

*The Festival of the*  
**NATIVITY**

December 24, 2025



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*I am the light of the world. | JOHN 8:12 (KJV)*



**STAR OF  
WONDER,**  
*star of night ...*  
*Guide us to thy perfect light.*



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**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!

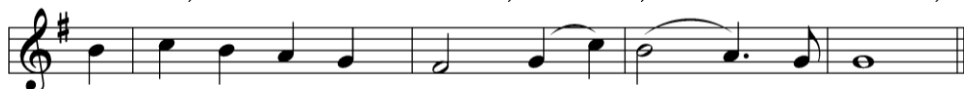


Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*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.

### **A CHRISTMAS HOPE**

Pastor: To a small, quiet village in the backwaters of the Roman Empire; to a small band of shepherds, tending their flocks, as they had for years, and as others had done before them for centuries; to a time far removed from us and in a place we may only think in romantic, unreal ways came an event that changed not only that time and that place but all of time and every place:

**People: “An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.” *Luke 2:9a***

Pastor: To calm those who are frightened by the idea of God’s drawing close to touch our human lives and to prepare us to welcome so wondrous a gift as Emmanuel, God-with-us:

**People: The angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people.” *Luke 2:10***

Pastor: To infuse our hearts with joy and to open us to receive the grace that God showers into our lives:

**People: The angel said to them, “To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” *Luke 2:11***

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

LSB 380 v.1

♪ Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Pastor: To give direction to those who have lost their way and wandered far from God:

**People: The angel said to them, “This will be a sign for you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” *Luke 2:12***

Pastor: To herald the Good News that God has entered human history and to celebrate the beginning of God’s actions to bring all people into fellowship with Him and with one another:

**People: Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!” *Luke 2:13***

Pastor: To us this night the angels come again to bring their message of hope, love, peace, and joy. God has opened His heart through Jesus; may our hearts also be opened that we may glorify and bless His holy name.

**People: Thanks be to God! Christ the Savior is born! Alleluia! Amen.**

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

LSB 380 v.3

♪ Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## A FESTIVAL INTROIT FOR CHRISTMAS @6pm/8pm

Karl Osterland  
The Cathedral Choir

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious Father, we gather on this night to thank and praise You for the gift of Your Son. In the humble beginnings of Bethlehem's manger we see our King who came to save us from our sins. Enable us with true faith and gratitude to receive the gift You give in our Savior, Jesus Christ. For it is in His name that we pray.

People: ♪ Amen.

## + LESSONS AND CAROLS +

### The Promised One

## A PROMISE IN THE GARDEN

Genesis 3:14-15

*(God reveals the purpose of Jesus... to defeat Satan)*

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

LSB 375 v.1-2

1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the  
2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in  
Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -  
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -  
maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.

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## **A PROMISE IN PROPHECY**

Isaiah 11:1-6

*(The divine characteristics of the Christ Child are revealed)*

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

## **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

LSB 357 v. 1, 4

♪ **O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## **THE PROMISE FULFILLED**

Luke 1:31-33

*(The will of God for Mary to bear the only Begotten Son is revealed to her)*

<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

## **CAROL**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

LSB 359 v. 3

♪ **O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray To the bright courts of heaven, And to the endless day.**

**The One Who was Different**

## **A DIFFERENT LIFE**

Philippians 2:5-11

*(Even in the state of humility, Jesus' name is highly exalted)*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

“What Child is This?”

LSB 370 v. 2

♪ **Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!**

## **A DIFFERENT CALLING**

1 Peter 2:9-10

*(We are declared to be the people of God)*

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **CAROL**

“The First Noel”

LBW 56

♪ **Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!**

## ***The One Who Was With Us***

*from the King James Version*

## **GOD WITH US, PART ONE**

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.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

LSB 361

♪ 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!

## GOD WITH US, PART TWO

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.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

LSB 374

♪ 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.

ANTHEM @6pm/8pm

“Gesu Bambino”

*Pietro Yon*

*The Cathedral Choir*

@10pm

“In Dulci Jubilo”

*arr. Ian Higginson*

*Jillian Eichstaedt and Alana Meeker, Sopranos*

## GOD WITH US, PART THREE

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. <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.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

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.

## GOD WITH US, PART FOUR

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.

## HYMN

LSB 388

♪ *Refrain:* Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

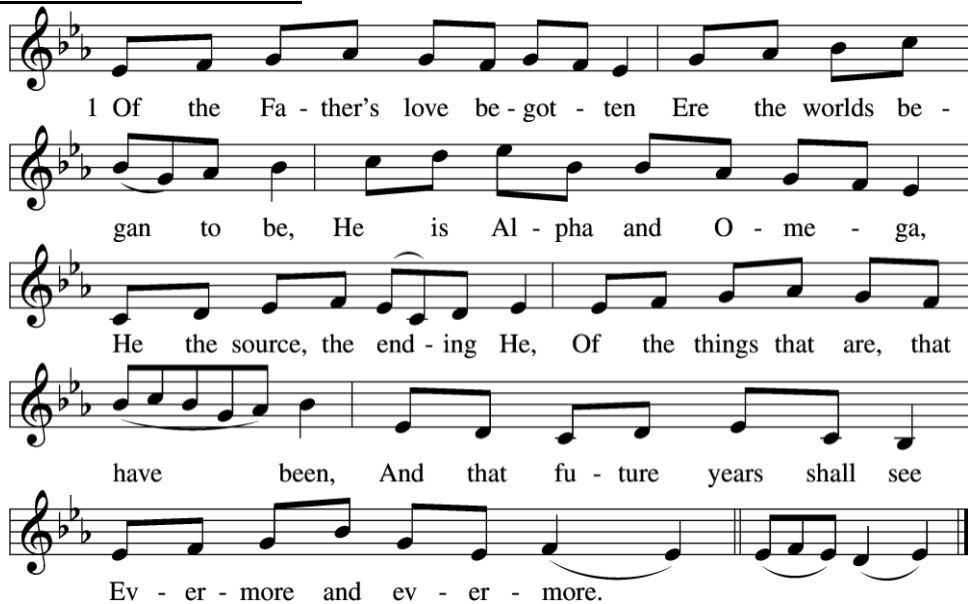
*Galatians 4:4-5, 1 Timothy 3:16*

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.



## 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.

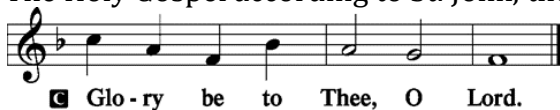
## THE HOLY GOSPEL

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:**



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## THE GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

LSB 384 v.4

4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

### "Joy to the World"

LSB 387

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 -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions  
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -  
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## SERMON

“A Way in a Manger”  
Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

Luke 2:6

## OFFERTORY Lk 18:16-17

LSB 364 v. 3

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

## ANTHEM @6pm/8pm

“Gloria, He Is Born”  
*Il est Ne le Divin Enfant; Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

*arr. Phillip Kern  
The Cathedral Choir*

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**Pastor:** Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, praise to You on this holy eve, the night of Your incarnate birth.

**People:** **Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, we praise You for seeking us out so we would no longer be a deserted people.**

**Pastor:** Jesus, King of angels, You are the exact representation of God's being, You are the radiance of His glory.

**People:** **Jesus, King of angels, You are the Son of God, far superior not only to the angels but to everyone and everything in all creation.**

**Pastor:** Jesus, Son of God, Your throne will last forever and ever.

**People:** **Jesus, Son of God, You sit at the right hand of God. Govern our hearts and minds that our Christmas celebration would go beyond this one day and last throughout the year.**

**Pastor:** Jesus, Son of Man, You are the Word of God in human flesh. You know our struggles and those of all people. So we are bold to ask You to heal and restore to health all those who struggle in body, mind, and spirit this day.

**People:** **Jesus, Son of Man, bless those people about whom we care we now name in our hearts...**

**Pastor:** Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, You are full of grace and truth. Those things come through You and You alone.

**People:** **Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, use us to proclaim Your love in all the earth until You come again to take us to Your eternal home where we will worship and adore You forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



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

"Gesù, Bambino"

*Today's Brass Quintet  
Pietro Yon  
Jillian Eichstaedt and Alana Meeker, Soprano*

## † The Order of Holy Communion †

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** As we draw near to the newborn Christ child on this night, we enter into the presence of holiness. Gathered around His manger, looking through faith upon His face, we discover one timeless truth... we are unworthy guests. Yet His very presence in our world speaks so strongly to God's love for us. He deeply desires to bring an end to our struggle with sin and tears and pain. In His grace He blesses us with the gift of forgiveness. Confident in the love God has shown toward us through Christ the Lord, we confess our sin and tears before our Father in heaven...

**People:** **Father, we humbly bow before You on this night, filled with awe at Your great love for us. We know we are unworthy of such love because of our sins. Yet in the midst of our failings and desperate need, You have given us the gift of Your only Son, our infant Savior.**

**Pastor:** We give You thanks for sending the Christ child into our world demonstrating Your perfect love in action, as Jesus lived and died for us.

**People:** **Forgive our sin this night and fill us with the everlasting peace only You can give as we continue to live in the reality of being both saint and sinner dependent upon this Jesus who was laid to rest in the manger and shed His blood on the cross. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Standing in the presence of our Holy God, I announce His peace to you! The separation between God and man, woman, and child has been healed by Jesus Christ. He was born in our midst to give us Christmas peace. He died and rose to give us eternal peace. Bearing this news of God, I therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Christ child, announce God's grace to you and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**People:** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!  
People: **At this table we commune with Christ Jesus, the true Light!**  
Pastor: Through the presence of Jesus, God the Father increases our joy!  
People: **At this table we are the guests of Christ Jesus who increases our faith.**  
Pastor: God has broken the yoke of sin and the burden of guilt!  
People: **At this table we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin!**  
Pastor: Holy and eternal God, You are the source of all things. Heaven and earth display Your glory. Long ago You gave the promise of a Savior who would fulfill Your holy will and deliver to You a holy people. We celebrate with joy this night of hope in which we commemorate His birth to the virgin Mary.  
People: **He came as one of us in our own human flesh and blood to redeem Your captive people in bondage to sin and its death.**  
Pastor: Accept our praise and thanksgiving for all that He has accomplished for us; help us to receive with faith His own body and blood in and with the bread and wine of His holy supper.

## SANCTUS *Is 6:3* ©DLAix, 2012



Ho-ly, O ho - ly Lord most high, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth! Dis -  
Ho-ly, O ho - ly Lord most high, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth! Ho -




play His glo - ry heav'n and earth! Bless-ed is He who comes.  
san - na in the high\_\_ est! Bless-ed is He who comes.

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

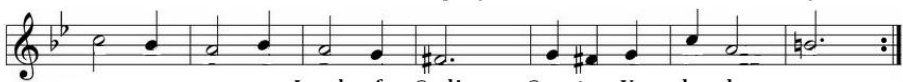
## THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.  
People: ♪ **Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*



O Christ the Lamb of God we pray: Take this world's sin a - way. Have



mer - cy on us, Lamb of God! Grant us Your ho - ly peace.

## 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.*

### “Angels We Have Heard on High”

LSB 368

♪ **Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song? *Refrain***

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain***

### “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

LSB 377



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the  
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er  
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since  
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then  
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great  
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us  
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may  
made the an - gels sing this night: “Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.”

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord God, You are the giver of all good and gracious gifts. We are blessed to be those who receive these gifts in and through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You that You have once again assured us of Jesus' presence in wine and bread. Enable us in true faith to celebrate the nativity of Christ's birth upheld and comforted by its mystery and everlasting peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### **CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

Pastor: Unto us a Child is born! Unto us a Son is given! May He who is called the Prince of Peace, through His body and blood, bring a full measure of peace and joy in our lives.

People: **Amen.**

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

*(At this time, 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: As the light of these candles illumine our faces, it reminds us of Christ, our Light, the child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice! The Light of the World has come. That light transforms us with the brightness of His glory. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaimed to you: that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

People: **If we say we have fellowship with Him but still walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live according to the truth.**

Pastor: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another;

People: **And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all our sins.**

Pastor: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and then cover its light. Instead they set the lamp on its stand, set up high, and it lights everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before everyone, that they may see your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven.

People: **Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

## **HYMN**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

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♪ **Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

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

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

“Still, Still, Still”

*Today’s Brass Quintet  
Paul Manz*