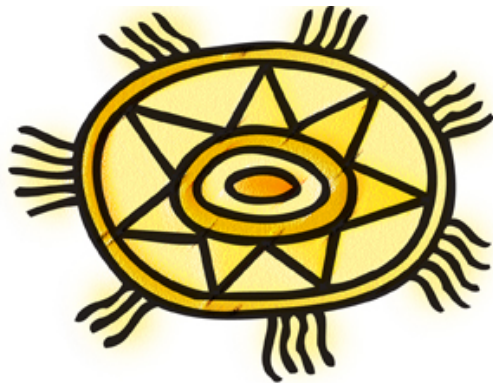




PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3 & 4, 2026



*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

John 1:1

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. The next new member weekend is January 31 & February 1, 2026.

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM 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.



SCAN
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. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.

PRELUDE

(5:30 PM)

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Edwin Jones

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

A Medley of Carols

Jerry Ray

ENTRANCE HYMN


ELW 300

The First Noel

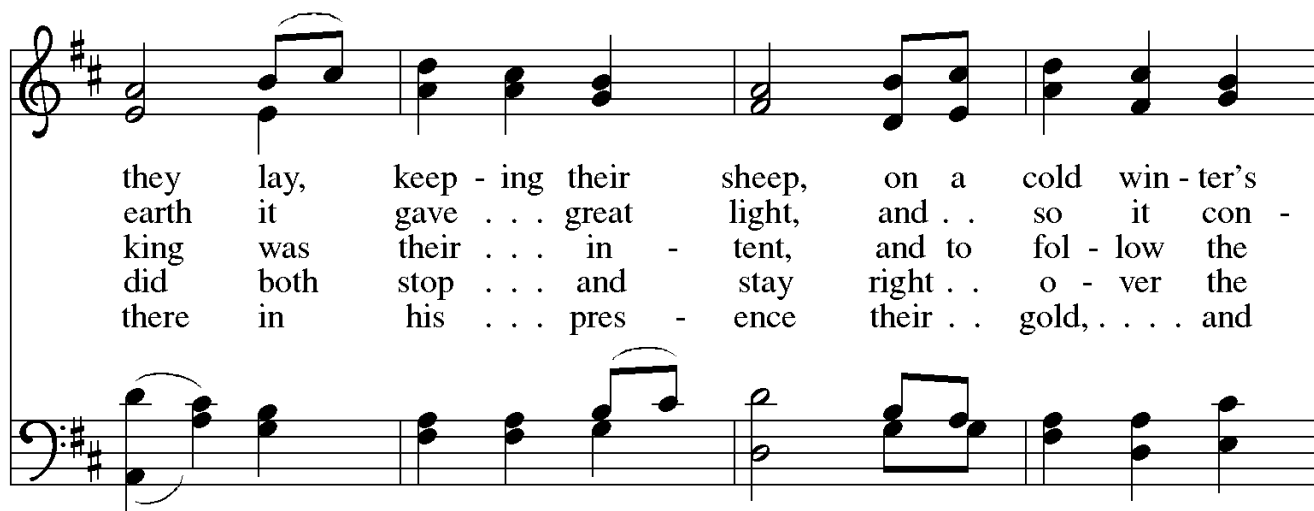
THE FIRST NOWELL



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

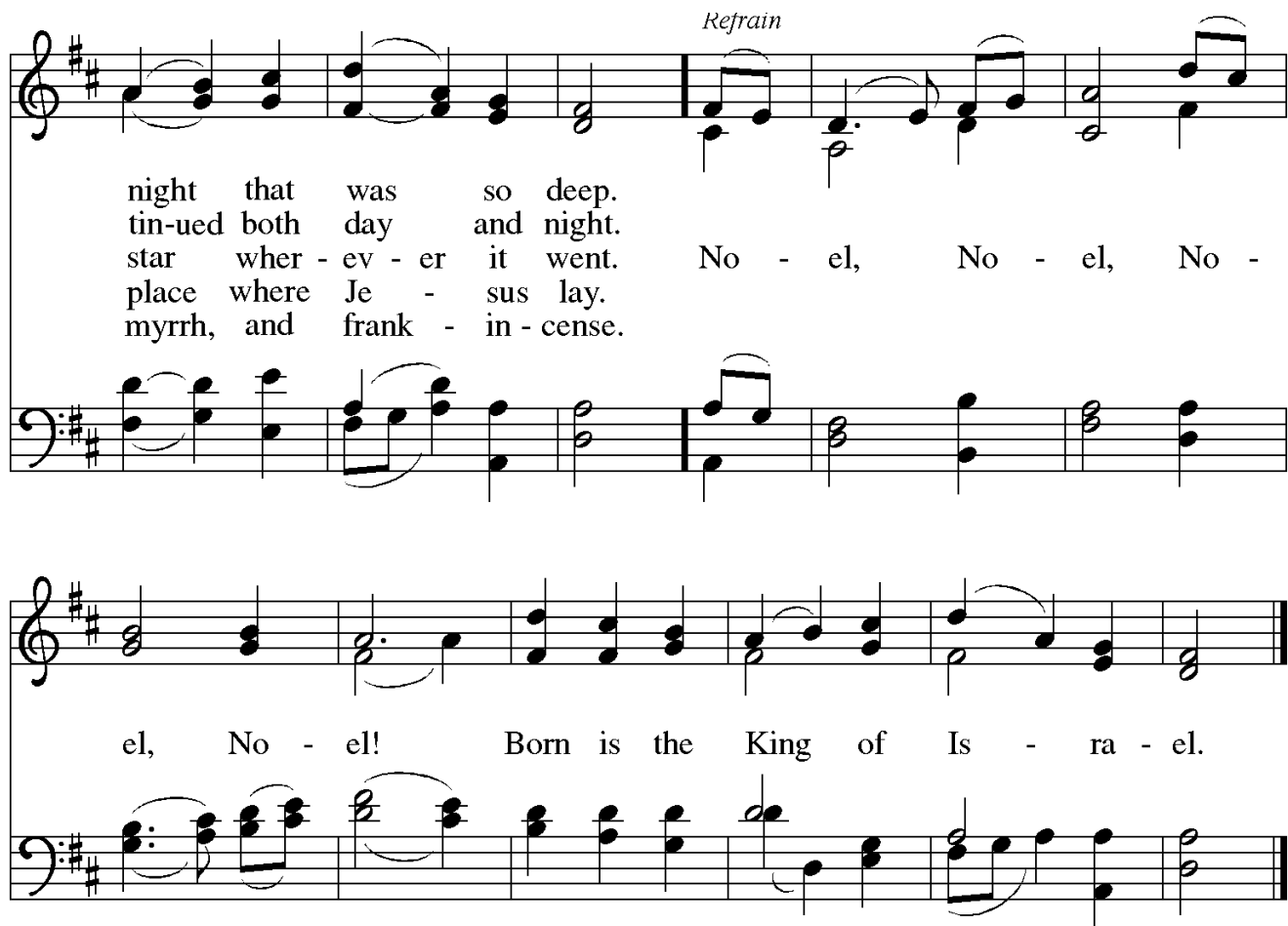


cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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 have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.” ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 147:12-20

The Congregation repeats the Refrain and sings the bolded verses as indicated.

PSALM REFRAIN



Wor - ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa-lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a. God's word is ev - er - last - ing.

by Beth Kenreich

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 285

Peace Came to Earth

SCHNEIDER



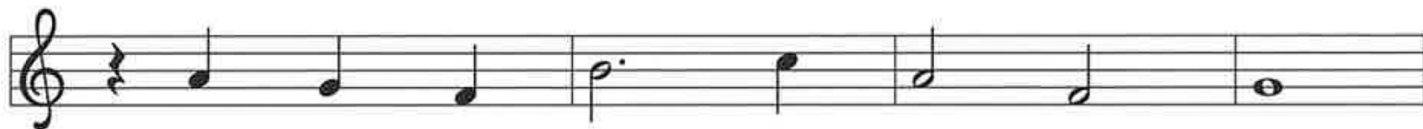
1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



when an - gels clove the sky with song and light
the in - fant in their arms, and lat - er felt
in flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pains,
How else could I have loved you, O my God!



and God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might—
the wound - ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled—
in bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain—
How else could I em - brace you, O my God!



Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but see: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the ✠ resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting

Minister: As the calendar turns to a new year, let us raise a chorus of prayers for all God's creation, both near and far. *A moment of silence.*

God of wonder, help us slow down, contemplate the wonders of your world, and count our blessings received from your bounty. We thank you for your most precious gift of redemption through Jesus Christ. Renew our commitment to share our gifts with others without hesitation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of encouragement, we ask that you bless Prince of Peace as we embark on another year of worship, learning, service, and fellowship. Motivate us to lead by example, making 2026 our best year yet.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we pray for leaders worldwide. Guide them to pursue peace and justice for all. May 2026 be the year that people around the world lay down their arms, see each other as friends, and see you as the source of all goodness.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, give strength and healing to the sick, food to the hungry, and friendship to the lonely. We pray especially for those we now name, aloud or silently in our hearts. *A moment of silence.* Let each of us be instruments of your peace and healing.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all, you have opened our minds and hearts through Jesus and your Word. Let us reaffirm our trust in you each and every day. Help us to share your glorious message and the promise of eternal life with all people. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local missions that help people in need.

Today's flowers are given by Emily and John Nevergall, in celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary.

MUSICAL OFFERING

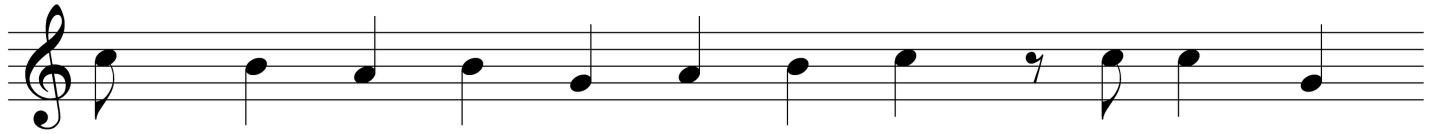
	When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known	Wilbur Held
(5:30 PM)	Evan Lloyd, soloist	
(9:00 & 10:30 AM)	Suzy Biehl, soloist	

OFFERTORY HYMN

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From Heaven Above

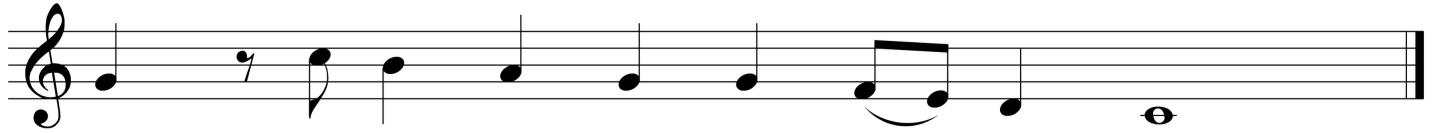
VOM HIMMEL HOCH



"From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
"Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to



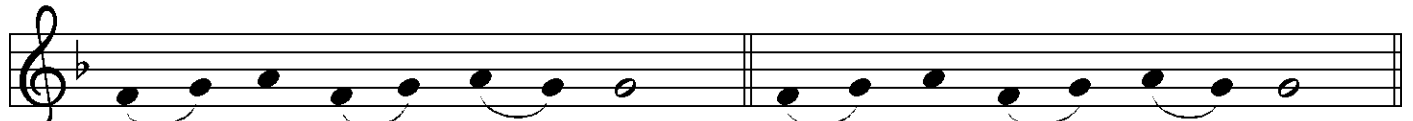
news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I
us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous



bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing."
mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

S144a




The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

The first staff of music is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It contains two measures. The first measure has the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' and the second measure has the lyrics 'And al - so with you.' The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with slurs under the phrases.



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

The second staff of music continues the melody. The first measure has the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts.' and the second measure has the lyrics 'We lift them to the Lord.' The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with slurs under the phrases.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third staff of music continues the melody. The lyrics are 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with slurs under the phrases.

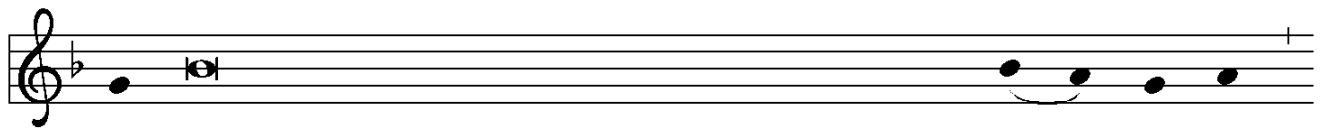


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The fourth and final staff of music continues the melody. The lyrics are 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with slurs under the phrases.



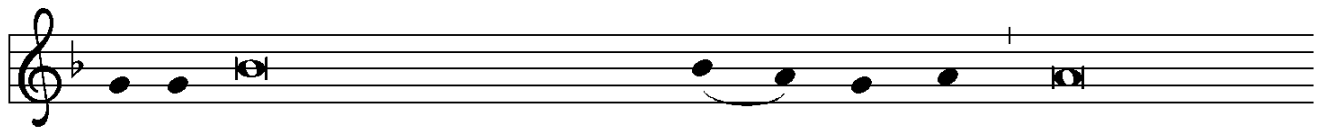
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



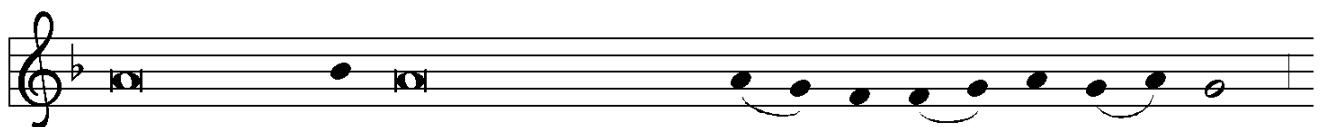
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



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



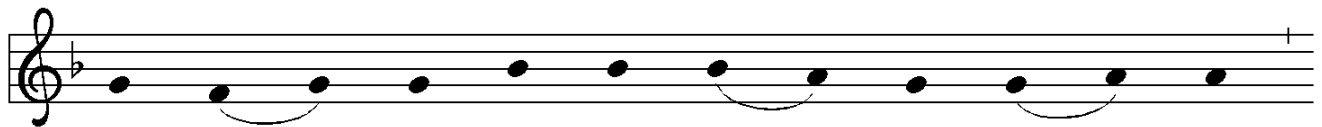
the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,



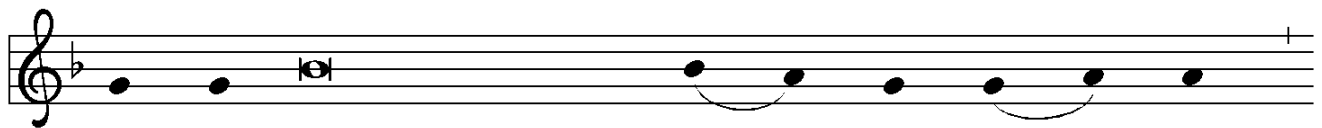
that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,



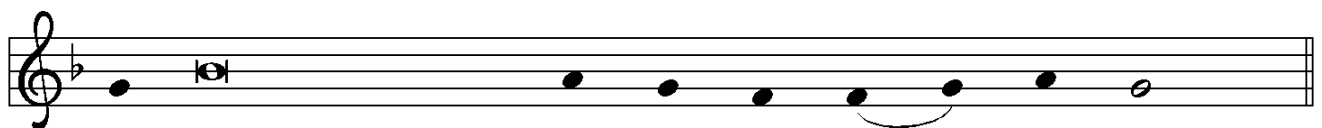
we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.



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

S144b



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.



Please pause for the toll of the bell when you see this symbol 

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.

LAMB OF GOD

S146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
Please ask your server.*

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

I Wonder as I Wander
Suzy Biehl, soloist

traditional

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

LBW 57

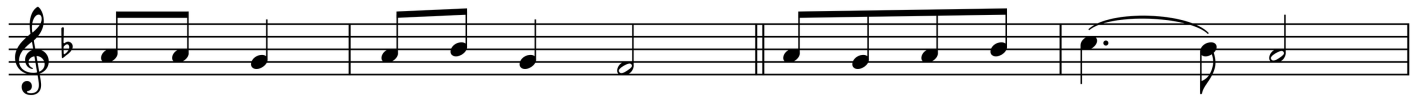
Let Our Gladness Have No End

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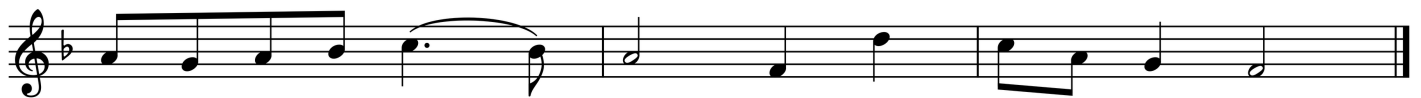


1. Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah! For to earth did
2. See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah! From the branch of
3. In - to flesh is made the Word. Hal - le - lu - jah! He, our ref - uge

Refrain



Christ de - scend, Hal - le - lu - jah!
Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah! On this day God gave _____ us
and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!



Christ, his Son to save _____ us; Christ, his Son, to save us.

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

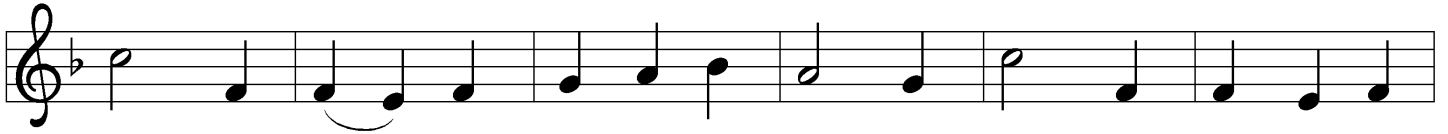
All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

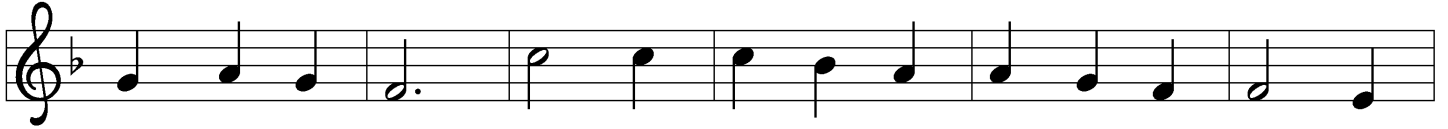
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Love Has Come

UN FLAMBEAU



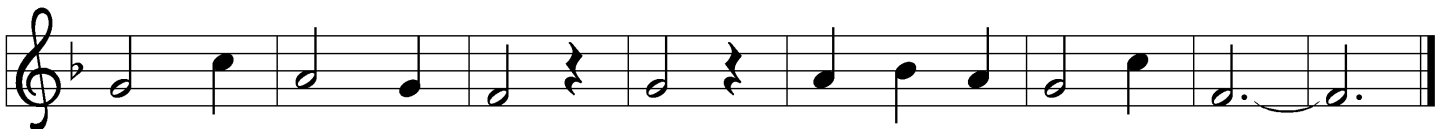
1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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

(5:30 PM)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Lani Smith

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Noel

Louis Claude Daquin

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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.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3 & 4, 2026

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Front Door Greeter		Marty Schultz	Matthew Heins
Back Door Greeter		Jim Kostelac	Christie Engler
Assisting Minister	Tess Losey	Max Huber	Calli Anderson
Lector	Linda Dreier	Sherry Jablonski	Bill Hutter
Communion Server		Karen Lintala Matt Ludwig	Linda Chlapaty Karen Nevergall Jeff Pinkham
Altar Care	Jennifer Schafer	Terri Lester Kathy Liebisch Gayle Schuett	Ron Minto Sarah Minto
Head Usher	Dennis Kiel	Tim Ninke	Adam Biehl
Usher	Dana Kiel	Sally Anspach Jon Baker Josh Burnside	Scott Farwick Steve Petersen Mike Ziegler
Acolyte	Drake Brenning Kevin Harrison Samantha Harrison ACOLYTE	Mia Chignolli Christian Heiss Cole Redinger Hadley Stredney	Zoey Barnett Garrett Berkman Sloan Miller Alex Vega
Nursery Room #2		Lexi Burnside	Kaitlyn Anderson
A/V Producer			Brent McCoy
Prayer Writer	Elaine Messersmith Mark Messersmith		
Offering Depositor			Bob Buchholtz
Welcome Center	Julie Kirgis		
Altar Linens	Peg Moskowitz		
POP's Cafe	Lois Gantner, Scott Jablonski, Darci Triplett		

PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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