan 4 Spoken service at 5 pm

Jan 5 Services at 8 and 10:30 am

#### **STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:**

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$23.00
Local Benevolence	\$103.00
Current	\$1076.43
Plate Offering	\$55.00
<b><u>Total Received</u></b>	<b><u>\$1251.43</u></b>

**2024 weekly envelope and plate budget: \$3,281.21**

#### **"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"**

**Today:** 10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl

**Tuesday:** Office Closed

**Wednesday:** Office Closed Merry Christmas

**Thursday:** 6 pm Bell rehearsal

**Next Sunday:** 10:30 am Worship Service no communion

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Mon: Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Tues: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Wed: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Thu: Psalm 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

Fri: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24

Sat: Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7

### **ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

**Greeter: 6:30 pm**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector: 6:30 pm**

**Ushers: 6:30 pm**

**Counting Team:** Service you attend

**Council Greeter: 6:30 pm** Debbie Hummel

**Communion Assistants: 6:30 pm** Debbie Hummel

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm

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Keep in your prayers: Charles Hawk, Sr., Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Cathy Moran, Diane Werner, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary, Peggy Davis, Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Kermit Snyder, Paulette White, Joseph and Linda Catizone, Don MacIntyre, Maxine Vanst, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.