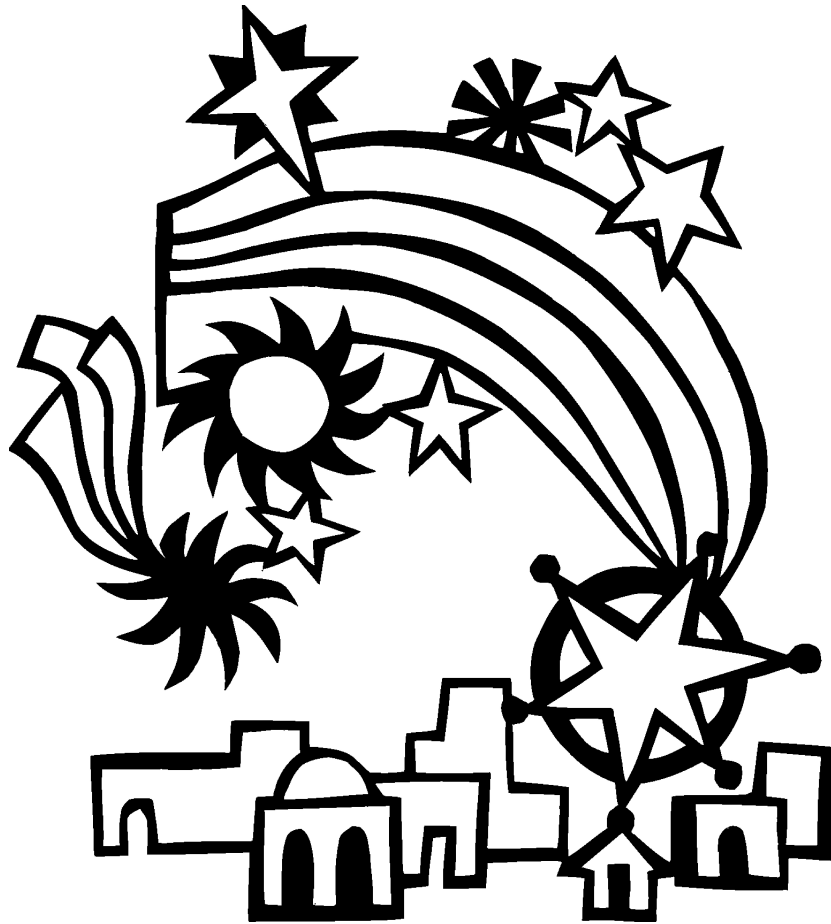


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



25 December 2022  
Christmas Day  
10:30 am

*As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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**25 DECEMBER 2022**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting III • 10:30 am**

### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

***GATHERING – "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."***

**PRELUDE** – "Variations on 'Angels We Have Heard on High'"

Larry Visser

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Lutheran Book of Worship

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Originally written in Latin in four stanzas, John Wade is recognized as both author and composer of the hymn "Adeste fideles". By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, four additional stanzas had been added by other writers. A music teacher at an English college in Douay, France, he hand copied and sold chant music for use in the chapels of wealth families.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

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

## CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE AND GREETING

- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
- C** **The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.
- C** **We have beheld Christ's glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
- C** **In him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**



Although this hymn is well-known and much-sung, neither the author of the French text nor the translator of the English text is known. There are even varying opinions about when the hymn was first written. The melody is a French tune commonly associated with the words we sing.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**ELW 289**

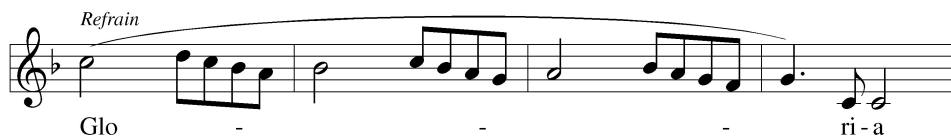
**Angels We Have Heard on High**



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.



*Refrain*  
 Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”**

*Isaiah proclaims news of great joy: “Your God reigns!” Just as God saved the people from oppression in Egypt, God delivers Israel from exile. All the earth will witness the saving acts of God.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted the chosen people, and has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The holy arm of the Lord is bared before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 98 (Spoken responsively.)**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

*This letter opens with a lofty declaration of Jesus’ preeminent status as the Son through whom God created the world and through whom our sins are cleansed. God speaks to us now through the Son, who is exalted even above the angels.*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and sustains all things by his powerful word. When the Son had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be “full of grace and truth.”*

### GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The Word was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through the Word, without whom not one thing came into being. What has come into being in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>John himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>The light was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of a man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

*Please stand as you are able.*



*Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 295**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite  
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

**NICENE CREED**

- A** With the whole church let us confess our faith
- C** We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**A** With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

**A** The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**





**A** Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ, especially Bill Schaal, Sr. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”**

**VOLUNTARY – "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Charles Ore

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C** **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

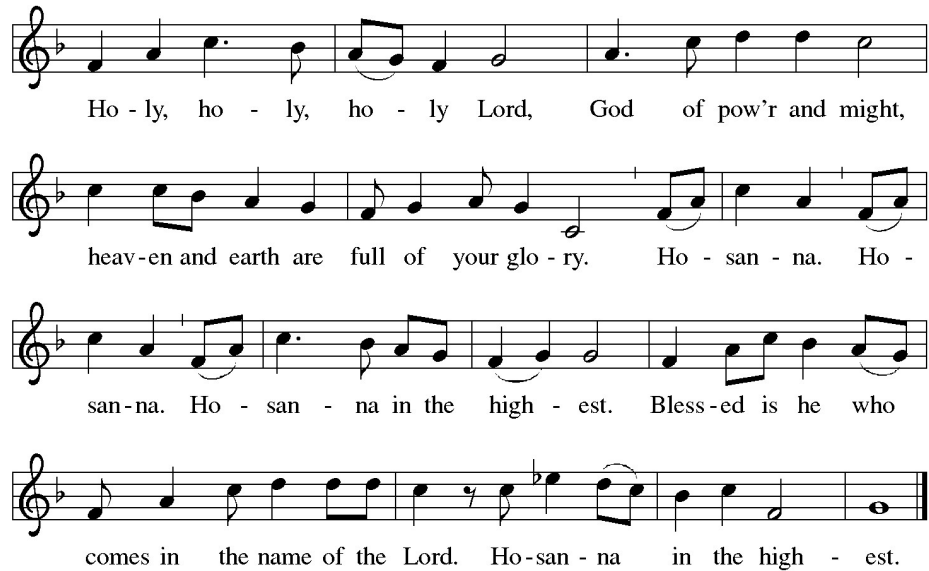
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** 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:





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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy God, the Beginning and the End,  
 our Salvation and our Hope,  
 we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.  
 When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,  
 you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages  
 your Son Jesus came to bring us your love  
 and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
 his life, death, and resurrection,  
 we await his coming again  
 in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us  
 and on this bread and wine we share:  
 strengthen our faith,  
 increase our hope,  
 and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in your holy Church,  
 both now and forever.

☐ Amen.



☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **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.**

### AGNUS DEI

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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Glory to God in the highest!  
Come to the table of peace.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*The congregation is seated.*

### SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.* Lutheran Book of Worship

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

*Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.*

*Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.*

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!"*

*The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 296

### What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898  
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
☑ Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
☑ Amen.

*SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”*

## BLESSING

- ☐ God bless you and keep you,  
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.  
☑ Amen.

*The son of a schoolmaster, Isaac Watts began writing verses at the age of 7.  
At the age of 16 he went to London to study in the Academy of the Rev. Thomas Rowe.  
In 1702 he became pastor of the Independent Church in London. His collected works embrace sermons,  
treatises, poems and hymns. His published hymns number more than 800.*

## SENDING HYMN

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 INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- ☐ Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE – "Angels We Have Heard on High"

David Cherwien

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING* – Pastor Karen Lundwall  
*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Pat Bellingham  
*LECTOR* – Roberta Lobaugh  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Dave Griswold



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Carol Schaal.

**Columbarium flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Bill, by Carol Schaal.

### Today's Events

**Offering envelopes** for 2023 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

**Desk calendars** for 2023, compliments of the Burton Quinn-Scott Funeral Home, are located at the welcome tables. Please pick up as many as you need for the coming year.

### Worship

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

### Christian Education

**Children's Church** for PreK – grade 6 will meet January 8 from 9:30 – 10:15am and will continue to gather the second Sunday of each month. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am.

**Teachers** and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. We will not gather on Tuesday, December 27. Begin 2023 by keeping those knitting and crocheting needles busy and join us January 10 and 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

## Luther Memorial Church Policy

**Masking** at Luther Memorial Church is now optional.

## In Case of Emergency

**In case of an emergency** please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.



## – PRAYER LIST –

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

#### Our Members:

Jan & Skip MacInnes  
Cyndi & Rob Treiber

C. Noelle Partusch    Chickie Braine  
Mark Howell            Mike Daniels

John Downey  
Dave Parsh

#### Friends and Family:

Elise VanDamia  
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie  
Edie Jackman  
Jessica & Damian Ream  
Bonnie & Bob Schlaufman  
Brian Nicewonger

Marie Checkley        Tammy Fuller  
Mary Correll            Judy Skoog  
Melissa Geiser         Bob Guenther  
Brittani H.               Tom McGrail  
Kevin                      Tom Wilson  
Elayne Morphy         Susan Brooks

Linda F.  
Sue O'Mahony  
Christine Norris  
Meghan Kessler  
Dawn Weborg

#### Grief:

Henry Gilbert family  
Pastor Ralph Storm family

Kaitlyn Farley family     Mark Lechner family  
Phyllis Goldhart family    Carol Luebke family

Bev Held family

#### Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson  
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner        Andrew Watson

Alli Brown

**CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26** Church Offices and LMA Closed  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27** LMA Closed  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28** LMA Closed  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29** LMA Closed  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30** Church Offices and LMA Closed  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**  
**THE NAME OF JESUS**

**Pastor Brian Moran** will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Lois Smith
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeters	8:15am	
	10:30am	
Counters	10:30am	Dave Griswold, Natalie Montero