

24 DECEMBER 2025
**THE NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD,**
Christmas Eve
6:00 pm & 10:30 pm



Have you ever heard a whisper?

"Hello!"

Can you all whisper back to me?

Whispers are quiet, gentle, almost like a secret. You have to lean in close to hear them. And I wonder if it's possible for the heavens to whisper at Christmas?

One silent night, far away, in a town called Bethlehem, the stars twinkled brighter than ever. And the angels were there, too. It was as if the whole sky was whispering: "Something wonderful is happening ..."

Let's all look up at the ceiling like we're looking at the stars.

Can you twinkle your fingers like stars?

Now let's whisper together, "Something wonderful is happening ..."

The heavens weren't shouting. They weren't making a big noise. They were whispering, because whispers make us stop, listen and pay attention.

And what was the whispering about? A baby. A tiny baby lying in a manger.

His name was Jesus.

Can you pretend to rock a baby in your arms?

The night Jesus was born, the shepherds heard the whisper in the sky when the angels sang. The Wise Men sensed the whisper in the star that guided them. And Mary and Joseph felt the whisper in their hearts: "This child is special. This child is God's gift."

Sometimes we think God only speaks in loud voices or through big miracles. But Christmas reminds us that God often whispers. God whispers love and kindness and peace.

Can you think of one kind thing you could whisper to someone this week?

So, this Christmas, listen closely. The heavens are still whispering: "Jesus is here. God loves you. Share that love with the world."

Let's all whisper together: "Jesus is here."

Now say "God loves us" in a joyful voice!

Amen.



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WELCOME!

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for “Handicap Bathroom.” Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

FESTIVAL PRELUDE

(5:30pm)



Luther Memorial Choir & Bell Choir with Kara Partusch, Euphonium

Soloist

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	<i>French Processional</i>
"Joy to the World"	<i>English Melody</i>
"The First Noel"	J. Stainer
"Star Carol"	A. Burt

Choir

"The Holly and the Ivy"	R. Shepard
"Ding Dong, Merrily on High"	A. Snyder
"Snow Carol"	A. Snyder

Bells

"Joy to the World"	C. McMichael
"Away in a Manger"	C. McMichael

Congregation Carols

Please Join in Singing (see insert)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	ELW 288
On Christmas Night	ELW 274

Choir

"Like A Rose in Winter"	D. Goeller
"Hodie: A Christmas Fanfare"	J. Althouse

Organ Voluntary

FESTIVAL PRELUDE

(10:00pm)



Dan Bainbridge, Cello
Maureen Ferrara, Violin/Viola
Kara Partusch, Ephonium

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
“Joy to the World”

French Processional
English Melody

“Concerto in A: Affettuoso”
“Sarabande”
“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”

J.L. Krebs
G.F. Handel
D.M. Dicie

“Who Would Send A Baby”
“The First Noel”
“O Joyful Children”

M.K. Beall
J. Stainer
arr. I.J. Estrada

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“The Holly and the Ivy”
“Ding Dong, Merrily on High”

R. Shepard
A. Snyder

Organ Voluntary

The congregation arises in body or spirit and faces the procession at the doors of the church.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE CHRIST

Christ our Savior was born in the midst of humanity's great story, during the rise and fall of civilizations, alongside and within the joys, wonders, and struggles of all people:

Long ago, many ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
and formed people in the divine image;
long after the great flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time the promise was given to Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah, our forebears;
thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt
and Miriam danced with tambourine in freedom on the safe side of the sea;
eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and Naomi, Deborah and the judges;
one thousand five hundred ten years from the anointing of David as king,
in fulfillment of the times and years and months and days discerned by the prophets.

At dawn of the Kushan Empire in India, and during the Han Dynasty of China.
At the twilight of the Kingdom of Da'Amat in Ethiopia and southern Arabia,
and when the Mande people thrived in and around the city of Djenné in the Inner Niger Delta.
While the Nazca people flourished in Peru,
and the time when the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people—
people of the Six Nations and Keepers of the Western Door—
thrived on the sacred ground in this portion of Turtle Island that we now call Erie, our home.

In the one hundred and ninety fourth Olympiad,
the seven hundred fifty second year since the foundation of the City of Rome,
one hundred forty years after the Maccabean revolt,
and about forty years after the fall of Israel to Rome.
In the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus, the Caesar;
during the period of the Second Temple in Jerusalem,
while Rome's imperial control over Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and all of Palestine continued
and while the military might of Rome created a perceived peace.

It was then, in Bethlehem of Judea,
Jesus Christ, eternal God and Child of the eternal Creator,
desiring to disrupt the reign of imperial oppression
with the in-breaking of the Reign of God,
and to sanctify the world by his most gracious and merciful coming,
being conceived by the Holy Spirit
and growing nine months in the life-giving womb of his mother, Mary,
most blessed among women—
now, in our own times, is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Eternal Word Incarnate,
God Made Flesh.
Come now, let us adore him!

The congregation faces the cross as it leads us into worship.

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!

GREETING

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

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.

CAROL OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

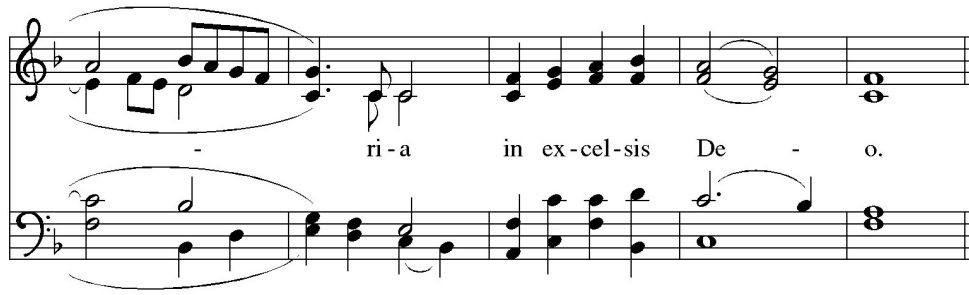
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1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

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 -



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing.

Let us pray: Bless name, O God, as they proclaim to us the scriptures, and open the mangers of our hearts to welcome you Word, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne and dominion of David. 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 Word is made flesh. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Psalm 96

St. Martin's Psalter

Antiphon: *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated. The congregation may join in singing the verses in **bold typeface**.)*



Tone:



¹Sing to the [Lord a] new song;
sing to the [Lord all] the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, ... bless the [name of] the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from [day] to day.**

³Declare God's glory a-[mong] the nations
and God's wonders a-[mong] all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly [to] be praised,
more to be [feared than] all gods. *Antiphon***

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, ... [they are] but idols;
but you O Lord have [made] the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are [in] your presence;
power and splendor are [in] your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord you families [of] the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord [honor] and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the [ho]-ly name;
bring off 'rings and enter the [courts of] the Lord. *Antiphon***

⁹Worship the Lord in the [beauty] of holiness;
tremble before the [Lord all] the earth.

¹⁰**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."**

¹¹Let 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.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your [coming] O Lord,
for you come to [judge] the earth.**

¹³You will judge the [world] with righteousness
and the peoples [with] your truth. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

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

The Word is made flesh. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation rises in body or spirit to greet the Gospel in our midst.

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,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

Refrain

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

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

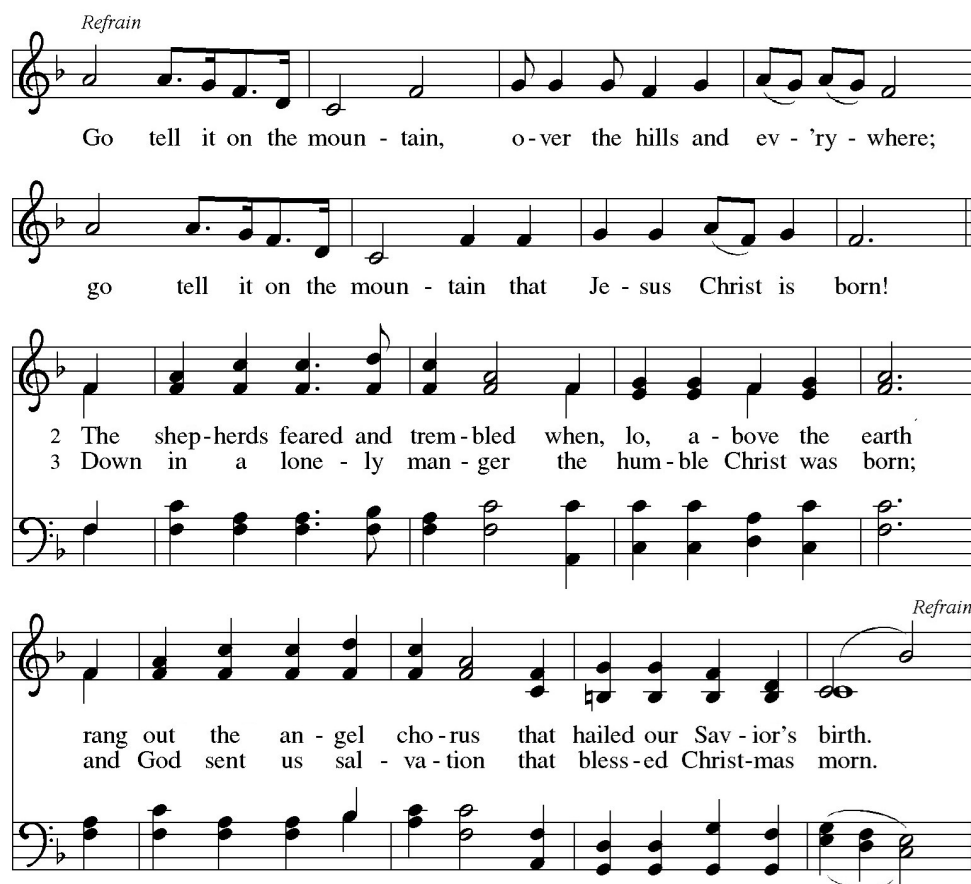
¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!" ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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!

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

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

The congregation may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE LITTLE SHEPHERD

written by: Elizabeth Jeager

illustrated by: Irene Montano

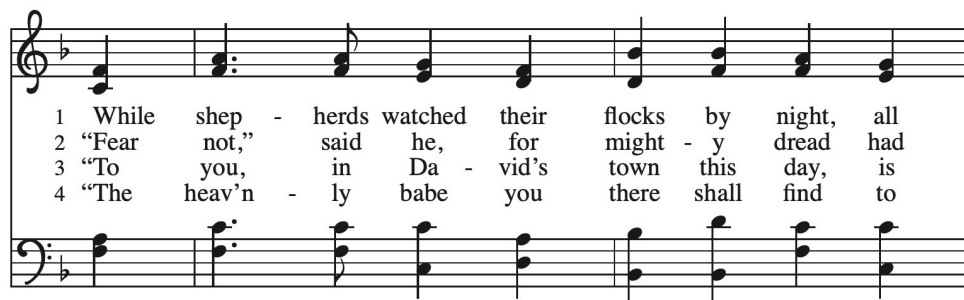
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SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, the assembly stands in body or spirit to proclaim the Word of God in song.

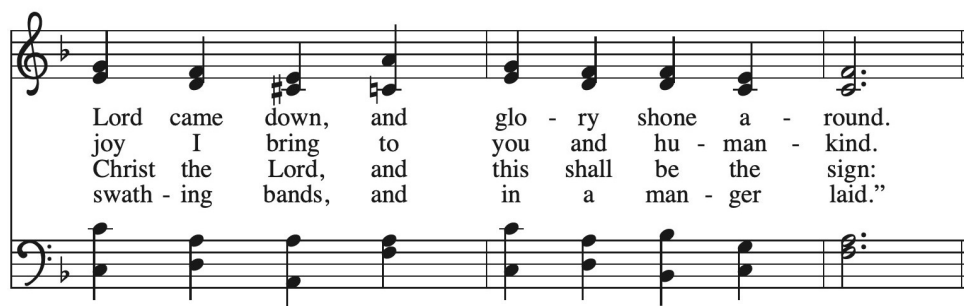
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is
 4 "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to



seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
 seized their trou - bled mind: "Glad tid - ings of great
 born of Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is
 hu - man view dis - played, all hum - bly wrapped in



Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 joy I bring to you and hu - man - kind.
 Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
 swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will to all from highest heav'n
 begin and never cease!"

Text: Nahum Tate, 1652–1715

Music: WINCHESTER OLD, Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; arr. George Kirbye, 1560–1634

THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

Siblings in Christ, as we contemplate the Sacred Mysteries of this night,
 let us confess the faith of the Church:

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 whom 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[†],

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.**

[†] *In solidarity with our Orthodox siblings and living into the hope of unity within Christ's Church; and subsequent to recommendations by both the ELCA Churchwide Assembly and the Lutheran World Federation, we profess the Nicene Creed without the Filioque ("and the Son") clause.*

The congregation stands, kneels, or sits for the prayers.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

With shepherds and angels, we lift our voices to God for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation:

A brief silence.

Eternal God who was born to save your people, we pray for your Church. Strengthen our leaders, especially Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor; and all who serve your people. Give us all confidence to sing your praise, tell of your glory, and ponder your dwelling among us. We pray for our siblings in the Church of Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China. We hold in prayer our synod, especially the congregation of Bethlehem and our companion synods: the Evangelical Church of Central Germany and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Karagwe Diocese. Make us all faithful witnesses of your presence among us: come, Lord Jesus, **be born in us anew.**

Eternal God who was born to rule the nations in peace, we pray for all who rule, govern or lead: give them hearts full of compassion, justice, and peace. Grant lasting peace to all lands where bombs and guns sound a lullaby especially for Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, the Caribbean, Venezuela, the United States. Make us your peacemakers in our time: come Lord Jesus, **be born in us anew.**

Eternal God who was born amid animals and straw, we pray for your creation. Accompany us in darker nights and colder days, comfort all who seek shelter from the weather, and empower those who work for clean water and abundant food for all. Make us grateful and generous stewards of your whole earth: come, Lord Jesus, **be born in us anew.**

Eternal God who was born with healing in your wings, we pray for the sick and suffering. Grant your wholeness to those in need of healing whom we name now, here you offer the name and needs of those you know, and all who need healing. Uphold those who care for others, grant wisdom and understanding to those who share your gifts of science and medicine, and accompany those who will die this night. Make us signs of your wholeness and grace: come, Lord Jesus, **be born in us anew**.

Eternal God who was born among the destitute and forgotten, we pray for the lonely, the forgotten, and those who have no one to pray for them. Shine your holy light into the lives of those who do not find joy in this season and those who cannot look with hope to your coming. Encourage those who wonder, watch, and wait. Make us signs of your love: come, Lord Jesus, **be born in us anew**.

Eternal God who was born to die, we give you thanks for all who have gone before us in lives of faith and holy living especially Roy, Denny, Donald and Bill. Sustain us with your promises until we come with Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, and Angels to worship the Prince of Peace. Make us one in the promises of baptism: come, Lord Jesus, **be born in us anew**.

Into your wounded hands of Love, Eternal God, we place all our prayers trusting in the mercy and grace of the One who was born this night, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ Child be with you.
And also with you.

The congregation shares greetings and gestures of peace with one another. Please be mindful of others' comfort with touch.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. To make an electronic offering, you may scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page for "Donate."

OFFERTORY (6:00pm) – "Before the Marvel of this Night"
(10:30pm) – Voluntary

C. Schalk

The congregation rises in body or spirit as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 271

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve *Jeg er så glad hver julekveld*



Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;
1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;

da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
 Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
 For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
 he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
 and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING SURSUM CORDA

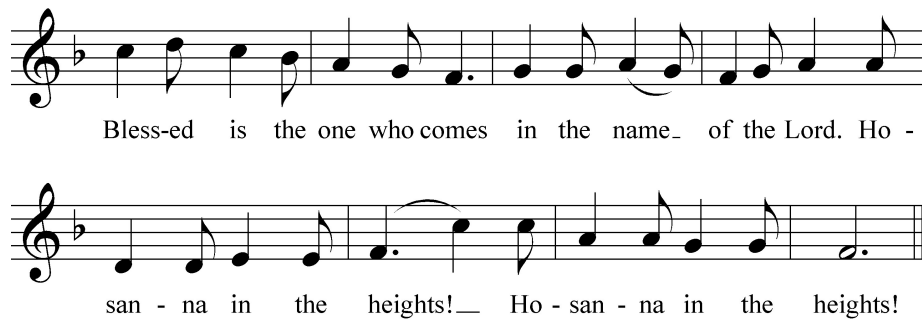
☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.
 ☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.
 ☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

♪ *It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:*

SANCTUS

Sing ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,—
 Heav'n and earth your glo - ry show, Ho - san - na in the high - est,



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We sing a new song to you, O God of our salvation, for you have done marvelous things. Since the beginning of time, you have spoken your Word, and your light shines in our darkness.

Glory to you, O God.

The seas are thundering with praise, the rivers are clapping their hands. The hills ring out with gladness, and the trees are shouting their joy.

Glory to you, O God.

Your Son rules in truth and justice, victorious and merciful is he! We praise your majesty lying in a manger, Jesus Christ, born of Mary and lauded by angels.

*On the night before he died, 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.*

Send your Spirit on us and on this meal of wonder. In this bread, give us the body of Christ. With this cup, reveal the grace of your risen Son. Make known to the whole earth your steadfast love.

Glory to you, O God.

In these dark days, bring the dawn of your righteousness to birth. Hold the living and the dead in your hands. In your good time, awaken the sleeping animals, and revive the dormant plants with your life-giving Spirit.

Glory to you, O God.

With trumpets and horns and harps, with the faithful on earth and the hosts of heaven, we sing to your splendor, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God Most High, Light of the earth, and Judge of the world, today and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 THE TABLE

Here is the Christ Child, Son of God, born of Mary. Come with shepherds and angels, animals and magi, with Mary and Joseph, with Simeon and Anna, to cradle in your hands the very One who feeds you with himself.

Amen. We come.

For those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

The congregation may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Receive the host (bread) in your open palm and the proceed to one of the chalice-bearers. The first—silver—chalice contains red alcoholized wine. The second—earthenware—chalice contains white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the minister know. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls provided. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 490

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893
 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

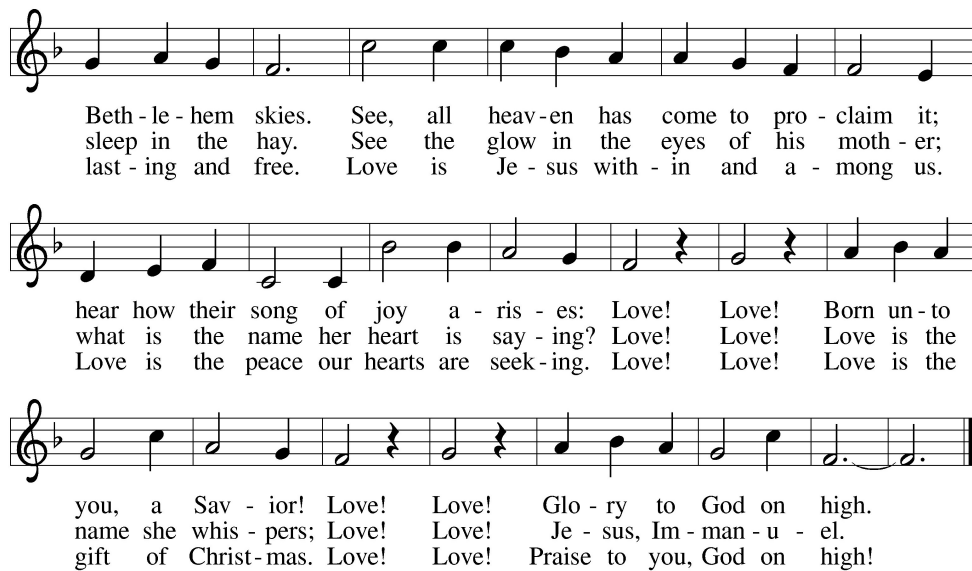
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

Love Has Come

1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950
 Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856
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ELW 272

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

TABLE BLESSING

CANDLELIGHTING AND ADORATION AT THE CRÈCHE

*AS THE LIGHTS DIM AND THE LIGHT OF THE MANGER IS PASSED,
 PLEASE REMEMBER TO **NEVER** TIP A LIGHTED CANDLE.
 TIP YOUR UNLIGHTED CANDLE TOWARD THE FLAME TO LIGHT.*

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL

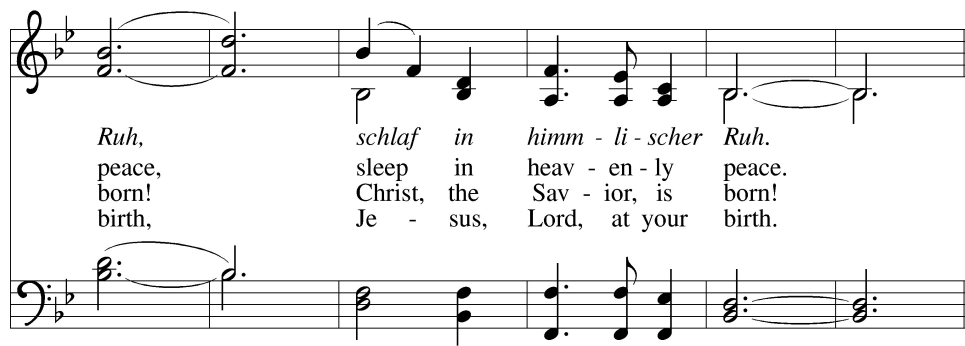
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Silent Night, Holy Night! *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*

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,

Hol - der 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



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

THE PROLOGUE OF JOHN

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word 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. The light shines in the bleakness, and the bleakness did not overtake it.

The Word has become flesh and lives among us.

**We have seen his glory:
the glory as of a parent's only child,
full of grace and truth!**

BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

Let us pray. God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels, and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our hearts and homes with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

AS THE LIGHTS RISE, YOU MAY EXTINGUISH YOUR CANDLE

OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO KEEP IT LIGHTED TO TAKE THE LIGHT OF THE CHRIST CHILD INTO YOUR HOME.

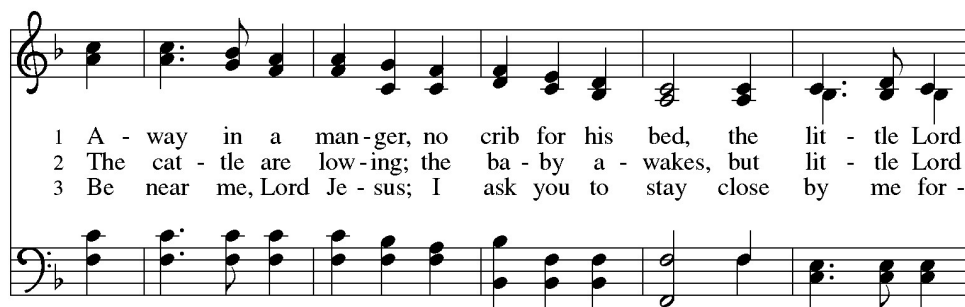
EITHER WAY, FLAMED CANDLE IS YOURS TO KEEP IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

PLEASE RETURN ALL FLAMELESS CANDLES AND UNWANTED FLAME CANDLES TO THE BASKETS AS YOU LEAVE.

CAROL OF ADORATION

ELW 277

Away in a Manger



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.
 Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

SENDING

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

BLESSING

...and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be yours this Christmas and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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.

Refrain

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

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in peace! Tell the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – “Angels We Have Heard on High”

T. Albrecht

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— SERVING THIS EVENING —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETERS – Pat Bellingham, Craig Foster (6:00pm)

ACOLYTES – Cecilia & Noah Montroy (6:00pm)

CRUCIFER – Ellie Wertz (6:00pm)

BOOKBEARER – Madeleine Wertz (6:00pm)

CHRIST BEARERS – August Wertz (6:00pm)

Leo Mendoza & family (10:30pm)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – C. Noelle Partusch (6:00pm)

Stan Rose (10:30pm)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Elaine Kern, Tom Klomp (6:00pm)

Linda Graffius (10:30pm)

LECTORS – Bill Lasher (6:00pm)

C. Noelle Partusch (10:30pm)

ALTAR GUILD – Cathie Dugan (6:00pm)

Cathie Dugan (10:30pm)

USHERS – Jack Bartlett, Jessica Copfer, Brooke & Lincoln McCall (6:00pm)

Michael Patterson (10:30pm)

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR



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

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, The Rev. Roy P. Washill (beloved Boopa) and Denny Martin; and our uncle, Donald A. Mitchell, by Kate & Dennis Martin and Jeffrey Logan.

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

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of C. Richard and Dorothy Overberg by their family.

About the **Bulletin Cover Art**: The artist, John August Swanson states: “I wanted to capture the people that are bringing gifts. They are the poor people in the region all bringing their meager offerings to share with the homeless holy family: firewood, eggs, bread, flour, a cow with milk, water, and fruit; even a child has come to serenade them.” Swanson first painted *Nativity* as a watercolor in 1987, and based his 1988 serigraph on it. The serigraph followed *Shepherds*, and continued his *Birth Narrative* series: *Shepherds* (1985), *Nativity* (1988), *Epiphany* (1988), *A Visit* (1995), *Flight into Egypt* (2002), and *Presentation in the Temple* (2004). John August Swanson, whose unique style has brought faith stories to life for decades, died in 2021. His work continues through the John August Swanson Studio.

The Nativity Star is given to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for all friends and family by the McAfee family.

The Lord is with us at all times; in our joys and our sadness we turn to Him for strength and comfort. As you look upon the star shining in our church tonight know that He is always with you. We thank our Luther Memorial family for their gift of this star for Christmas Eve.

Thank You to our adult choir, handbell choir, and instrumentalists who have assisted in our worship services throughout the past year:

Bob Banks
Pat Bellingham
Patricia Boyd
Emma Chaffee
Mary Daniels
Barb Dennison
Lena Donnelly

Cathie Dugan
Les Fobes
Susan Forsythe
Jeanne Gaber
Jonathan Gaber
Molly Gaber
Lynnette Gustafson

Ken Kraut
Linda Melaragno
Skip Meyn
Barb Moore
Kara Partusch
Rose-Marie Rose
Kathy Sahlmann
Pat Young

The Church Office will be on limited hours this week as our staff celebrates with their families. Please be patient with all correspondence and we will get back to you as soon as we can. The office is open on Monday, January 5 with normal hours.

Luther Memorial Academy students and staff return to school on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Members who have donated poinsettias may take their flowers following the 10:30pm service this evening.

Volunteers to assist with delivery of poinsettias to our homebound are appreciated.



Office of the Bishop

Rev. Kristen M. Papson, Bishop

To my beloved siblings in Christ in the NWPAsynod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world.

“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.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.” – Luke 2:15-20

I love this time of year. Throughout Advent, we hold tightly to the hope and anticipation of the season, waiting patiently (or not so patiently) for the birth of Jesus. And then, it arrives! The celebration begins! And as I think about what Christmas means, I think about this passage from Luke above. The shepherds received this shocking and hope-filled news and responded quickly – “Let us go now . . .”. They are the first ones to peer into the manger and they are the first ones who get to share the good news – that the promise has been fulfilled. The Messiah is here!

What I always think about, though, is what happens afterwards, after the brightness and sound of the angels have dissipated, after they’ve gone to Bethlehem and seen this hope born in a manger, after they’ve gone back to the fields to care for their flocks. They go back to their lives, to the everyday routine, but as changed people who were among the first to welcome the Christ child. They go back to their work, transformed by this encounter.

As we prepare for this time of year, as we watch and wait and celebrate, I also think about the calling of Christmas, what happens when we encounter this promise fulfilled, and what we do with this good news after the our Christmas trees are undecorated, the presents given, the lights packed away, and the old routines settle back in. We are called, like the shepherds, to share the good news – to tell of the hope that we have found in this Savior who came to dwell with us and who we anticipate coming again. What changes because of this experience, this time when we come and peer into the manger, encountering our God in flesh?

We get to live out this love. This love that claimed us in the baptismal waters, this love that comforts our hearts and whispers God’s grace to us when we need it most, this love that calls us into community with each other and all those we meet in this world, this love is our gift to share with all, especially those who come into this season weary, worried, or hurting.

This season, my prayer for you is that you feel God’s presence surrounding you, that the awe and wonder of Christmas will sustain your hearts with the hope of Christ all year long, and that the joy of God sends you out to share the Good News with all the world.

Blessings this season and always,
Bishop Kristen Papson



PATRIARCHS AND HEADS OF THE CHURCHES IN JERUSALEM

Christmas Message — 2025

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [Greek: *martyrōn*], let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith . . . (Hebrews 12:1–2a)*

During these continuing times of hardship and strife throughout our region, We, the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, remain resolute in proclaiming and affirming to both our communities and the faithful around the world the message of hope revealed in Christ's Incarnation and Holy Nativity in Bethlehem more than two millennia ago.

For in similarly difficult times, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to shepherds of that region, beseeching them to cast aside their fears. "For behold," said the angel, "I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10).

It was in kneeling before the manger in that sacred cave that the shepherds first witnessed God's gracious gift of love. They beheld "Immanuel," "God-with-us" (Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:14)—a divine Savior who "emptied himself, taking on the form of a slave, being born in human likeness" (Philippians 2:7).

In his great compassion for us, the Almighty deigned to take on our flesh and blood: to live among us and feel our pain; to later preach a message of repentance and God's redemption for all people; and to serve the downtrodden and afflicted before finally offering up his life on our behalf, that we might be raised with him to new life through faith in God's gracious act of love (Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:6).

While this year we rejoice that a ceasefire has allowed many of our communities to more publicly celebrate the joys of Christmas, we nevertheless pay heed to the Prophet Jeremiah's warning against those saying "'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14). For we are fully aware that, despite a declared cessation of hostilities, hundreds have continued to be killed or suffer grievous injury. Many more have experienced violent assaults against themselves, their properties, and their freedoms—not only in the Holy Land, but also in neighboring countries.

We, the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, following in the example of our Lord in His Incarnation, continue to stand in solidarity with all those who are suffering and downcast, and we call upon Christians and others of goodwill around the world to persevere in praying and advocating for a true and just peace in the homeland of our Lord's birth—and, indeed, throughout the earth.

For those facing these afflictions, we recall from the Epistle to the Hebrews how many of the faithful over the centuries stood firm in faith through extreme hardships (Hebrews 11) and how Christ himself serves as the wellspring of our devotion to God (Hebrews 12:1–2a, above). We therefore encourage you to look to Him for your spiritual strength, even as the larger Body of Christ seeks to relieve your suffering and to strengthen you in your resolve to persevere in the Lord's work.

It is with these many sentiments that we extend our Christmas greetings to our congregations and to Christians around the world, wishing you and your loved ones the joy and peace that comes from encountering the boundless love of God made more fully manifest in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

—The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem

Readings and Commemoration This Week

December 25 – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS DAWN – Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:8-20 --

December 25 – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS DAY – Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

December 26 – The Second Day of Christmas -- ST. STEPHEN THE DEACON, PROTOMARTYR – II Chronicles 24:17-22; Psalm 17:1-9, 15; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matthew 23:34-39 -- *Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.*

December 27 – The Third Day of Christmas -- ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST – Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31; Psalm 116:12-19; I John 1:1-2:2; John 21:20-25 -- *The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.*

December 28 – The Fourth Day of Christmas -- THE HOLY INNOCENTS OF BETHLEHEM, MARTYRS – Jeremiah 21:15-17; Psalm 124; I Peter 4:12-19; Matthew 2:13-18 -- *This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.*



C A L E N D A R

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25	10:30am	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS DAY <i>PAJAMA WORSHIP!</i> Holy Eucharist
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26	5:30-8:00pm	Christmas Caroling @ the BrewErie LMA & Church Offices Closed
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28	8:15am 9:15-10:15am 10:30am	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i> <i>Festive Fellowship between services</i> Holy Eucharist
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 2		CHURCH OFFICE & LMA CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4	8:15am 10:30am	The Second Sunday of Christmas Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Diane Banks
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Rob & Ely Cooney
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius