



The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve



Festival Candlelight Worship

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

6:00 & 8:00 PM

THE CHURCH YEAR

The Season of Christmas

In the church, the *liturgical year* focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The changing *seasons* of the church year provide an opportunity to celebrate the Christian faith in worship. The six seasons are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

The **second season** of the church year is **Christmas**, which marks the fulfillment of our Advent expectation. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and celebrates the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ for the salvation of all people.

Christmas is not just a single day, but a season. It begins on the evening of December 24 and lasts for twelve days, through January 5.

The changing *liturgical colors* in the sanctuary serve to adorn the worship space and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. The liturgical color for Christmas is *white*, which suggests gladness, light and joy.

On the cover:

The Nativity, Lorenzo Monaco, ca 1406-10, tempera on wood, gold ground

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 40 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace. Our next new member weekend is January 31 & February 1, 2026.

POP's Café: Coffee and breakfast are available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information. Our next new member weekend is January 31 & February 1, 2026.

Please note that today's 8 PM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.



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to read this week's
newsletter
Peace Signs

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

PRELUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Arthur Frackenpohl

The Word Was God Rosephanye Powell
Chamber Choir

*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, God has not made.*

From Heaven Above

Walter Pelz

Please stand and turn to the rear of the sanctuary to face the cross.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother, Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?*

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow. Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo! Angels are singing; the Christ Child is born.*

*Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.*

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow. Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo! Angels are singing; the Christ Child is born.*

*Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.*

*Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow. Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo! Angels are singing; the Christ Child is born.*

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CANDLE LIGHTING

If you are on an aisle, please light your candle from the aisle candle. Once your candle is lit, please keep it upright and allow the person next to you to tip their candle to receive the light. Please turn to face the cross as it moves to the center of the aisle.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

ELW 281

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in
heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

Remain standing and facing the cross.

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please turn to face the cross as it moves to the front of the sanctuary.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

ELW 281

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,
heav'n - ly hosts ... sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,
Sav - ior is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Please be seated and extinguish your candle.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN



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!



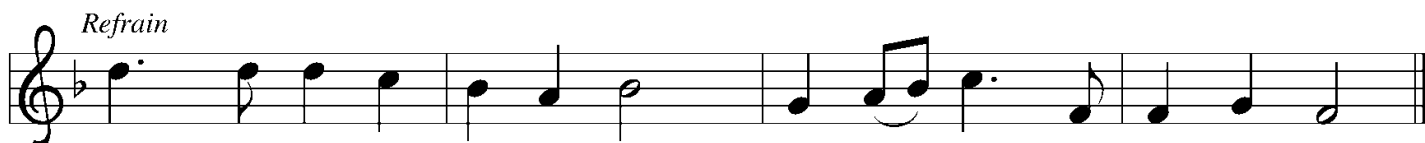
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



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

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

And the Word Was Made Flesh
Prince of Peace Choir

Brian Pfofner

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as from the Father.

And from his fullness we have received grace upon grace.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Please stand.

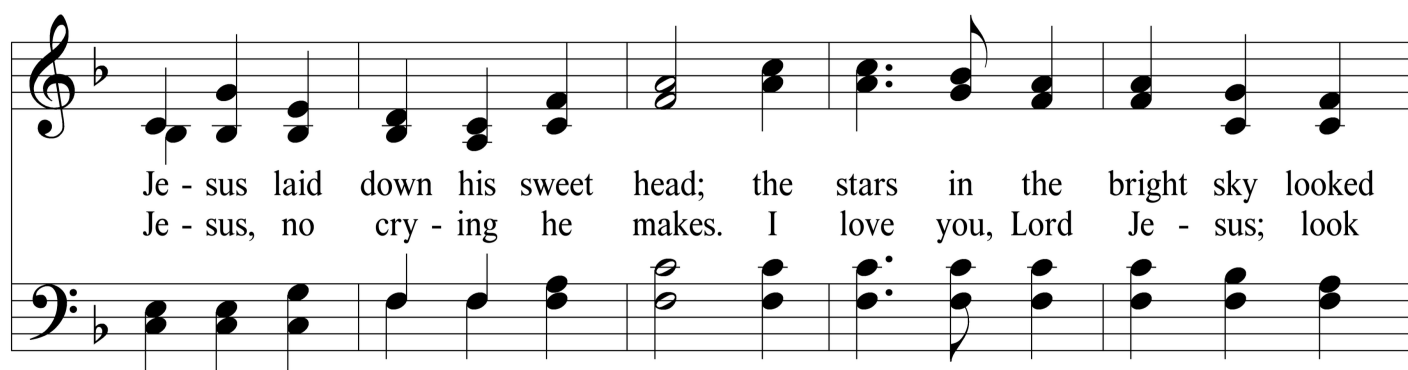
OFFERTORY HYMN

Away in a Manger

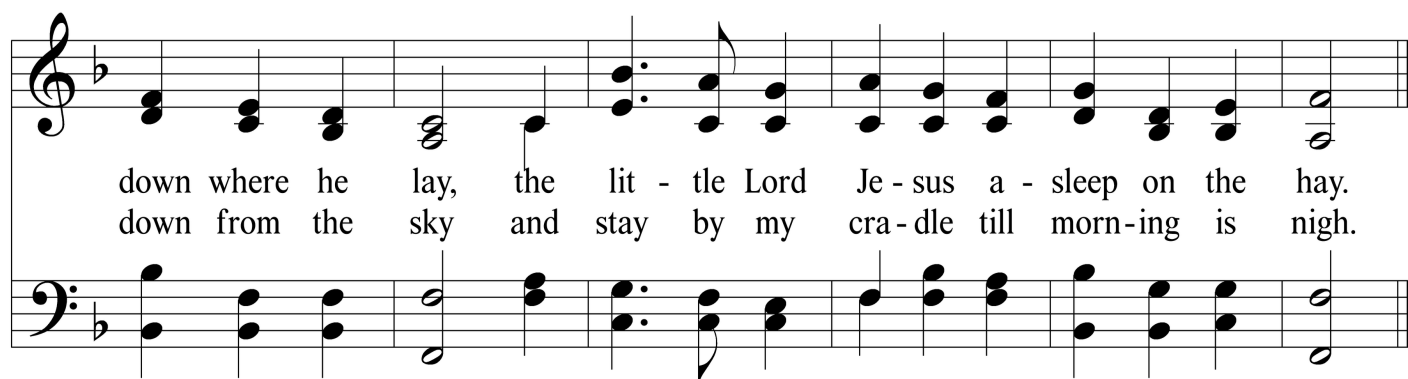
AWAY IN A MANGER



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord



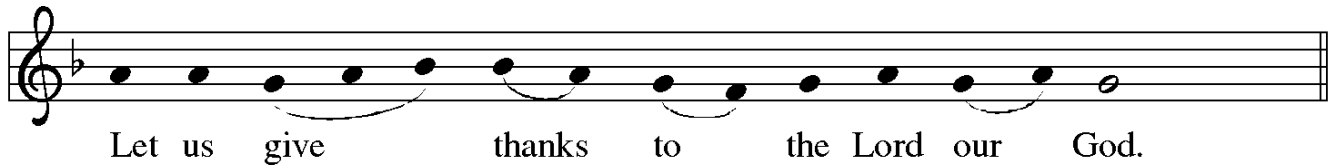
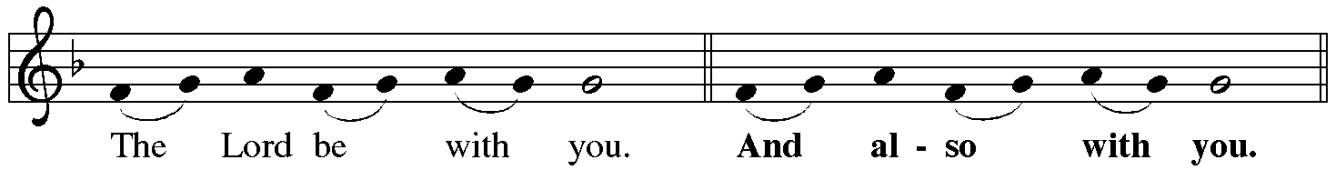
Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look

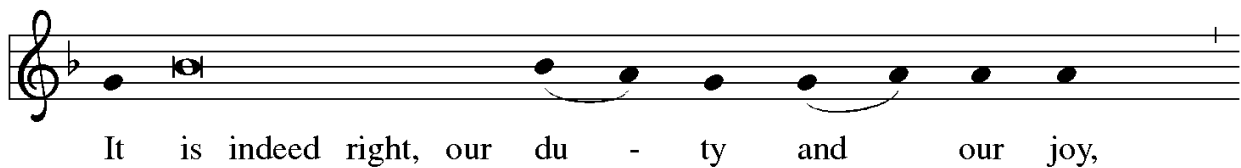


down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

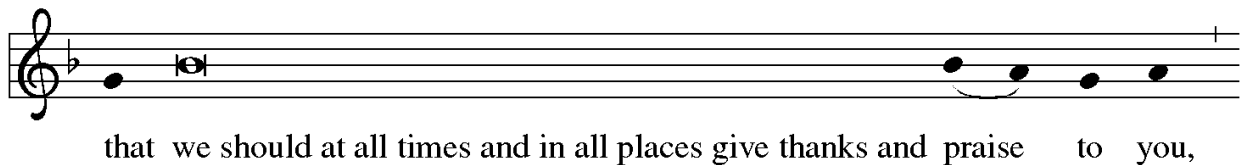
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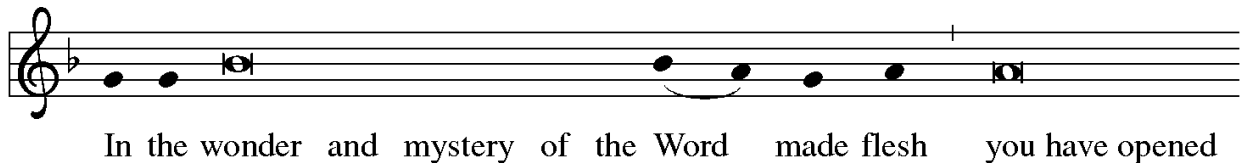
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



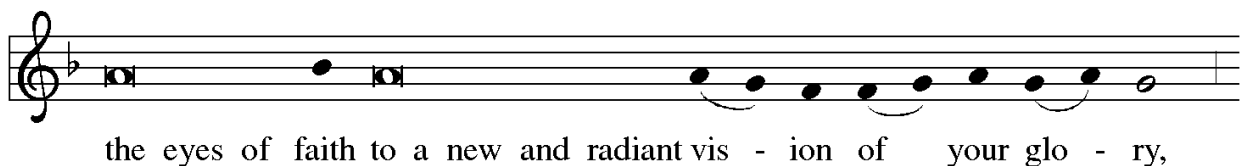
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



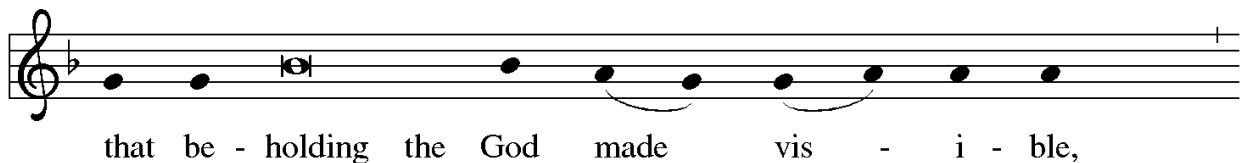
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



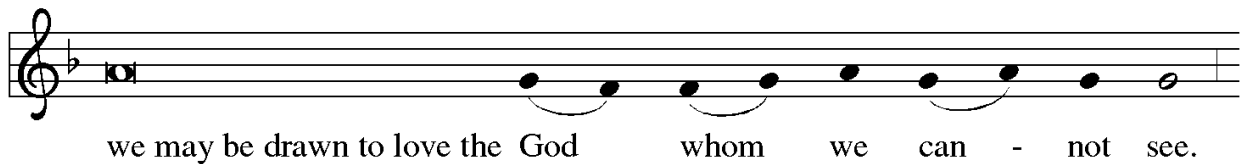
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened



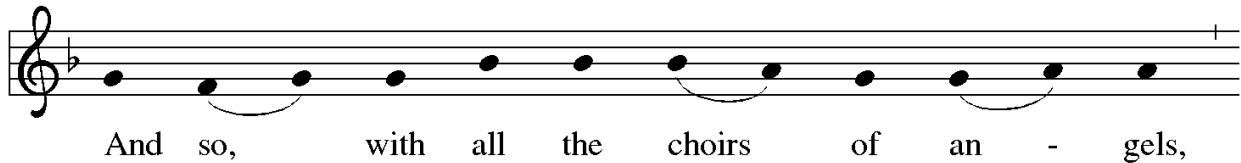
the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,



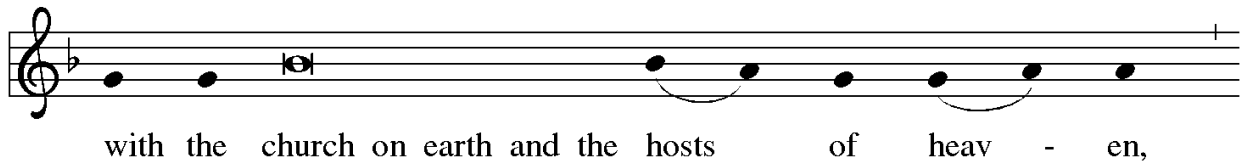
that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,



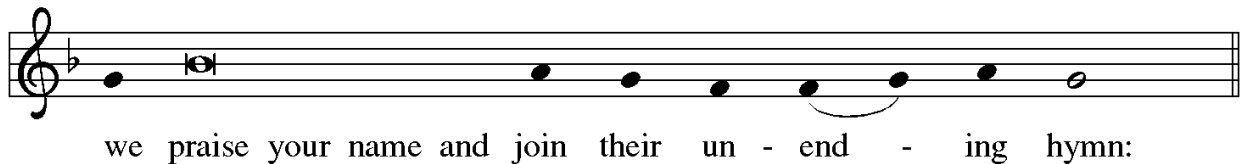
we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to
drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by
you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, 
your kingdom come, 
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. 

Give us today our daily bread. 

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. 

Save us from the time of trial 
and deliver us from evil. 

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

 *Please pause for the toll of the bell.*

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Silent Night, Holy Night Chamber Choir

arr. Malcolm Sargent

*Silent night, holy night. Wise men see the star so bright.
Hallelujah the angels sing, Shepherds hear and glad tidings bring.
Christ the Savior is here, Jesus our Savior is here.*

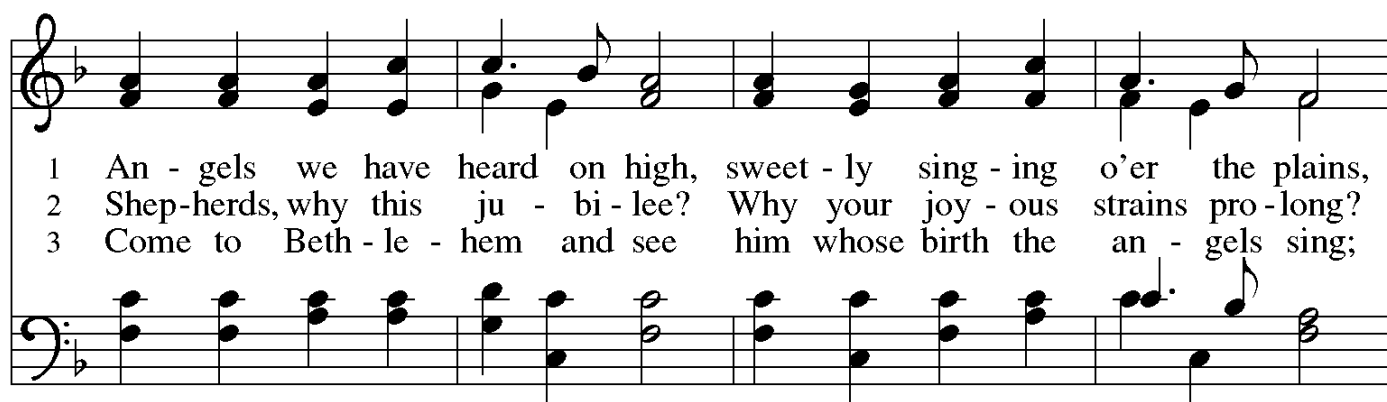
*Silent night, holy night. Son of God, O blessed sight.
On thy lips a sweet smile of love, Sent to earth from heaven above.
Christ the Savior is here, Jesus our Savior is here.*

COMMUNION HYMN

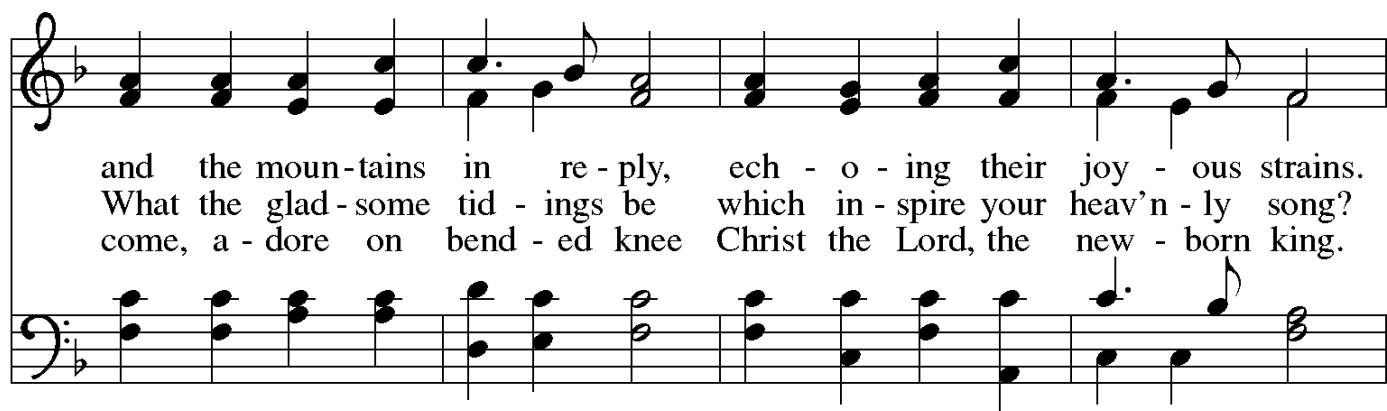
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Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA



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

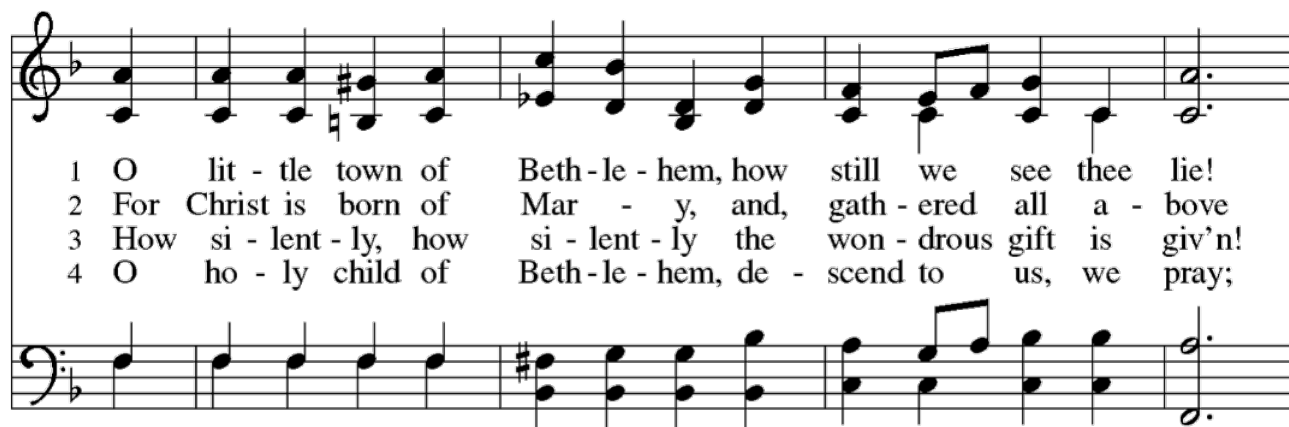
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COMMUNION HYMN

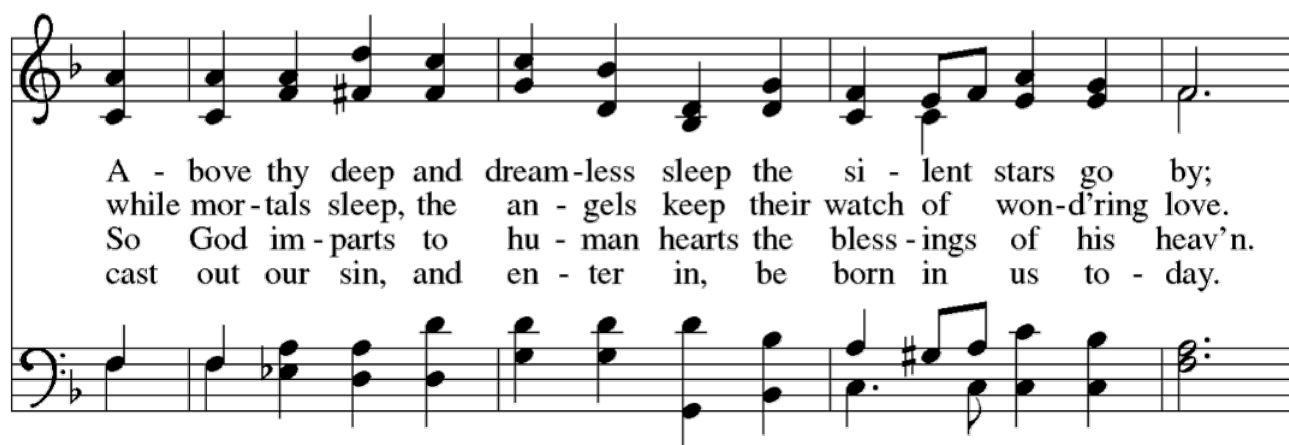
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O Little Town of Bethlehem

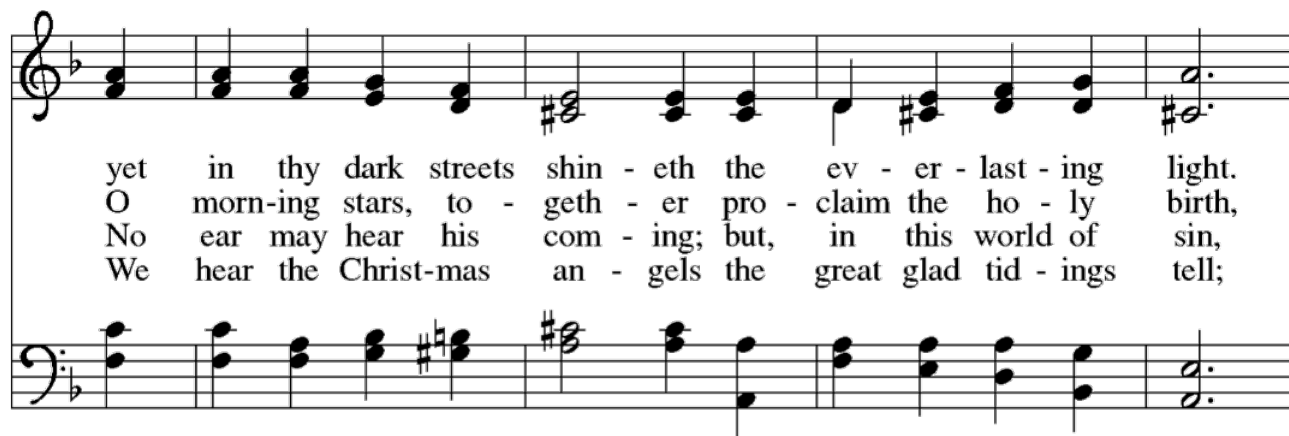
ST. LOUIS



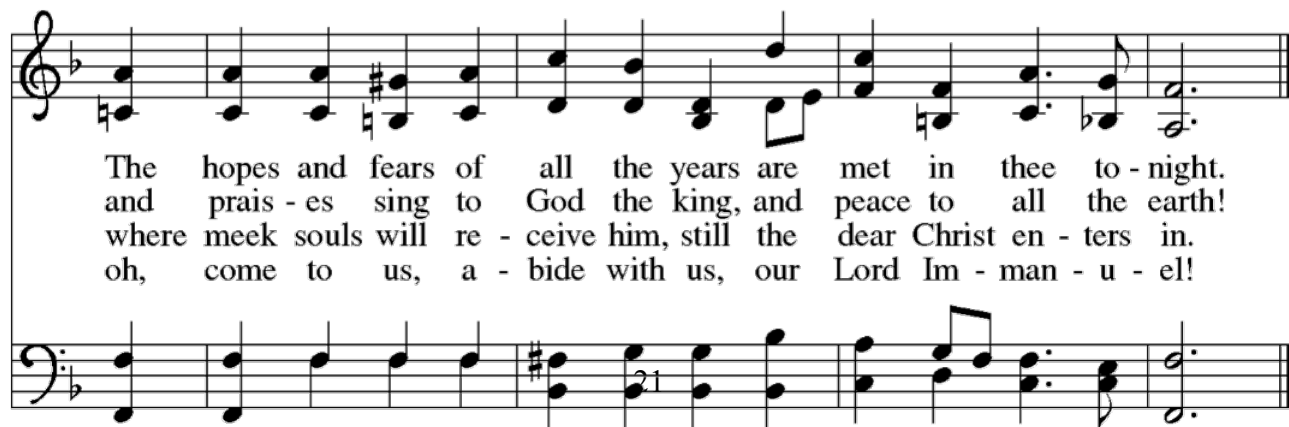
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

SENDING

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting

Minister: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

All: Amen.

Please turn and face the cross as it moves to the rear of the sanctuary.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 267

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

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

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And peace to God's people on earth!

Assisting

Minister: Go in joy. Celebrate the birth of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Robert Hobby

*Brochures with poinsettia dedications can be found in the narthex.
Thank you to all who donated to our flower fund.*

Merry Christmas

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A special thank you to our instrumentalists:

Lance Witty, Dan King, trumpet

Tiffany Damicone, horn

Tony Weikel and Doug Moran, trombone

Zach Koors, percussion

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

10:00 AM

Weekly Worship

Our regular worship schedule resumes
on the weekend of December 27 & 28, 2025

Saturdays 5:30 PM

Sundays 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School for age 3 – 5th grade resumes on Sunday, January 11 at 9:00 AM

Confirmation classes resume on Monday, January 12 at 6:00 PM

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Festival Candlelight Worship

6 & 8 PM

	6 PM	8 PM
Assisting Minister	Tess Losey	Brent McCoy
Lector	Matt Huber	Cathy Koenig
Communion Server	SERVER Steve Findley Mike Huber Mitch Huber Shawnda Vega Mike Ziegler	Linda Chlapaty Barbara Hoylman Matt Ludwig Karen Nevergall Kaley O'Donnell Nancy Twynham
Altar Care	Lois Gantner Jennifer Schafer Nancy Shuman	Roxanne Docter Janet Jarvis Kathy Liebisch
Head Usher	Brian Golden	Don Guilbert
Usher	Justin Aksterowicz Sally Anspach Valarie Holloway Vivian Holloway USHER	Emily Burmeister Scott Farwick Andy Heins Johnny Hoylman Tonia Kennedy Craig Miller Sue Miller
Acolyte	Owen Hensel Liv Jenkins Nora Schiller Ben Stuart Alex Vega Helina Weaver	Isaac Beer Mia Chignolli Hudson Lipe Dylan Valentine Lauren Valentine ACOLYTE
A/V Producer		Gary Liebisch
Offering Depositor	Ken Boock	Ken Boock

PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRINCE OF PEACE STAFF

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Rev. Tim Wrenn

Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson

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Lucille Gill	Organist
Sam Stiner	Children's Music
Sue Miller	Preschool and Elementary Youth
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Jocelyn Alford	Communications
Emily Nevergall	Social Media
Kathy Liebisch	Weddings & Funerals
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