

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Norman, OK. (LCMS)

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Christmas Eve - Friday - December 24, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday December 24, 2021 7:00 p.m. LSB (maroon) HYMNAL

“A SERVICE of EIGHT LESSONS and CAROLS “

PRE-SERVICE CAROL SINGING 6:55 p.m.

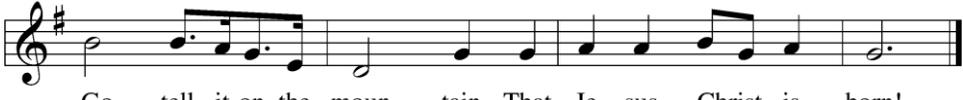
“Go Tell It on the Mountain” LSB 388 * = all stand

388 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,
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



Be - hold, through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
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.

PRELUDE- BELL CHOIR

“The First Noel”

Kevin McChesney

OPENING CHANT - LSB 384 vv. 1,5 - Pastor

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



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

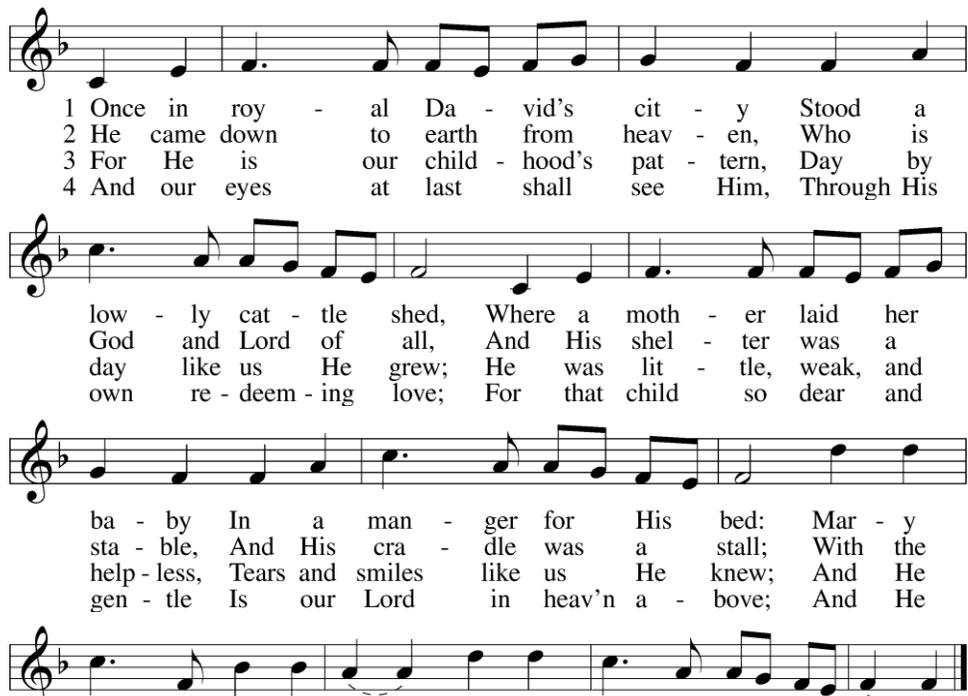


Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376

(Choir vv. 1,2; Cong. vv. 3-5)

376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

5 Not in that poor, lowly stable
 With the oxen standing by
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high.
 Then like stars His children, crowned,
 All in white, His praise will sound!

* TRINITARIAN INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

* PSALM 110:1-4 and "Glory be..." (Front of Hymnal - chanted responsively by whole verses)

¹The LORD says to my Lord:
 "Sit at my right hand,
 until I make your enemies your footstool."

²The LORD sends forth from Zion
 your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
 on the day of your power,
 in holy garments;
 from the womb of the morning,
 the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴The LORD has sworn
 and will not change his mind,
 "You are a priest forever
 after the order of Melchizedek."
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
 As it was in beginning, is now and ever shall be Amen.**

CHOIR

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Nancy L. Patsios

EIGHT LESSONS AND CAROLS

I.) SCRIPTURE

"The First Christmas Promise"

Genesis 3:1-15

A READING FROM Genesis chapter 3

1. Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
2. The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,
3. but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
4. "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.
5. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
6. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
8. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
9. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"
10. He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
11. And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"
12. The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
13. Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
14. So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
15. **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; HE shall crush your head, and you shall bruise his heel."**

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

HYMN 379

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



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!

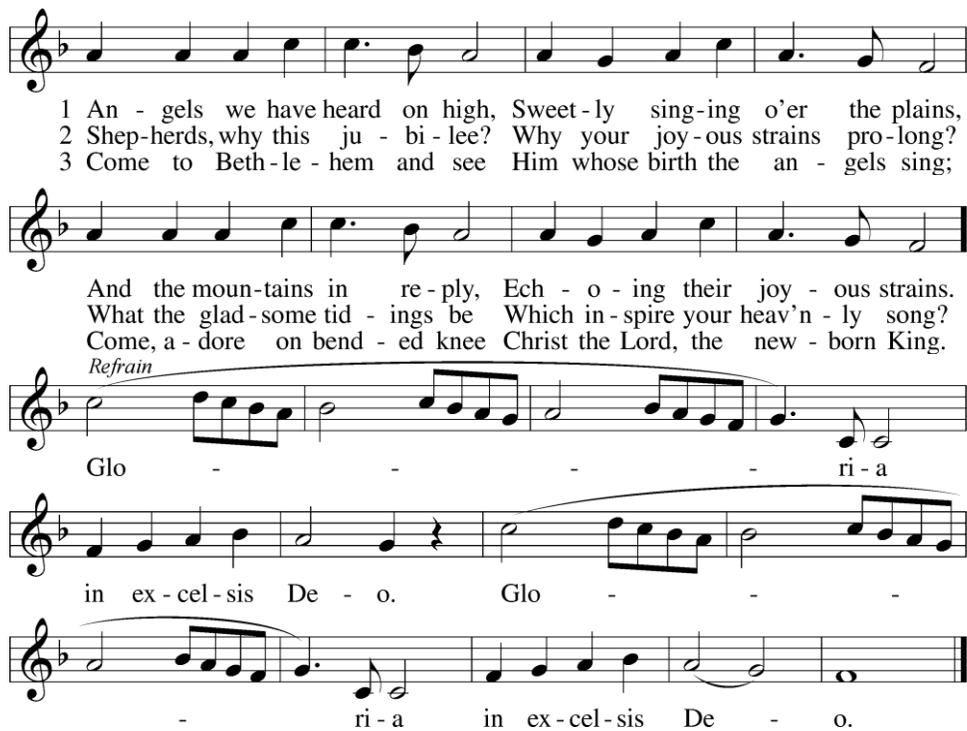
A READING FROM ISAIAH CHAPTER 7

10. Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
 11. "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."
 12. But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."
 13. Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also?
14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 15. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.
 16. But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.
 17. The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

HYMN 368

368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Refrain
 Glo - - - - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -
 - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

A READING FROM MICAH CHAPTER 5

2. **"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,** though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. "
3. Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.
4. **And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.**
5. **And THIS MAN shall be their peace**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

HYMN 361

361 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.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

A READING FROM ISAIAH CHAPTER 9

1. Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor **Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--**
2. **The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**
3. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.
4. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.
5. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.
6. **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**
7. **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall accomplish this.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

CHOIR

"Peaceful, Silent Night"

Ruth Schram

1. And it came to pass in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
2. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
3. And everyone went to his own town to register.
4. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, unto Bethlehem, the city of David, because he belonged to the house and lineage of David.
5. He went there to register with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was pledged to be married to him and who was great with child.
6. **And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished for her to be delivered,**
- 7 **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.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

HYMN 364

364 Away in a Manger

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

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

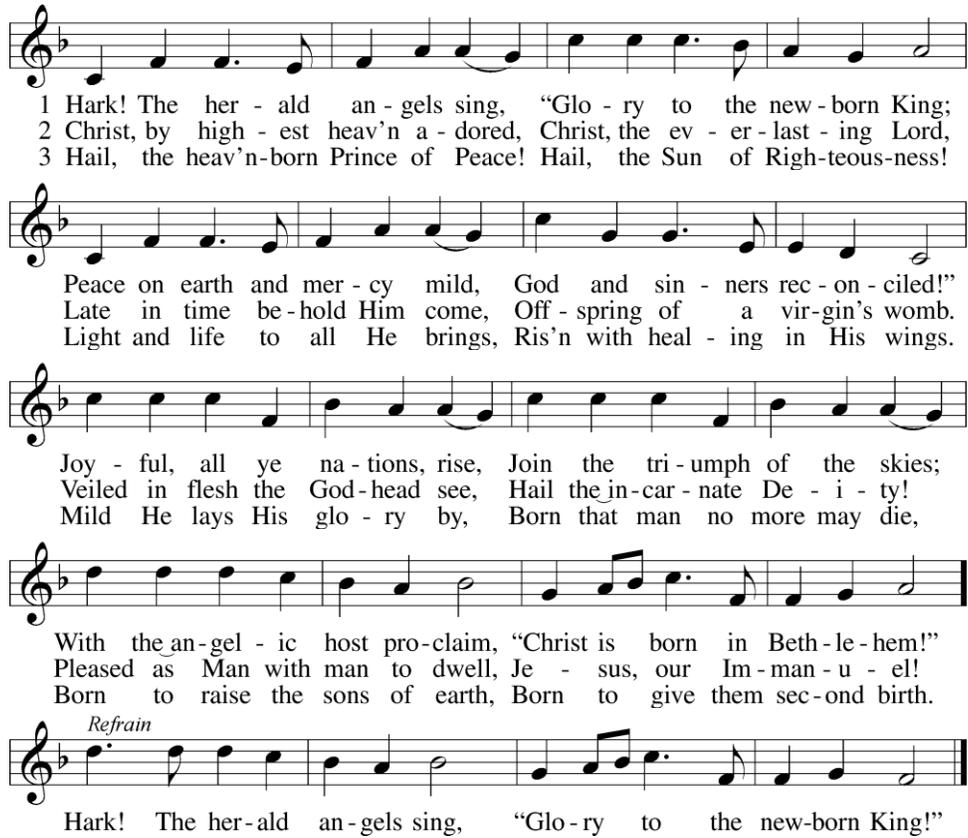
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

8. Now there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night.
9. And behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto them, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them, and they were very much afraid.
10. Then the angel said unto them, "**Fear not, for behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be for all the people.**
11. **For unto you this day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born; he is Christ the Lord.**
12. **And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."**
13. **Suddenly there was with the angel, a great multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,**
14. **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

380 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 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!"

VII.) SCRIPTURE

"Mary, Joseph, The Baby, Shepherds"

Luke 2:15-20

A READING FROM LUKE CHAPTER 2

15. So it was, that when the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now into Bethlehem, and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."
16. So they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe, who was lying in the manger.
 17. Now when they had seen him, they made known abroad, the saying which had been told them about this child,
 18. and all who heard it marveled at those things which were told to them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
20. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, just as it was told unto them.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

CHOIR

"Mary's Lullaby"

V. Earle Copes

VIII.) SCRIPTURE

"Jesus is the Son of God"

1 John 4:7-16

A READING FROM FIRST JOHN CHAPTER 4

- 7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** In this the love of God was made manifest among us, **that God sent his only Son into the world**, so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.
13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that **the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.** **15** **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.** **16** So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

387 Joy to the World

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

“God in Human Flesh”* **APOSTLES CREED** *(spoken in unison – found inside back cover of Hymnal)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERINGS We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings to the church in one of four ways:

1. Place your offerings in the offering plates by the back doors of the sanctuary

2. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office

3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office

– You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.

4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online.

Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here

VOLUNTARY

* **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH*** **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray)*

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN

(as we sing, the candles are lit and will remain lit, for the remainder of the service)

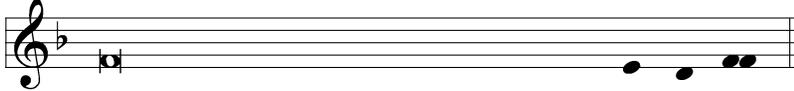
370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
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!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Benediction



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 363

“Silent Night”

363 Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

(you may extinguish your candles after the Hymn)

POSTLUDE

***** CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SERVICE SCHEDULE *****

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Tonight – Friday Dec. 24 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Carols and Holy Communion Service:

Saturday December 25 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Communion Services:

Sunday December 26 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Circumcision and Name of Our Lord

Holy Communion Service:

Friday December 31 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas Communion Services:

Sunday January 2 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Holy Communion Service:

Thursday January 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Baptism of Our Lord Communion Services:

Sunday January 9 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

OFFICIANTS:

Pastor David Nehrenz, Vicar Mark Gaschler

Organist, Choir and Bell Choir Director – Rachael Gros

Elders: Darin Davis, Kurt Schweiger, Eldon Jupe, Greg Burge,

Neal Schuster, Steve Lemke

ACOLYTE, CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR – THANK YOU!

