

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C Amen.

God-with-us,

C we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.

Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, ✝ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 45* "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"



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!

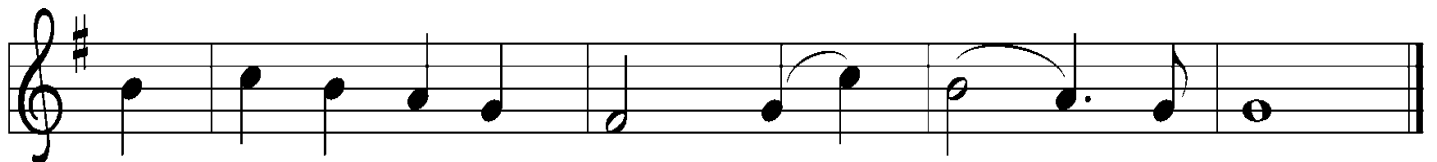


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

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!

GREETING

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C Amen

“Christ Be Our Light” Lighting of the Advent Candle

Congregation Sings (Verse 5):



1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are	hun - gry.	Long - ing	for	
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are	home - less.	Long - ing	for	
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	peo - ple,	man - y	the	



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Hope for Those Who Are Willing (*responsive litany*)

P Our Savior's birth is celebrated with bold faith.

C May our hearts be willing.

P Like Mary, who showed humble surrender:

C May our hearts be willing.

P Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust:

C May our hearts be willing.

P Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder:

C May our hearts be willing.

P Like the angels, who sang glorious praise:

C May our hearts be willing.

P For all who are willing to receive the gift of the Savior born in Bethlehem:

C Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Tonight, we light all the candles. The **first candle** is the hope shining for those worn thin by times of waiting. The **second candle** is the hope shining for

those worn down with wearied souls. The **third candle** captures the hopeful expectation of those eagerly watching for God’s glory in our day. The **fourth candle** is the hope of a new tomorrow shining for those seeking freedom from the wounds of this world. Tonight, we light the **Christ candle**. This candle radiates the hope of Jesus Christ to all who are willing to receive it.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

church gath - ered to - day.

C Christ, Be Our Light (Sing)

CLOSING PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: 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.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96

(Refrain: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. (Refrain)

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

C ⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

C ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. *(Refrain)*

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

C ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

C (Refrain)

(Refrain: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.)

SECOND READING: 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.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

C Glory to you, O Lord.

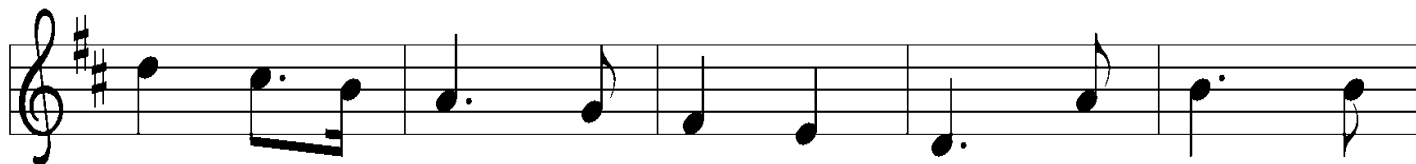
¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And 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. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” [¹⁵ When 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.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

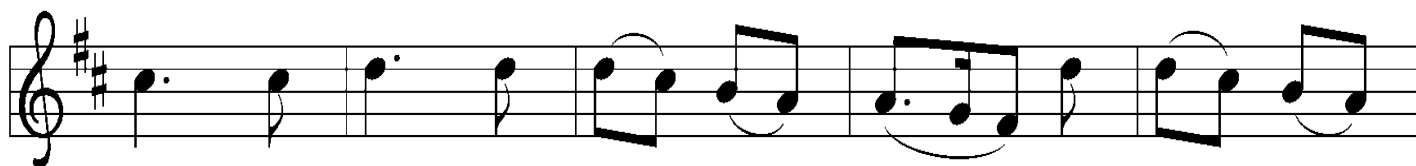
The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE *"Joy to the World" (vs. 1-3)*



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 -



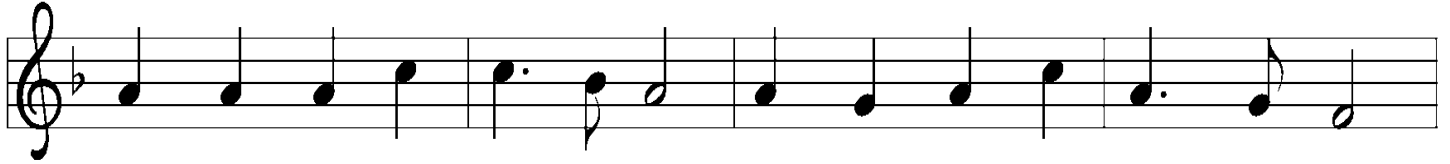
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 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



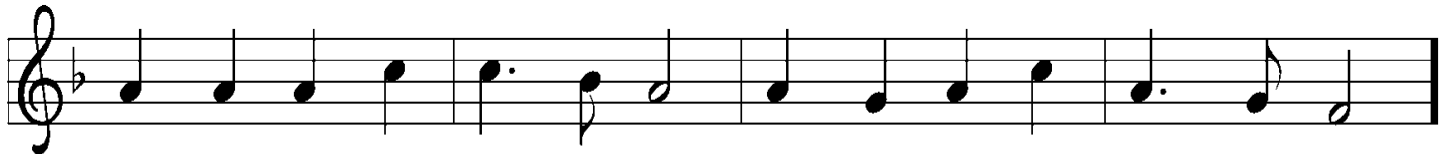
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 71 "Angels We Have Heard on High"



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

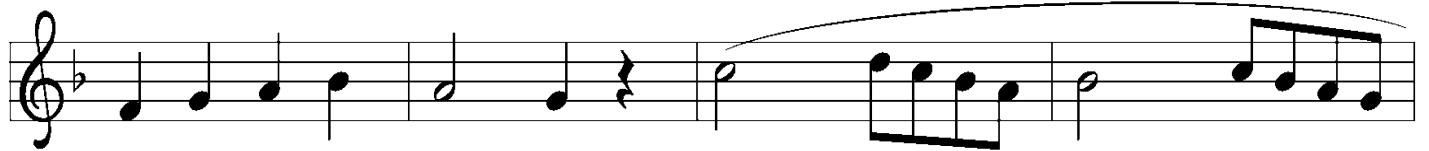


and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

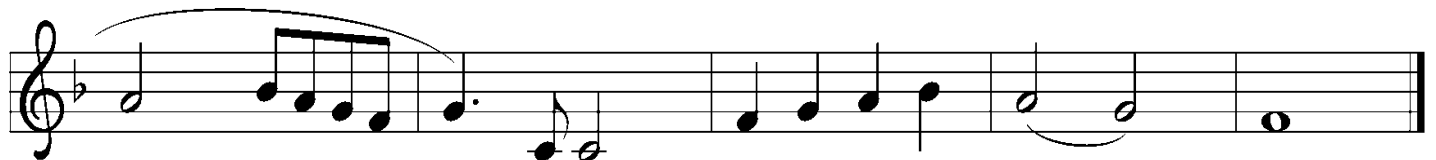
Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send

us into the world, proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

The nations declare your glory. Uphold the leaders of the earth with your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

The holy family finds shelter around the animals' manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who are alone this holiday season, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and mercy. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

Love sings through the wails of a newborn baby. Respond to all who cry out in pain, despair, or need this night. *(We pray especially for Rick Bauer, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Harold Hembree, Mary Ann Jerger, Tammy Kieffner, Chad Knies, Zach Leinenbach, Candy Lewis, Judy Lorey, Eryn Mann, Zander Mann, Mark Matthews, Justin Mehling, Matt Mehling, Logan*

Musgrave, Bryar Rahman, Jami Roelle, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Sandy Schnaus, Donnie Schwenk, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Annie Voelkel, Anderson Vonderheide, Ron Wiseman and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Bring comfort to those for whom separation, grief, or loss makes the Christmas season especially difficult. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

The heavenly host praises you. With thanksgiving for Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, sustain us in the blessed hope revealed this night. Fashion us by their example into a people zealous for good deeds, sharing your love and mercy with all. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Breath of Heaven”

Soloist Alli Betz

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread.

Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the

hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

HANDBELLS

“Christmas Night”

“Christmas Bell Suite”

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 60 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



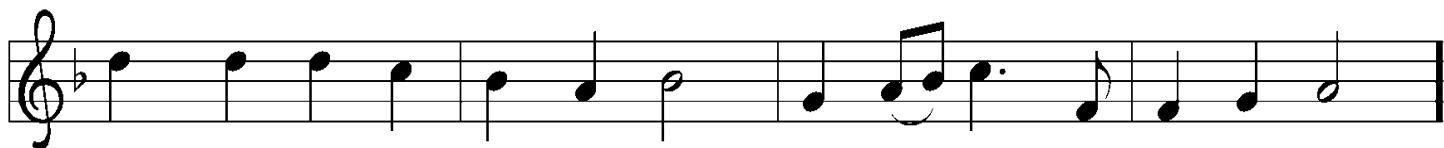
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



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 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.

Refrain



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

LBW 67 "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 poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



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.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

LBW 54 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

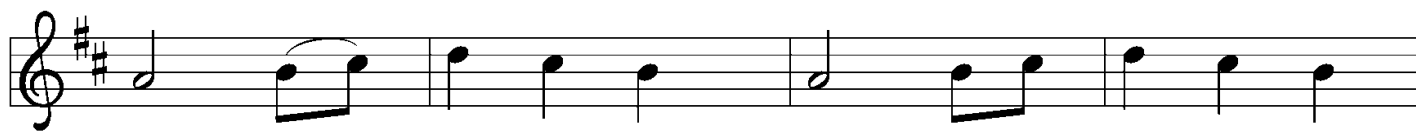
LBW 56 "The First Noel"



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.

LBW 69 "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"



1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

C We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Organist

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Arise, shine for the Light has come,

C And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The light shines in the darkness

C And the darkness has not overcome it

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

GERMAN

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Alles schläft, einsam wacht

nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,

schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,

schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

ENGLISH

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

(After Silent Night, please blow out the candles.)

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

C Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Gene & Kathy Eisenhut

Comm. Asst: John Potts

Video: JoAn Breitwieser

Organist: Arlene Vonderheide

Lay Reader: Terry Seitz

Acolytes: Kole Kalb & Ryder Freyberger

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Calendar

Dec. 25 th	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Service @ St. Paul's
Dec. 29 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service



Rosie Hoffman In Memory of Roger Hoffman
Alice June Harker In Memory of Loved Ones
Don & Nancy Freyberger In Memory of Loved Ones
Glenn & Marie Neukam In Memory of Loved Ones
Larry & Wanda Krodel In Memory of Loved Ones
Jason & Julia Stentfenagel In Memory of Loved Ones
Gene & Rhonda Nigg In Memory of Loved Ones
Mary Bauer and Family In Memory of Loved Ones
Cheryl Hauser In Memory of David Hauser and Loved
Ones

John & Judy Wessel In Memory of Loved Ones
Pat Opel In Memory of Loved Ones

Terry Seitz & Deena Lewis In Memory of Ann, Alex,
and Loved Ones

*Marvin Eisenhut and Family In Memory of Loved
Ones*

*Don & Arlene Vonderheide and Family In Memory of
Loved Ones*

Linda Mason In Memory of Loved Ones

Joe & Marilyn Shelton In Memory of Loved Ones

Sue Striegel and Family In Memory of Loved Ones

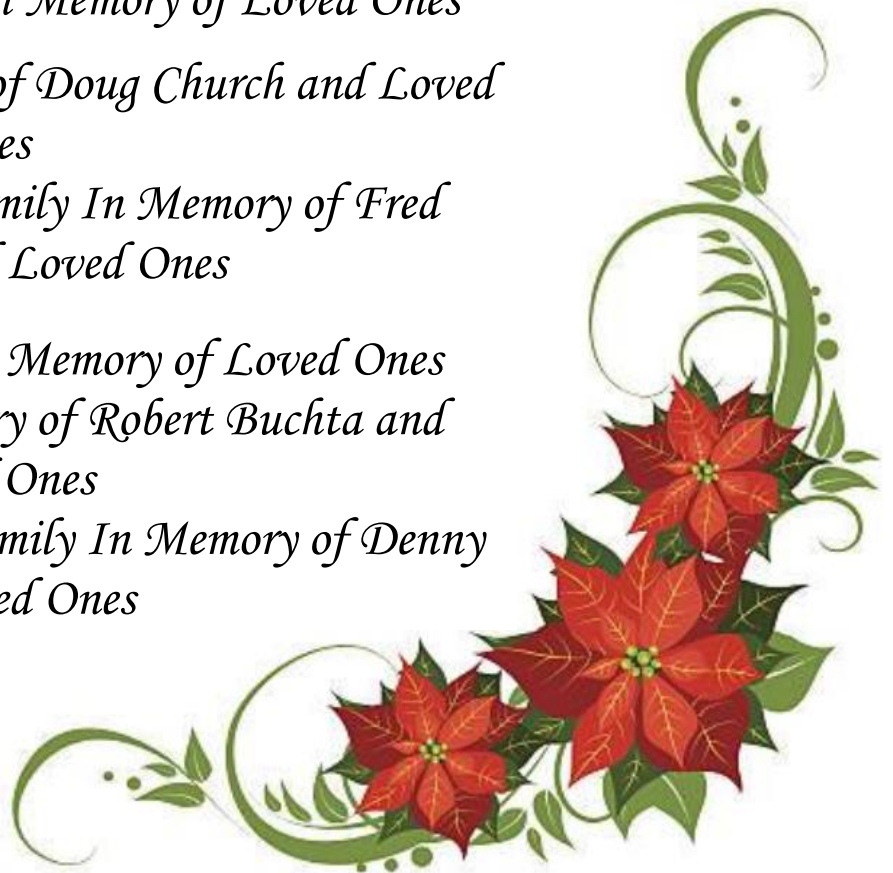
*Deidra Church In Memory of Doug Church and Loved
Ones*

*Wilma Hoffman and Family In Memory of Fred
Hoffman and Loved Ones*

Herb & Kathy Jarboe In Memory of Loved Ones

*Wilma Buchta In Memory of Robert Buchta and
Loved Ones*

*Melanie Freyberger and Family In Memory of Denny
and Loved Ones*



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We appreciate having so many poinsettias to help beautify the sanctuary during this Christmas season. They can be taken with you any time after the Christmas Eve service.

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The Thank Offerings collected, \$359.00, and were sent to the ELCA Synodical Women's Organization. Thank you from WELCA!

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DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT WHO HEADED OFF TO COLLEGE??? We would appreciate if you would let us know their new address so we can send them the monthly newsletter. The Evangelism Committee also

periodically sends out greeting cards and care packages. Please call the office with the address or email it to Marcie Rumfelt at secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

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CEMETERY DUES REMINDER: Active members, desiring burial rights, are required to pay cemetery dues of a minimum of **\$20** per family. This includes all members in immediate family, including non-member spouses, and children under the age of eighteen. Every member over eighteen years of age shall be required to pay the minimum cemetery dues as an individual. No additional charge for gravesites shall be made to members of St. Paul's whose dues are current.

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2025 offering envelopes are available to pick-up. There is a table set-up in the welcome area. If you cannot find a box with your name, please advise Marcie Rumfelt in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at: secretaryst.paul@frontier.com **Please remember envelope numbers can change from year to year, so these should only be used starting in January 2025.**

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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Anyone wishing to donate his/her Thrivent Choice Dollars to the *Sacred Places Grant fundraising* needs to bring a copy of the contribution made in your name to the treasurer. This can be printed from your account page on their website. If you need help or have questions, please let a council member know. Unless you let the council know you want the Choice Dollars to go to a specific group within the church, it automatically goes into the general fund.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AMC Luke Himsel
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO





SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 2024

12/1

BACKPACK BUDDIES (CHILDREN'S SERMON)
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/8

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/15

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/22

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PARTY

12/29

WINTER BREAK: NO CLASS

During the month of December, the LYO will be collecting supplies and wish list items for the **Ronald McDonald** House in Evansville. A box will be located in the Welcome Center to collect the donated items. Members of the LYO will deliver supplies to the Ronald McDonald House after the first of the year. *Thanks in advance for your generosity!*



WISH LIST

Guests

- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, razors, etc.)
- Travel-size toiletries
- Feminine hygiene products
- First aid supplies and pain medications
- Toys for babies, toddlers, and younger children
- Board books for babies and toddlers
- Crayons and colored pencils (up to 16 count)
- Card games for older kids and adults
- Puzzle books for adults

Rooms

- Queen-size sheet sets, white only (300+ thread count)
- Queen-size blankets, white only
- Queen-size waterproof mattress pads
- Standard pillows and pillowcases, white only
- Pack 'N Play fitted sheets
- Crib-sized fitted sheets and mattress pads
- Bath and hand towels, white only
- Washcloths and bath mats, white only

Food and Snacks

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Pantry staples (sugar, flour, crackers, chicken and beef stock, cooking oil, spices, pasta, pasta sauces, cake mixes, bread, etc.)
- Refrigerator staples (beef, pork, chicken, milk, eggs, sliced and shredded cheeses, hot dogs deli meat, etc.)
- Freezer staples (meals, vegetables, waffles, pancakes, casseroles, pizzas, etc.)
- Canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, pasta, etc.)
- Condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, etc.)
- Sugar and sweetener packets
- 8-ounce bottled water
- Boxed mac n' cheese
- Boxed meal mixes (like Hamburger Helper)
- Coffee (ground and pods)
- Coffee creamer
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Single-serving juice boxes, chips, pretzels, nuts, granola bars, breakfast bars, snack cakes
- Hot chocolate packets
- Shakable marshmallows (for hot chocolate)
- Gum and candy

Household

- Laundry supplies
- Rubber gloves
- All-Purpose cleaner
- Sponges and foam cleaning pads
- Disinfecting spray and wipes
- Furniture polish
- Swiffer replacement pads (wet and dry)
- Swiffer wet solution refills
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Dishwasher pods
- Paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates
- 12-ounce hot/cold cups and lids
- Plastic flatware
- Plastic wrap and heavy duty aluminum foil
- 4-, 10-, 13-, and 55-gallon trash bags
- Antibacterial liquid hand soap
- Storage containers with lids (various sizes)
- Ziploc Bags (all sizes)

Supplies

- 8.5 x 11 plain white 20-lb copy paper
- 5mil laminating sheets
- 8.5 x 11 white 65-lb cardstock paper
- Forever postage stamps
- AA batteries
- AAA batteries
- 60W LED light bulbs

Gift Cards

- Target or Walmart
- Schnuck's
- Visa or MasterCard
- Amazon
- Home Depot or Lowe's
- Costco
- Local gas stations, restaurants, and movie theaters



RMHC
of the Ohio Valley

Keeping families close™

Thank You!

Due to the medical circumstances of our guests, we can accept only new and unopened items. Donations may be dropped off at Ronald McDonald House Washington or Ronald McDonald House Gateway any day of the week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feel free to call with questions or for directions.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church *Year-End Giving Cheat Sheet*



If you need or want to make a year-end contribution for tax purposes, we hope you'll consider donating to St. Paul's Lutheran Church's "Special Projects Fund" to benefit the upcoming Sacred Places Grant Project match. This project aims to take care of significant property needs at St. Paul's. A more formal introduction of the Sacred Places Campaign and Committee is forthcoming. Still, we did not want to miss the opportunity to encourage year-end giving by letting our congregational members know that gifts to the Special Projects now count toward our matching goal requirement!

Please consult with your tax advisor to ensure your gift benefits the Church and you.

Options to consider:

- **A cash gift** - write a check to St. Paul's and designate it to the Special Projects Fund
- A gift from your **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**
- Donate **appreciated stock** - stocks donated directly to a charity avoid capital gains tax
 - Please get in touch with your advisor to transfer stock to our Edward Jones Account, #266-19498. Our financial planner is Nick Schnarr with Edward Jones.
- If you're age 70 1/2 or older, consider making a **qualified charitable distribution** from your **IRA**.

As a reminder, all gifts must be booked before December 31st to be eligible for tax benefits, so we encourage you to act quickly to ensure the gifts are completed in time!

If you have any questions regarding the Sacred Places Grant or any giving options, please see a church council member.

Thank you!