

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Midnight**  
**December 24, 2021 7:00 p.m. Communion Service**

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today, whether at home or in person. Those joining us in person who are not fully COVID-19 vaccinated are asked to wear masks, especially when singing and when coming forward for communion. Please follow the instructions given by Pastor and the ushers to maintain a healthy environment for all present.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during communion services. Please speak to the pastor before service if you wish to receive the host in this form.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are not a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to the service before receiving the Lord's Supper.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

Prayer requests may be emailed to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) or to [pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com).

**FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

*Our Vision:*

*Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love*

*Our Mission:*

*Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,  
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.*



### **AS WE GATHER TODAY**

The shepherds had a sudden awakening when angelic light dispelled the darkness of night. God was entering human history in Bethlehem then, but for centuries He had been shedding light on His plans. This evening we thank God that His grace has dawned within us, giving us believing hearts to joyfully celebrate His birth. We not only recall what God has done in the past, but also we light our own candles to spread the warmth of God's love to one another. And then we go out into a world where many people still walk in darkness. What joy there will be when they see the Light!

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD— CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT

## Seeing the Light

*Please Stand*

### ✠ SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

[After a quiet prelude, a procession may form (pastor, crucifer, book bearer, and acolytes).]

**HYMN 357 vv. 1, 6**      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,    And ran - som cap - tive  
Is - ra - el,    That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.    *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el    Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6      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

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### OPENING SENTENCES    *Isaiah 9:2–7*

Pastor:      The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
People:      **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

Pastor:      You have multiplied the nation;  
People:      **You have increased its joy;**

Pastor:      they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest,  
People:      **as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

**HYMN 412 vv. 1-2**

**“The People That in Darkness Sat”**

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.

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**Pastor:** For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor,  
**People:** **You have broken as on the day of Midian.**

**Pastor:** For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood  
**People:** **will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

**Pastor:** For to us a child is born,  
**People:** **to us a son is given;**

**Pastor:** and the government shall be upon His shoulder,  
**People:** **and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**HYMN 412 vv. 3-4**

**“The People That in Darkness Sat”**

3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

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Pastor: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
 People: **to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

**HYMN 412 vv. 5-6** "The People That in Darkness Sat"



5 His righteous government and pow'r  
 Shall over all extend;  
 On judgment and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end,  
 His reign shall have no end.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
 And make us Thine alone,  
 Who with the Father ever art  
 And Holy Spirit, one,  
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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**✠ PSALMODY ✠**

*Be Seated*

**PSALM** *Psalm 96; antiphon: v. 2*

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.  
 Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
 Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

**HYMN 352 vv. 1, 5-6** "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly



kept His word And at last to us did send



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.


5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
 That, set free from doubt and dread,  
 I may cling to You in faith,  
 Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.


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Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**HYMN 367 vv. 1, 4-5** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,




all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth,  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before Him;  
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.  
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
bring an offering, and come into His courts!

**HYMN 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!

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*Please Stand*

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!  
 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
 Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
 He will judge the peoples with equity."

**HYMN 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!"

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Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!  
 Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes,  
 for He comes to judge the earth.  
 He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.  
 Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

**HYMN 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.

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*Be Seated*

## ✘ READINGS ✘

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:2-7* (To us a child is born.)

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have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORY *Matthew 1:21; Isaiah 9:6*

Pastor: She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,

People: **To us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

Pastor: for He will save His people from their sins.  
People: **To us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
People: **To us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

**EPISTLE** *Titus 2:11–14* (Our blessed hope is the appearing of Jesus.)

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD** *Luke 2:1–20*

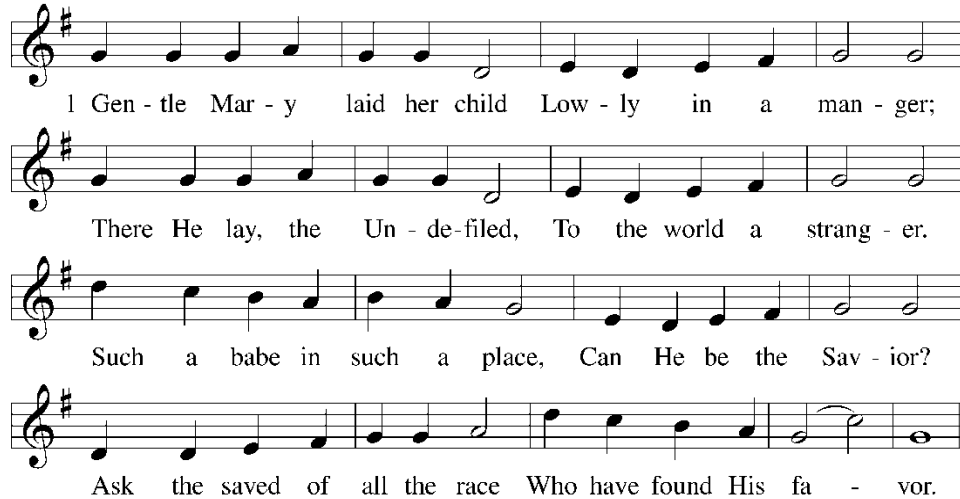
**HYMN 361 vv. 1-2** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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  
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.  
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,  
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!

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Pastor: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**HYMN 374 v. 1** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

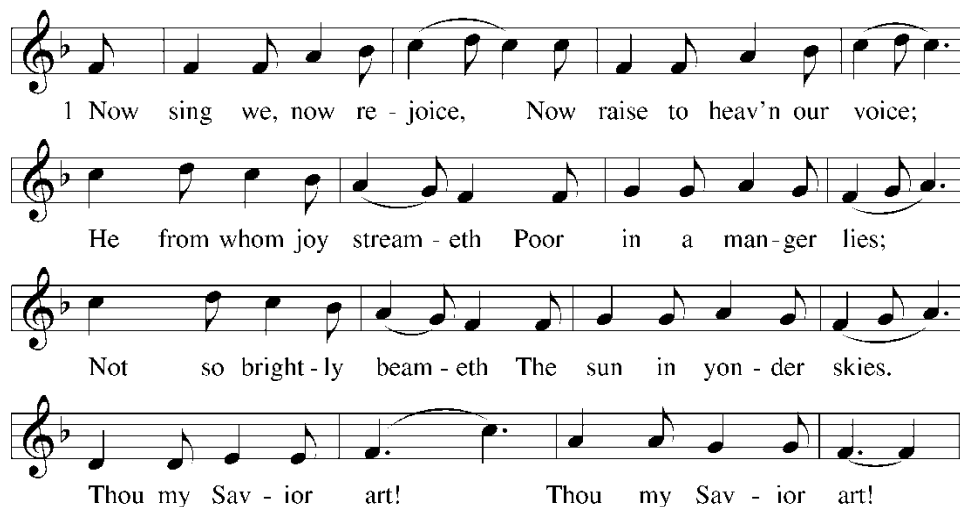


1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.

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Pastor: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

**HYMN 386 v. 1** "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;  
Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.  
Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!

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Pastor: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

**HYMN 379 v. 1** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-um-phant! O  
 come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
 Come and be-hold Him Born the king of an-gels:  
*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!

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Pastor: And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

[The procession returns to the chancel during the following hymn.]

**HYMN 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*

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## SERMON

## OFFERING

*Please Stand*

## OFFERTORY 389 vv. 1-2, 7 "Let All Together Praise Our God"

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.

7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

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## ✠ PRAYER ✠

*Kneel or Be Seated*

## LITANY

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace on earth proclaimed by angels and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace and Christmas joy in the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who respond here to the light of God's love, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all clergy and laypeople in the Church as they carry the light of Christ with them, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who work in national and local governments and agencies to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here rejoicing in God's great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our deliverance from all afflictions, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**People: Alleluia.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**People: To You, O Lord.**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## ✘ SACRAMENT ✘

*The Sacrament, or Lord's Supper, is a special gift from God that brings us into personal communion with Jesus Christ. "In, with and under" the bread and wine we receive His body and blood for forgiveness and renewal. If you are a repentant sinner, come to the table expecting to receive God's wonderful gifts for you!*

*Communicants will take their own wine cups as they are passed. Those requiring non-alcoholic grape juice will take the cups with white grape juice from the middle of the tray.*

*Remain Seated*

### OUR EXAMINATION

Pastor: In preparation for Holy Communion, St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." So that we may properly examine ourselves prior to receiving the Lord's Supper, I ask you to reflect on these questions:

- Do you repent of all your sins of thought, word and deed?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your only Savior from all sin, Satan and death?
- Do you believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive His true Body and Blood?

If you answer in faith "Yes!" to these questions, and are properly instructed, you are invited to come forward and partake of the LORD'S Supper during Distribution. If you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms as Pastor approaches you and receive a blessing. By your coming forward, "You proclaim the LORD'S death until He comes."

*Please Stand*

### **PREFACE** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

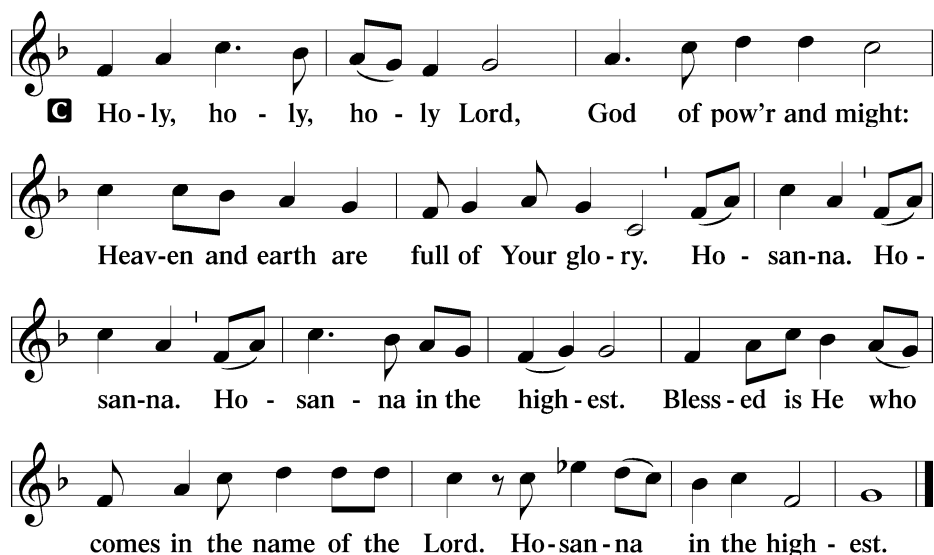
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things that are

not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into time and space as You had promised and graciously enlightened us with the gift of faith. Gathered in the name of Jesus, we ask, O Lord, that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all Your saints on that day when we join them at the eternal banquet, which we anticipate in this foretaste of the feast to come. To You—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all praise and glory, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**Pastor:** 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.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

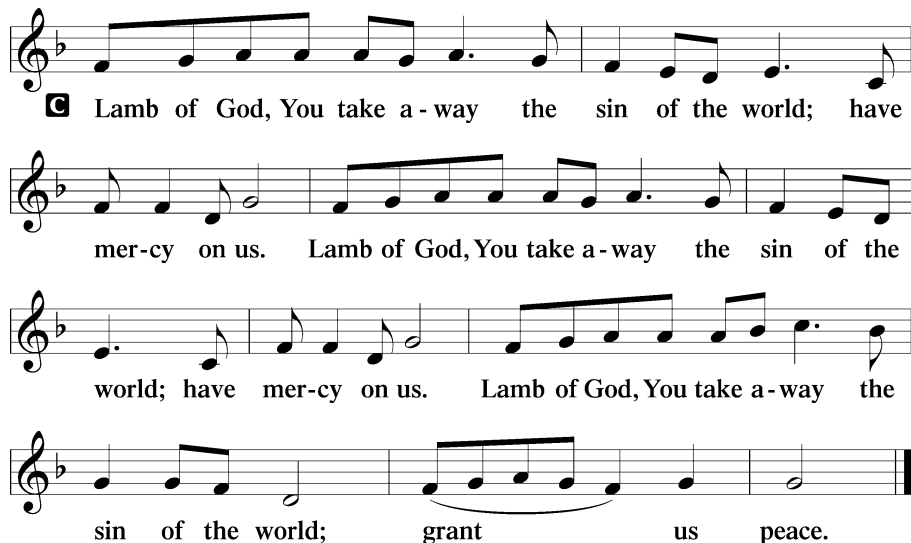
### LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: **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.**

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI



☐ 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.

*Be Seated*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**HYMN 359** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man  
 sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness  
 sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright  
 cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

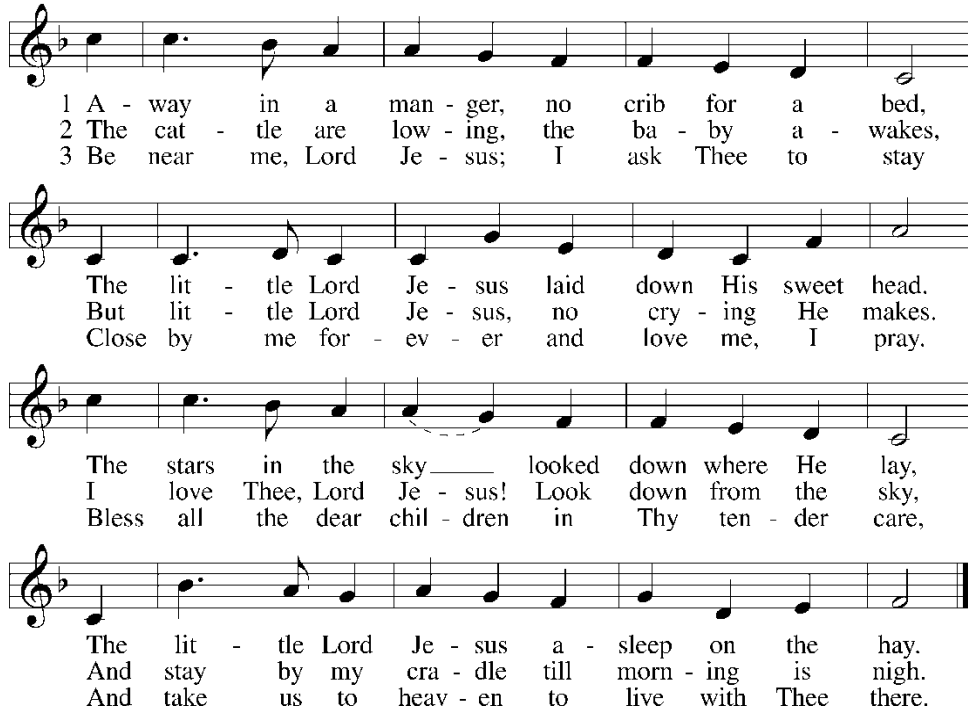
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**HYMN 393** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new  
 Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
 Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.  
 Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
 Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:  
 Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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**HYMN 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 night.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

## CANDLELIGHTING

[During the following hymn, candles may be lit from the Christ Candle and passed throughout the sanctuary.]

## HYMN 366 vv. 1, 4 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.

"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

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## COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People:** O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.  
**Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN 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.

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## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Altar Guild and the Congregation.

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the LORD.  
Luke 2:11*

### **AT HOME WITH THE FAMILY**

Spend some time talking about the ways the prophecies about Jesus were fulfilled. As you prepare to unwrap your gifts tonight or tomorrow, spend some time in prayer for each giver, including God. With older children and adults, talk about how one of the gifts you received reminds you of the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Find an opportunity to share the Good News with someone else and have a blessed Christmas!

## **POINSETTIAS**

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate the beautiful Altar:

### **THOSE WHO GAVE IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

John & Mary Helen Anander, Cindy Baldwin & Lizzie, Tracy & Jimmy Chance, Cathy Crotwell, Mike & Linda Fajen, Fester family, Rick & Leasa Freese, Gretchen Holmes, Sherry Kreger, Patricia Lipari, Irita Love, Don & Barbara Lunick, John Morrison, Sandy Sanders

### **THOSE WHO GAVE IN LOVING MEMORY or IN HONOR OF SOMEONE**

Jim & Carole Eckes in memory of Mark MacPhail  
Ilse Hodgson in memory of husband and parents  
Bill and Sharon Johnson in memory of our parents  
Irita Love in memory of Bobby Love  
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Wayne White in memory of Chris White

# HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP THIS YEAR**

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP**

Friday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

## **SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

We begin the church year with an ending and a beginning. Advent is the season before Christmas during which we anticipate the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is in this Second Coming that He will judge the earth and raise all the dead. Those who have faith will be given their reward in heaven and live with Him eternally. Advent is a beginning as well. For we look forward to the time we celebrate Christ's first advent, His birth on this earth, which we celebrate on Christmas day. The color for Advent is blue, which suggests hope for us while we wait.

## **THE SYMBOLS OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The evergreen wreath symbolizes eternal life in Christ. The candles are symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. The act of lighting more candles each week anticipates the imminent coming of Christ.

Each candle has a specific meaning:

1. **Prophecy Candle** announces a period of waiting for our Lord. – **Hope**
2. **Bethlehem Candle** symbolizes preparing to receive the Christ Child. – **Love**
3. **Shepherd's Candle** symbolizes sharing of the news of Christ's birth. The pink color is representative of their joy and witness to so great an event! – **Joy**
4. **Angels' Candle** symbolizes Christ's final coming on Judgment Day when He will appear in glory with all His angels. – **Peace**
5. **Christ Candle** is lit on Christmas Eve. This central candle signifies that the Light of the World, **Jesus, has come.**



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