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**NATIVITY**

December 24, 2024

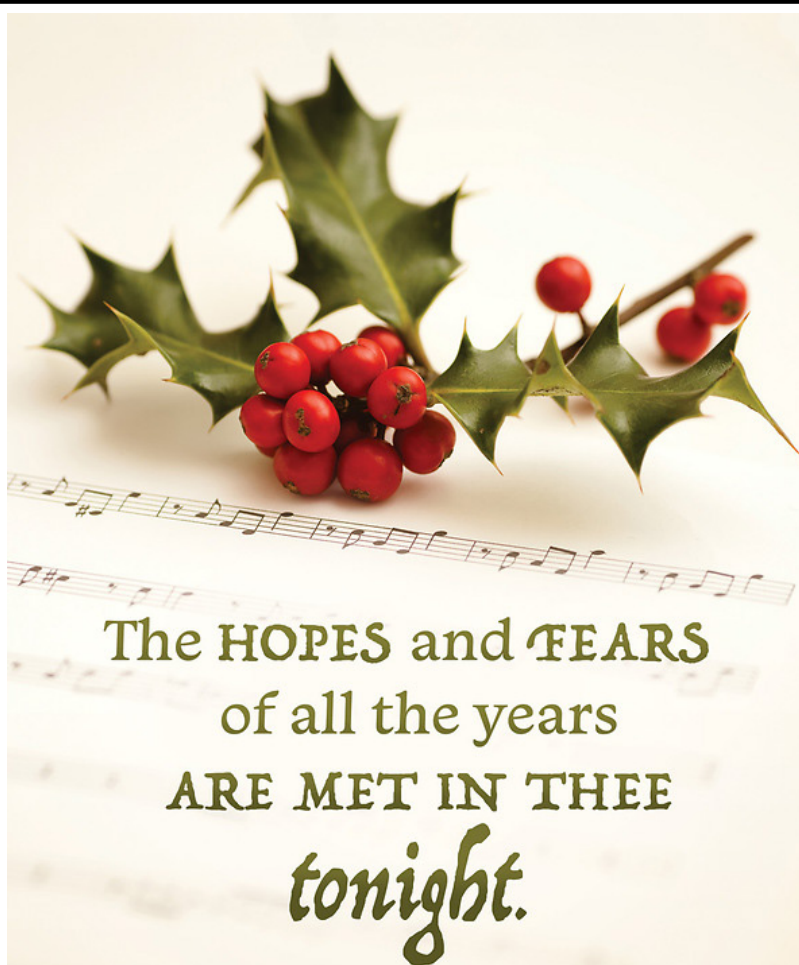


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*He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6B (CEB)



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# Historic Trinity

## Lutheran Church

December 24, 2024

**PRELUDE** @6pm/8pm  
@10pm

"A Christmas Prelude"

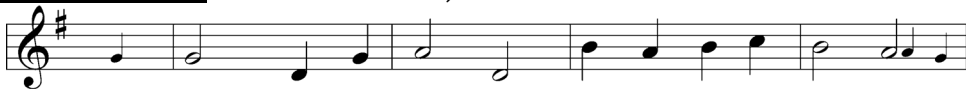
Today's Brass Quintet  
Charles Callahan  
Alana Meeker, Flute

## *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 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*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

## **ACT OF ADORATION** *Isaiah 9:2; Titus 2:11*

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
**People:** **on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**  
Pastor: For the grace of God that brings salvation  
**People:** **has appeared to all people.**  
Pastor: Jesus Christ is born!  
**People:** **Alleluia! Amen!**  
Pastor: On this holy night, we come to adore You, O Christ.  
**People:** **With devotion in our hearts, with praise on our lips, with joy in our souls, we worship You, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
Pastor: Praise be to You, Father, for sending Your Son.  
**People:** **Praise be to You, Jesus, for becoming one of us.**  
Pastor: Praise be to You, Holy Spirit, for creating faith in us.  
**People:** **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: On this most holy night, we gather in silent awe, preparing to worship the Christ child. As we consider the birth of our Savior, we recognize our great need for Him. We confess before God and to one another that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We examine our lives according to the perfect Law of God and recognize our many sins against God and one another. In humble adoration, we bow before Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, who was sent to be our substitute, sacrifice, and the atonement for the sins of the whole world:

## **HYMN OF CONFESSION**

LSB 366 v. 3

♪ **All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.**

Pastor: Dearest Prince of Peace,  
**People:** **For us sinners, You became a child. Since we could not fulfill the Father's just and holy will, You fulfilled it for us in Christ Jesus. We bow before You, humbly confessing our sinfulness that separates us from You. We repent of our sins in thought, word, and action that oppose and neglect Your righteous ways. Forgive us our sin that we may be reconciled to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN OF ABSOLUTION

LSB 366 v. 1

♪ It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Pastor: On this night, I announce good news of great joy: for Jesus’ sake, I, God’s called and ordained servant, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

Pastor: When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

## THE FESTIVAL INTROIT @6pm/8pm

*Karl Osterland  
The Cathedral Choir*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

LSB 368



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.

## **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Dear Savior who was born to us, Jesus, we thank you that you are our Savior and our Lord. Thank you for this night... so long ago. And for placing Yourself at our mercy. Take us to the stable to learn from You. To the manger. To the swaddling cloths. To a quiet place in the straw. There we pray you would give us the right eyes and ears that we may see You wherever You may come, and hear You however You may speak.

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 9:2-7

*(Isaiah foretells the coming of the Prince of Peace.)*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Pastor:** This is the Christmas Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** @6pm/8pm

“Sussex Carol”

*arr. David Willcocks*

*The Cathedral Choir*

@10pm

“Gesu Bambino”

*Pietro Yon*

*Alana Meeker, Jillian Eichstaedt, Sopranos*

## **GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' BIRTH 1**

Luke 2:1-5

*(Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem.)*

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup> (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

<sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup> To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

## HYMN

LSB 361 v. 1-2

♪ O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!

## GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' BIRTH 2

Luke 2:6-7

*(Mary gives birth to Jesus.)*

<sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

## HYMN

LSB 374 v. 1

♪ Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the Undeiled, To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his favor.

## GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' BIRTH 3

Luke 2:8-14

*(Angels appear to shepherds.)*

<sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**ANTHEM** @6pm/8pm

"Unto Us Is Born a Son"

arr. David Willcocks  
The Cathedral Choir

<sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

## HYMN

LSB 367 v. 1-2

♪ Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light.

Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

## GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' BIRTH 4

Luke 2:15-20

*(Shepherds worship Jesus.)*

<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

<sup>18</sup> And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## THE GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

LSB 384 v.1



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-5, 10-14

*(Jesus is the Word, Life, and Light.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the First Chapter.

## People:



**☛ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: This is the Christmas Gospel of our Lord.

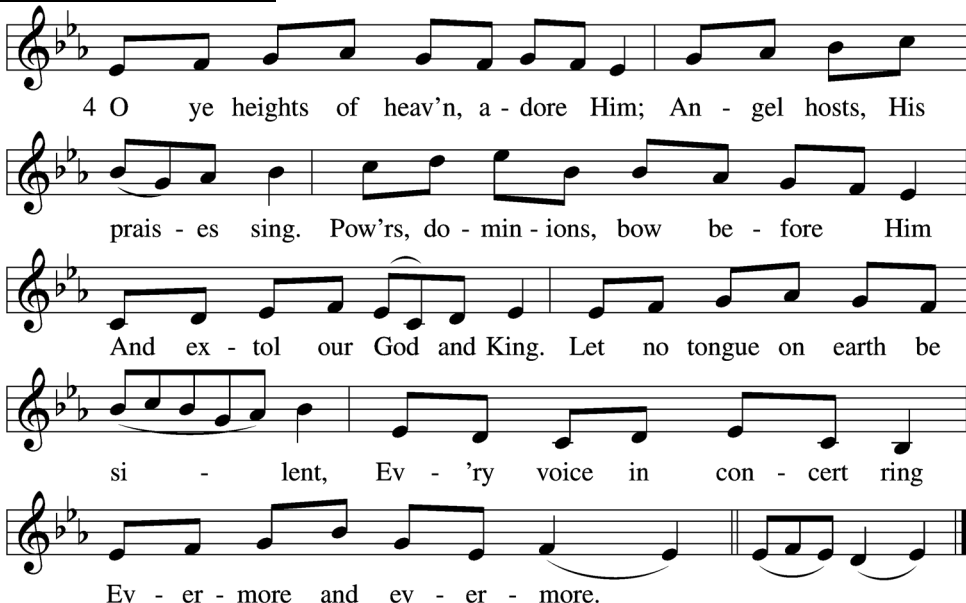
## People:



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## THE GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

LSB 384 v.4





## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Galatians 4:4-5, 1 Timothy 3:16*

Pastor: But when the fullness of time had fully come  
People: **He appeared in a body**  
Pastor: God sent His son, born of a woman, born under law  
People: **was vindicated by the Spirit**  
Pastor: to redeem those under the law  
People: **was seen by angels**  
Pastor: was preached among the nations  
People: **was believed on in the world**  
Pastor: that we might receive the full rights as sons.

## HYMN

### "Joy to the World"

LSB 387 v. 1-2

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their songs em-  
King; Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him and  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
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  
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.  
joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.

## A CHRISTMAS HOMILY

### "When Heaven and Earth Meet"

Luke 2:6

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
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## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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**VOLUNTARY** @6pm/8pm  
@10pm

*Pastorale  
(Messiah)*

*Today's Brass Quintet  
G. F. Handel  
Alana Meeker, Flute*

## **PRAYERS**

Pastor: O Jesus Christ, Your manger is my paradise, where my soul grazes here is the place, here is the Word, with our flesh personally clothed...

♪ **“From heav’n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev’ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:**

Pastor: Him to whom the sea and wind are obedient, He gives Himself to service and becomes a knight for sinners. You, Son of God, become earth and clay, lowly and weak, like ourselves and our children...

♪ **“To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This little child of lowly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.**

Pastor: His light and salvation heals everything; The treasure of heaven makes good again all loss. The source of joy, Immanuel, strikes down the devil, hell and all their kingdom...

♪ **“This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.**

Pastor: Therefore, devout Christian, whoever you are, Be of good courage and do not allow yourself to be sad; For the Child of God binds you to Him, so it cannot be otherwise: God must love you.

♪ **“He will on you the gifts bestow Prepared by God for all below,  
That in His kingdom, bright and fair, You may with us His glory share.**

Pastor: Your timid mind goes there often, moans and groans, lets all consolation disappear. Come here and turn your countenance to the manger of Christ: there you will find it.

♪ **“These are the signs that you shall mark: The swaddling clothes and manger dark.  
There you will find the infant laid By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the sending of Your only-begotten Son, You have made light shine in darkness so that we might walk as forgiven children of light.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

## THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

tune: LSB 359



O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, All sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, And grant us peace, we pray.



Re - joice we at Your birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

## DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.  
Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

### "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LSB 380



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!



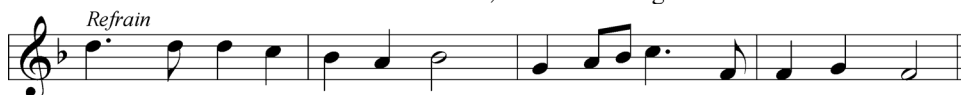
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

**SOLO** @6pm/8pm

"O Holy Night"

*Adolph Adam  
Todd Schurig, Bass*

"Away in a Manger"

LSB 364

♪ **Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

## DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 361 v. 3-4

♪ **How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; But, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

## CANDLE LIGHTING *(Is 60:1, Jn 8:12b; 1 Pt 2:9b; 2 Co 4:6; Is 60:19; Mt 5:14a,16b; Eph 5:8-9, Is 9:6, Jn 1:4)*

*(The pastor takes the light from the Christ candle to the assistants.*

*They pass the light on to the congregation. Tip only the unlighted candle.)*

**Pastor:** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**People:** **We declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

**Pastor:** For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. No longer will the sun be your light by day or the moon by night;

**People:** **I, the Lord will be your eternal light.**

**Pastor:** You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for the fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

**People:** **In him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

## BENEDICTION

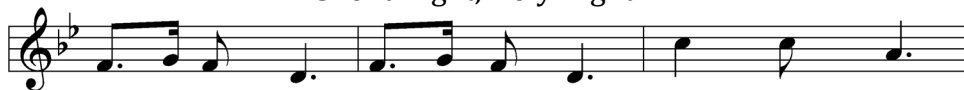
**Pastor:** The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**People:** *(Spoken)* **Amen! Glory to God in the Highest! And peace to His people on earth!**

# HYMN

## "Silent Night, Holy Night"

LSB 363



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 Thy 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 Thy



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

*Following this hymn, you may extinguish your candles.*

**POSTLUDE** @6pm/8pm  
@10pm

"Still, Still, Still"

*Today's Brass Quintet*  
*Paul Manz*