# Trinity Lutheran Church - Norman, Oklahoma

<u>www.tlcnorman.org</u> Third Sunday in Advent – December 24, 2023



#### De Adventu Domini.

Veni, veni Emmanuel!	Veni, veni o oriens!
Captivum solve Israel!	Solare nos adveniens,
Qui gemit in exilio,	Noctis depelle nebulas,
Privatus Dei Filio,	Dirasque noctis tenebras.
Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel	Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel etc.
Nascetur pro te, Israel.	
Veni o lesse virgula!	Veni clavis Davidica!
Ex hestis tuos ungula,	Regna reclude coelica,
De speca tuos tartari	Fac iter tutum superum,
Educ, et antro barathri.	Et claude vias inferum.
Gaude, gande, Emmanuel etc.	Gande, gande, Emmanuel etc.
Veni veni Ad	onait

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 2023 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Service Book - Page 151 Divine Service 1 Order of Holy Communion \* = All Stand

Veni, veni Adonai! Qui populo in Sinai Legem dedisti vertice, In Maiestate gloriae, Gaude, gaude, Emmanuel etc.

Prelude

"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"

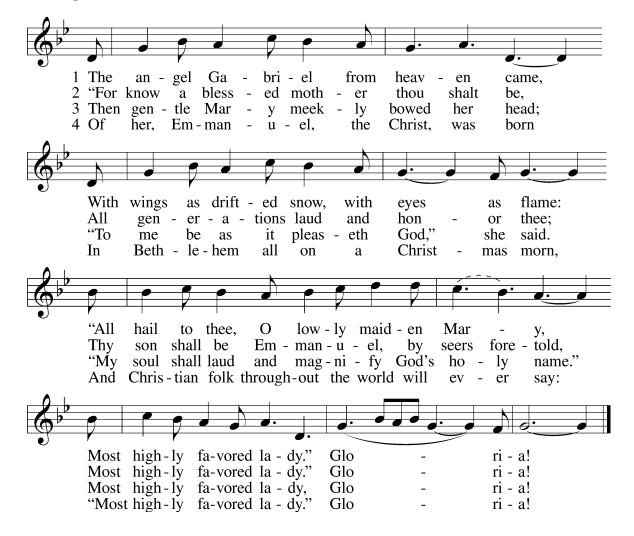
Johann Gottfried Walther

Share the Peace of the Lord

#### Announcements

Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

#### 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



# **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

# Introit

Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a, b

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;\* let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*

and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\*

### and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

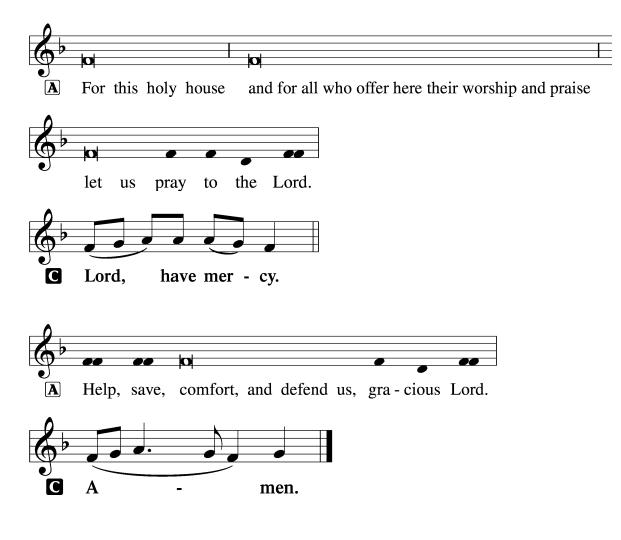
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

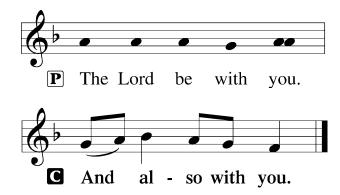
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Sit Old Testament Reading

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-5 (chanted responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\* with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
<sup>2</sup>For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;\* in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness."
<sup>3</sup>You have said, "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;\* I have sworn to David my | servant:
<sup>4</sup>'I will establish your offspring for- | ever,\* and build your throne for all gener- | ations."
<sup>5</sup>Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,\* your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### **Epistle**

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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## Stand Alleluia and Verse



## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 1:26–38

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <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."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is

the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Sit 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain
- O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
  And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
  Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
  And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- O come, Desire of nations, bind
  In one the hearts of all mankind;
  Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
  And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

### Sermon

## "THE GIFT IN MARY'S WOMB"

12-24-23 TEXT: Luke 1:26-38

Theme: The mystery that was kept secret for long ages has now been disclosed in the womb of a virgin.

# I. THE ANGEL GABRIEL REVEALS THE GIFT TO MARY THAT THE PROPHETS LONG FORETOLD.

# II. THIS GIFT IN MARY'S WOMB COMES BEARING HOPE FOR US WHO HAVE NO HOPE BESIDE HIM.

# III. SO WE NOW HAVE THE JOY OF OUR HOPE IN GOD'S WORD WHO COMES IN THE FLESH.

CONCLUSION: Our tradition of preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh now brings to the precipice of our hope and joy.

#### HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

#### ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses.

The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

# Stand **Nicene Creed**

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

### In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Madisen Lemke, Kandie Darmody, Lynlee Kocurek, Barbara Craun, Marie Campbell, Michael Meyer, Larry Klumpp

### **Other Needs We Pray for**

- \* Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
   \* Pray for Rain
  - \* Pray for Peace for Israel & Palestine & the Ukraine

#### **Military Service Members & their Families**

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley

#### **Police and Firefighters**

<u>Birthda</u>	<u>ys</u>	
12/24	Dan Schemm	12/24
12/27	Rielyn Taffe	12/27
12/28	Allen Law	12/28
12/28	Sandy Dunaway	12/28
12/29	Meredith Marshall	12/29
12/30	Jack Schemm	12/30
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<u>Anniversaries</u>	<b>Years</b>	
Steven & Yasmin Hoover	12/28/2013	10
John & Vickie Zubialde	12/29/1984	39
John & Barbara Keiken	12/29/2001	22
John & Joanie Eisenbraun	12/31/1960	63
Jonathan & Tisha Merchant	12/31/2005	18

#### **Missions**

Jana Inglehart serves the Lord through The LCMS as the regional communication specialist for the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In this missionary role, she assists national churches and missionary pastors in church planting through the provision of media tools they can use to give witness to the Gospel.

"If God Himself Be for Me" Paul Kicks
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Sit

### Offering

Voluntary

(Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates passed by the ushers.)

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

1. Place your offerings in the offering plates

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.

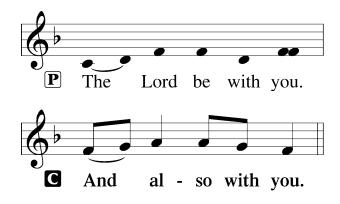
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Offertory

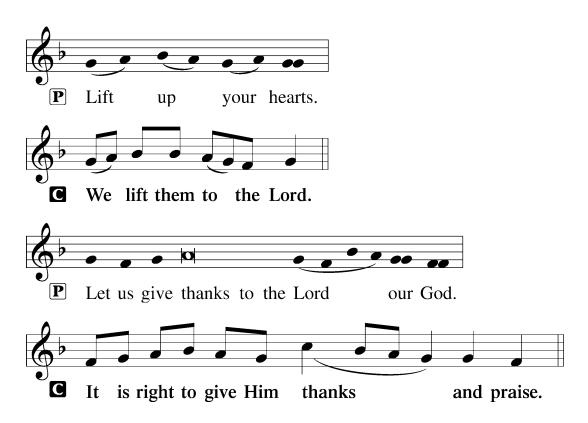


# Service of the Sacrament

Preface



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**[P**] It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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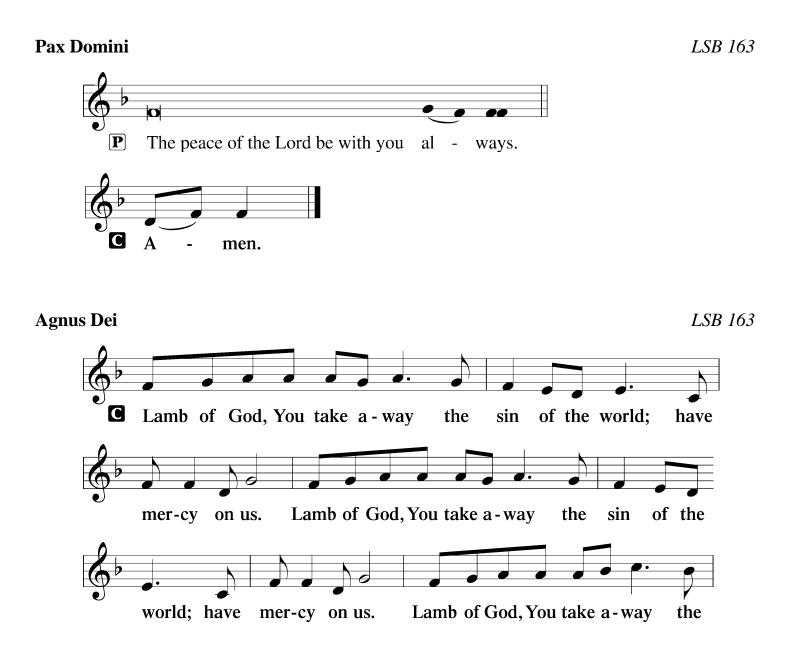
**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

## The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





## Sit Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

## Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.** 

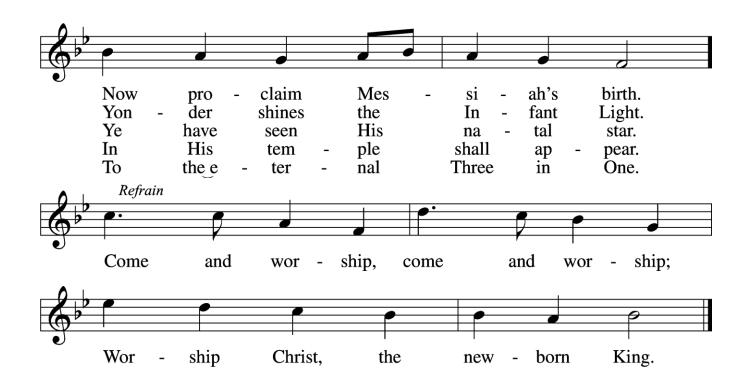
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 
→ in peace.

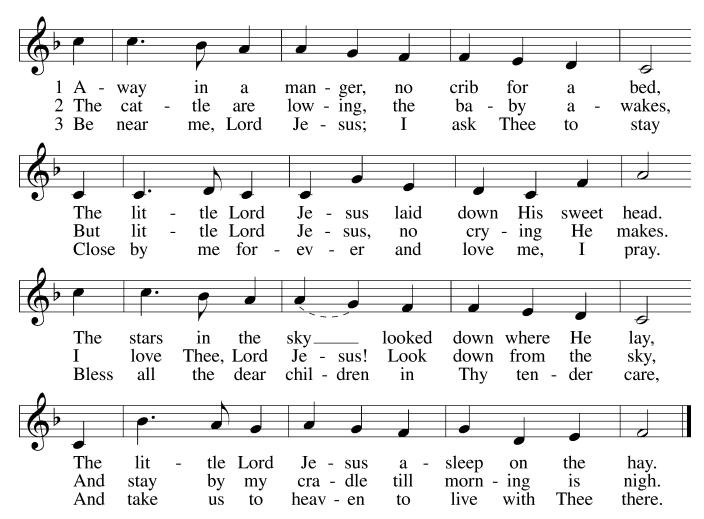
**C** Amen.

# 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

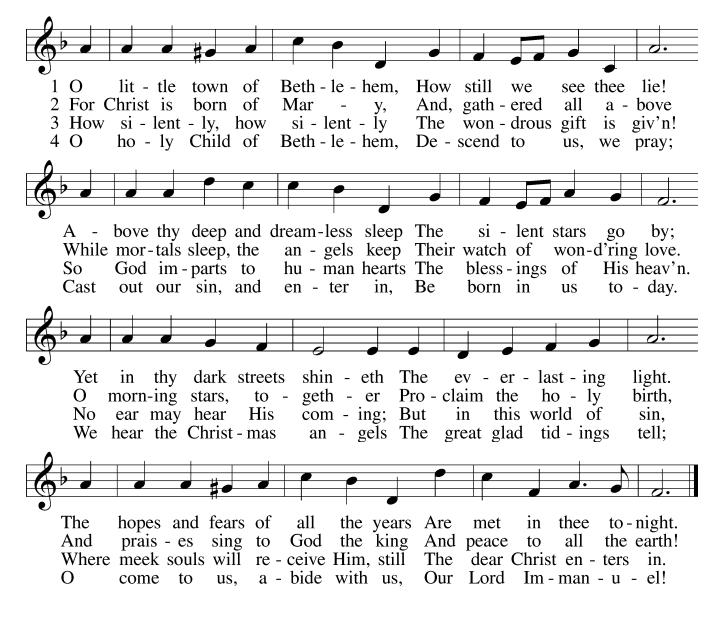




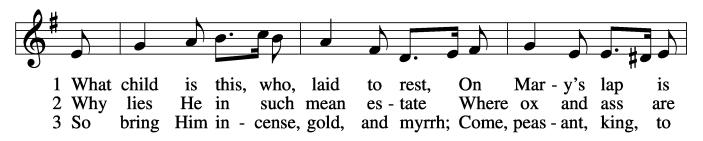
364 Away in a Manger

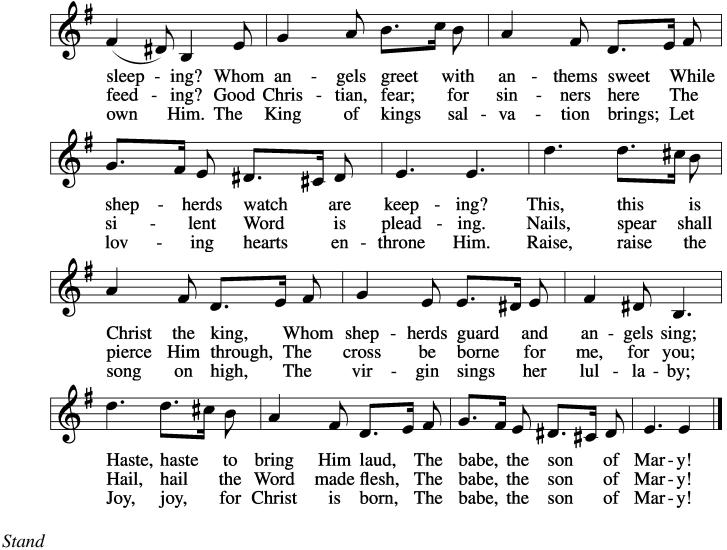


## 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



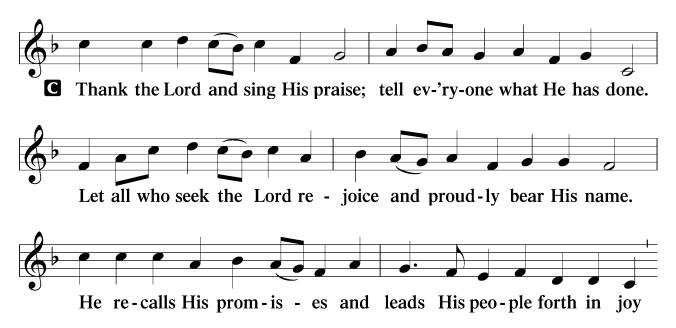
### **370 What Child Is This**





Thank the Lord

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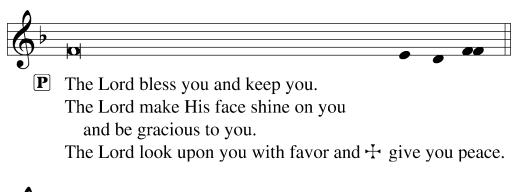
## **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction





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387 Joy to the World



Postlude

"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

Randall Sensmeier