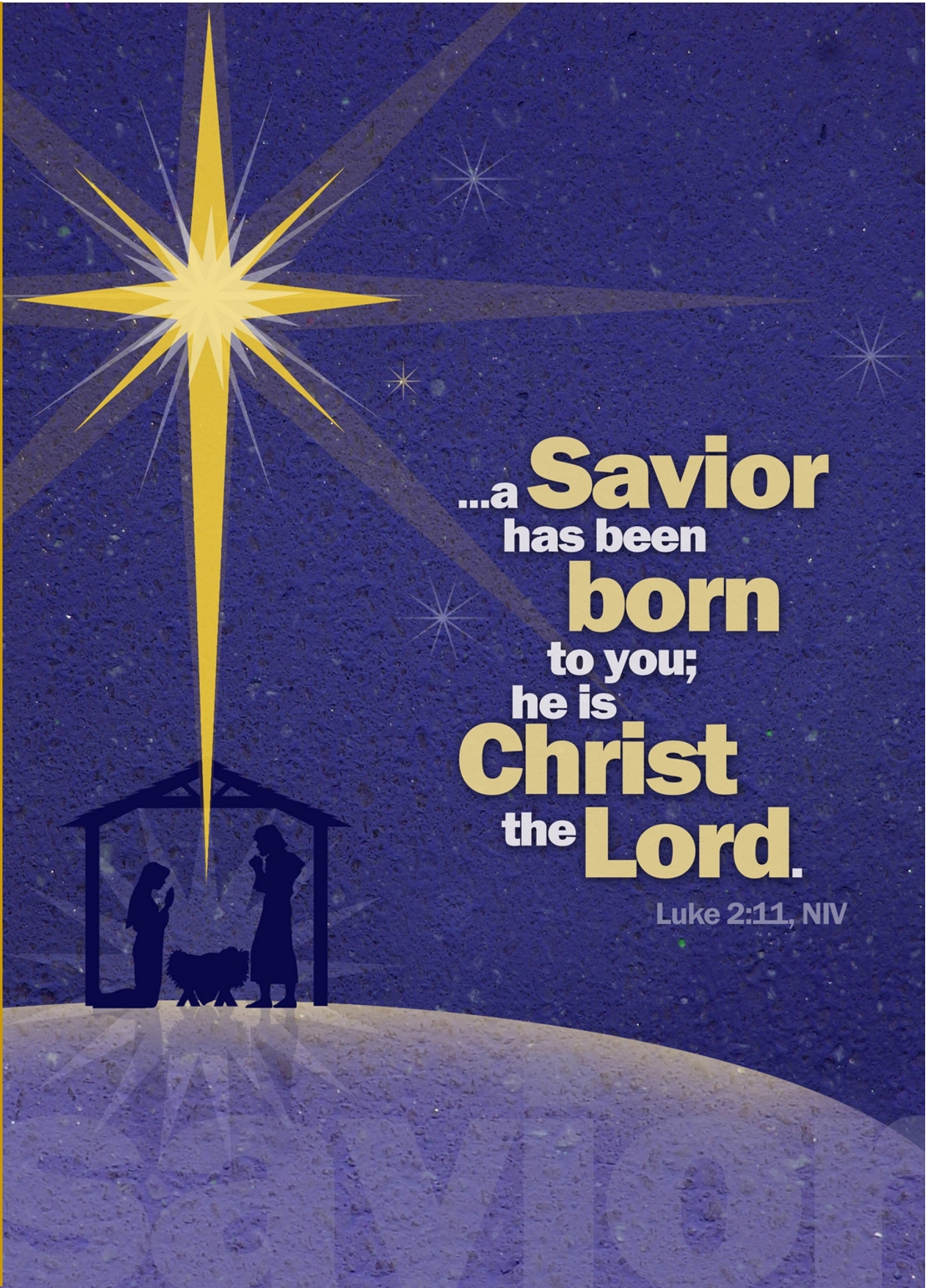


Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



...a **Savior**
has been
born
to you;
he is
Christ
the **Lord.**

Luke 2:11, NIV

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church!

We are glad you are here.

**We are delighted to gather as one people
in the name of the risen Lord Jesus,
in whose power over disease and
death we take hope.**

**Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy
and take it with you when the service is ended.**

*Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer
encouraging the wearing of masks for those
attending worship, regardless of vaccination status.
However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive
for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19,
we ask that you do wear a mask.*

*Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in
worship for your safety, if desired.*

This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

**Bathrooms are located down the hall
from the side entrance to the sanctuary.
Children are always welcome during worship,
but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107
available for children ages birth to school age.**





Christmas Eve

Pre - Service Music

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Gloria McCauley

Pianist

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

"Sheep and Shepherd Medley"

German Melody
arr. Bock

"Thou didst Leave Thy Throne"

Matthews
arr. Tornquist

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Old French Carol
arr. Smith

"The Sussex Carol"

Traditional English Melody
arr. Shackley

"Some Children See Him"

Alfred Burt
arr. Perkins

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"

French Melody
arr. Ham

"I Saw Three Ships"

Traditional English Melody
arr. Martin

"Jesus Oh What a Wonderful Child"

Traditional American Spiritual
arr. Shackley



"Carol of the Bells"

Traditional Melodies
arr. Riley

Eileen Hoffman Meir

Babette Wenerd

Gloria McCauley

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7 PM

Sunday, December 24, 2023

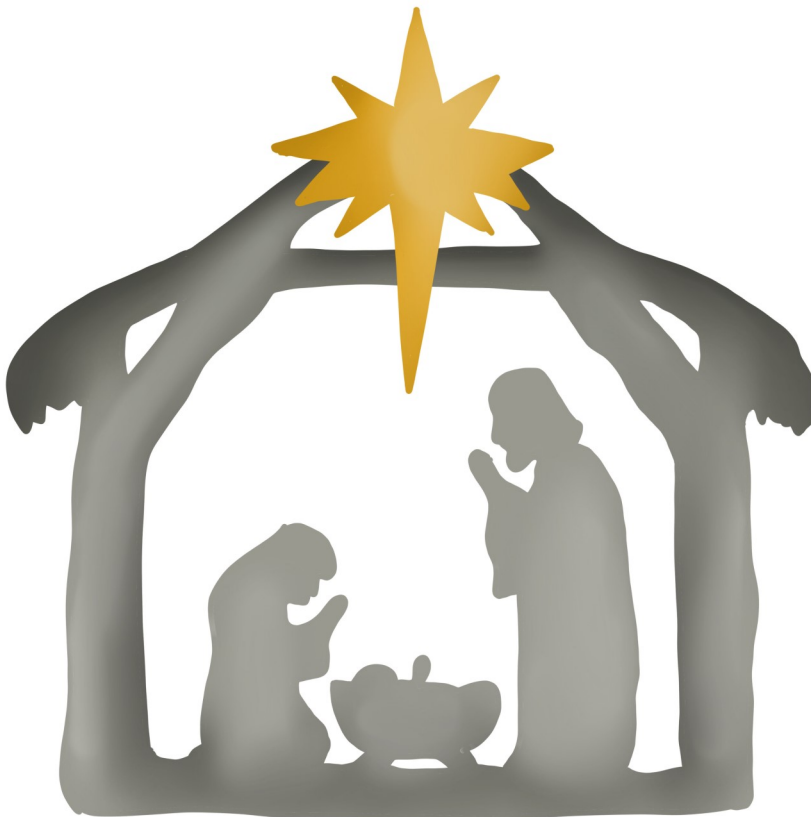
Traditional Service with Communion

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child.

Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice.

Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people.

The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.



Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

“Christmas Carol Festival”

Paul Nagel

Brass Quintet & Organ

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:27

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given,
and the government will be upon His shoulder.

**And His name shall be called:
Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God:
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.**

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.



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!



WELCOME

We read and sing the Christmas Story

The Prophecy

Micah 5:2-4

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

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.

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,

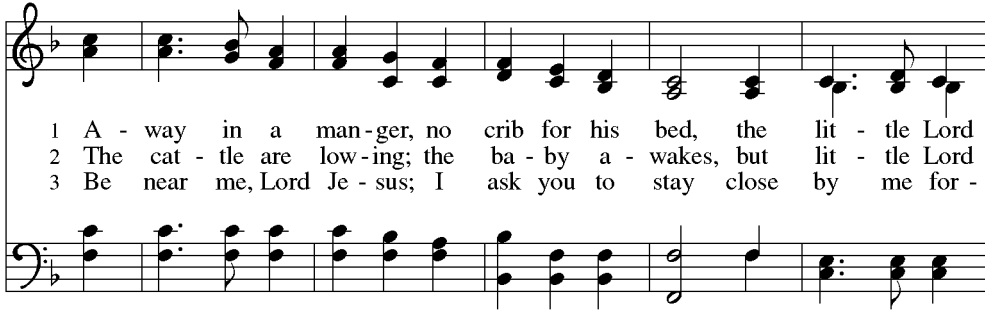
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for both parts. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



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

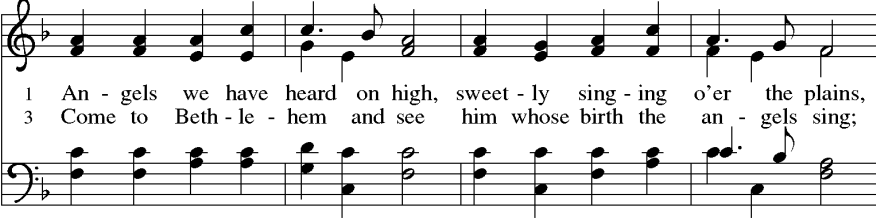


down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

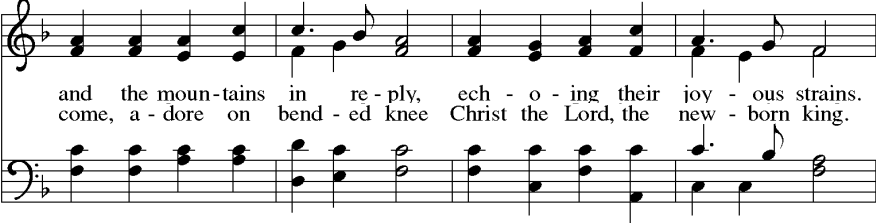
The Shepherds Hear the Message

Luke 2:8-14

Angels We Have Heard on High



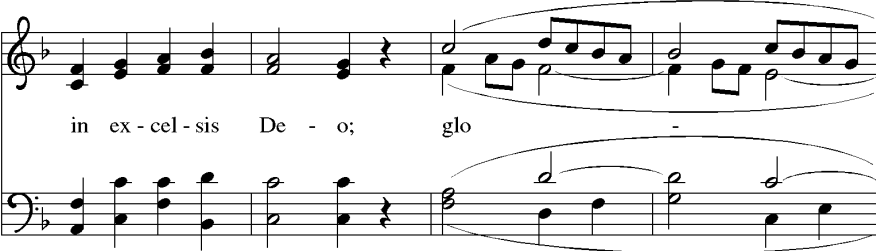
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
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



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

The Shepherds Worship the Christ Child

Luke 2:15-20

The First Noel

1 The first No - el up the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -

Refrain
night that was so deep. No - el, No - el, No -
tin - ued both day and night.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Anthem

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"
Children's Choir

arr. Jeff Reeves
William Kilpatrick

SERMON

Pastor Barb

Anthem

"Anthem for Christmas"
Senior Choir
Barb Woods: Organ

Smith



CAROL

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW 270

Musical notation for the first system of the carol, including a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are:

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!

Musical notation for the second system of the carol, including a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are:

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!"



Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

OFFERING

*Please place your offerings in the plate by the side door.
If you prefer, Trinity offers five other ways to give as well:
Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online.
Contact the church office for details.
Thank you for your generous and faithful support.*



MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

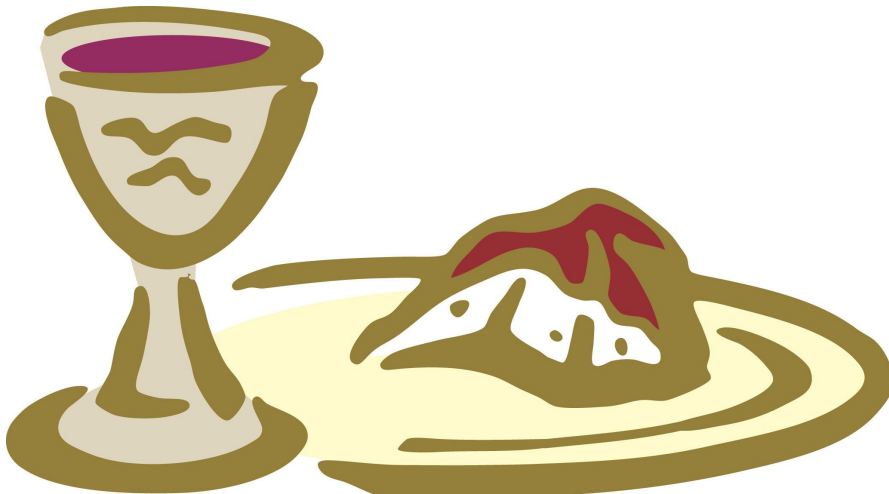
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

*Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you
a cup of wine or juice from the tray.*

Wine is red. Juice is white.

After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

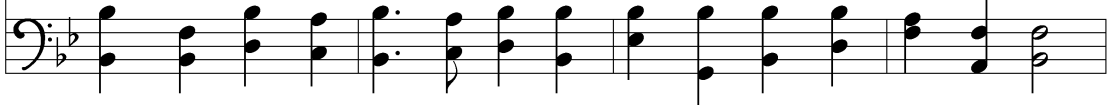
COMMUNION CAROL

ELW 275

Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



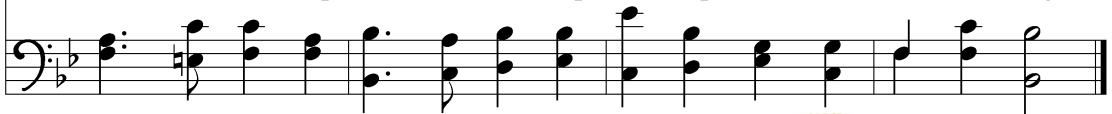
once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



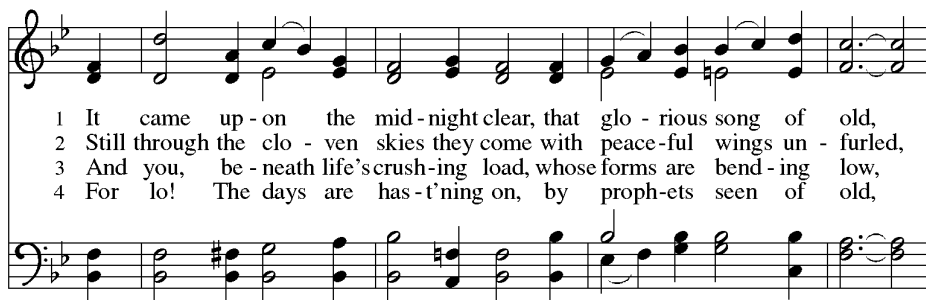
Refrain



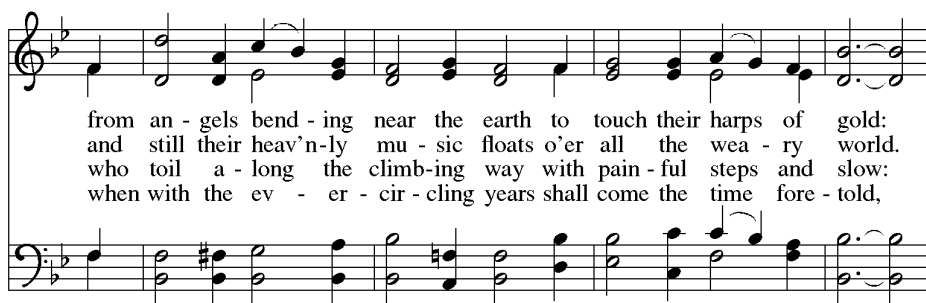
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



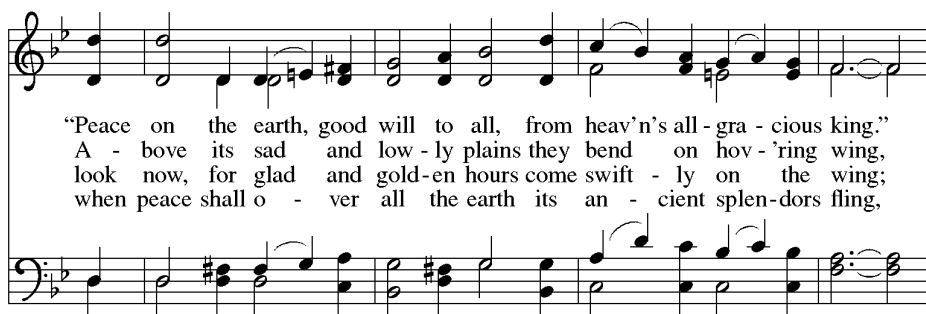
It Came upon the Midnight Clear



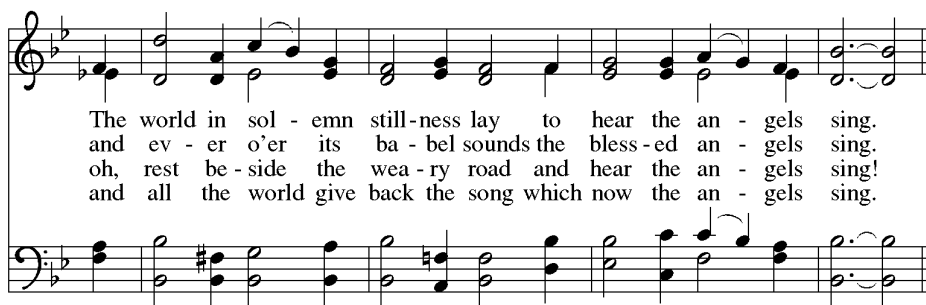
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



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,

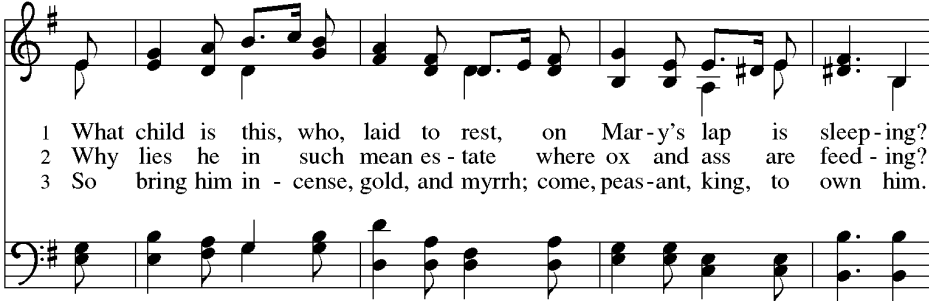


“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,




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.

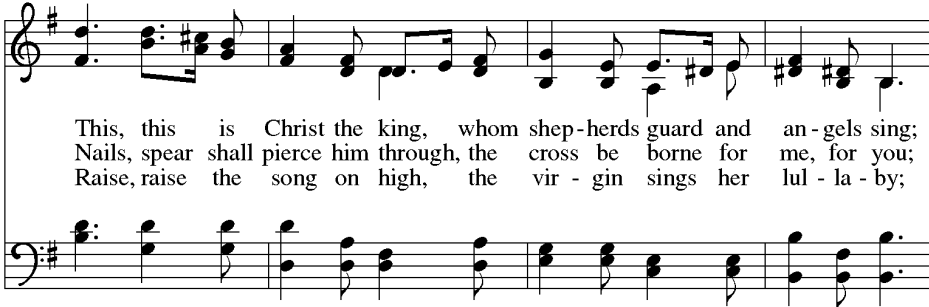
What Child Is This



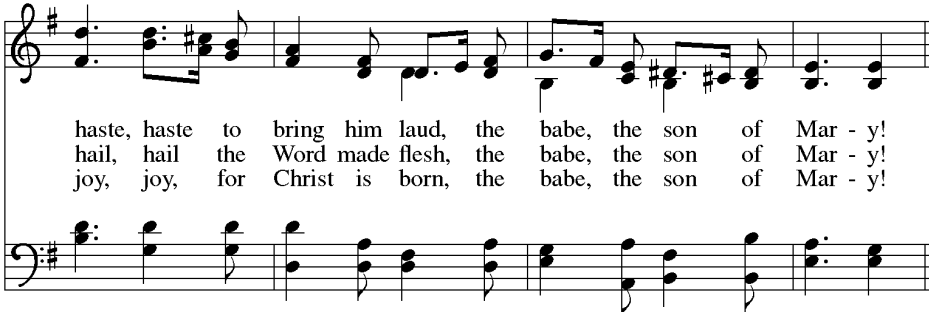
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



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!

Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Pastor lights her candle from Christ candle and holds it while she speaks.

Jesus lights our way with his love

Based on John 1

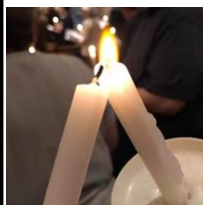
In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God,
and the WORD was God. The WORD was in the beginning with God;
all things were made through The WORD, and without The WORD not anything
was made.

**In The WORD was LIFE,
and the LIFE was the LIGHT for all.
The LIGHT shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome The LIGHT.**

You are The LIGHT of the world! A city set on a hill cannot be hid.
Nor does anyone LIGHT a LAMP and put it under a bushel,
but on a stand, and it gives LIGHT to all in the house.

**Let your LIGHT so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

*Pastor lights the ushers' candles as Silent Night is played instrumentally
until all have received light, then the congregation sings.
(Lights Dim)*



*All are invited to light a candle, the first person in each row
taking a light from the usher and then passing it on to
the person next to you. The lighted candle is not tilted.
It is always held upright when giving light to another.
Candles are to continue shining through the Benediction.*

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

ELW 281



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,



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,



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



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.



PRAYER

Almighty God, you made this night shine with the beauty of the true Light. Grant that 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We are sent out to share the Christmas Story

THE BENEDICTION

Go out into all the world now and tell all you meet the wonder you have experienced here tonight.

Christ the Light of the world is born!

Christ's light will show us the way!

May the Christ child bless you and keep you.

May the Babe of Bethlehem make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Holy One of Israel, Jesus Christ the Lord, look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen. Hallelujah! We go to spread the Light!

Candles are extinguished.

(Lights Turned Up)



Silent Night, Holy Night

CLOSING CAROL

"Joy to the World"

ELW 296

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

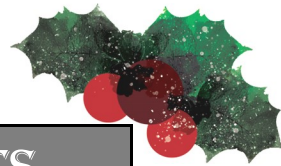
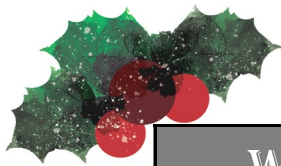
ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Preacher / Presider	<i>Pastor Barbara Barry</i>
Organist	<i>Bob Eyer</i>
	7PM
Candle Lighting	<i>The Barkman Family</i>
Ushers	<i>Paul Kolva Phil Lobaugh</i>
Acolyte	<i>Alison Ross</i>
Readers	<i>Luke Coder Mark Felix Erich Vogel</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Luke Coder Mark Felix Erich Vogel</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>



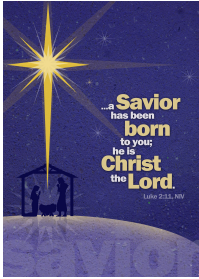
THANK YOU
Musicians
Pre-Service Music
Gloria McCauley
Brass Quintet



Hayden Cameron Jonathan Michael Roger Nowell
David Wenerd Lynn Lerew

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.
by Rick and Lynn Lerew.*





Christmas Eve Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joan and Frank Barra, by the Barra Family.



The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus, by the Wadas Family.



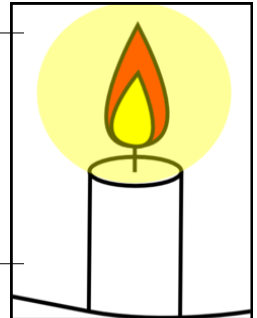
Christmas Trees are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren: Morganna, Marcus, & Parker, by Phil & Colleen Lobaugh.

The Wreaths are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Loving God, by Phil Lobaugh & Diane Sterner.



The Pew Candles for the Christmas Eve Service are given to the Glory of God, in honor of our grandchildren and in memory of loved ones by Larry and Sue Rubeck.

*The Vigil Candles for the Christmas Eve Service are given to the Glory of God and as you light your candle this Christmas in the Lord's name, **be the light** that others see. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Christie, Lehava, & Sage. ♥*





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Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*