

# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Yorktown, Texas*



*Saturday and Sunday  
Holy Communion Services  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
January 5, 2025*

## **Silent Prayer**

Thank you, God, for all your many blessings. We are surrounded with your goodness and mercy, if only we have eyes to see, ears to hear, hands to touch, and hearts to confess them. As you love us beyond what we do, caring for us simply because you created us - so we praise you for who you are, after and beyond what you give to us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle. (\*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

**\*BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

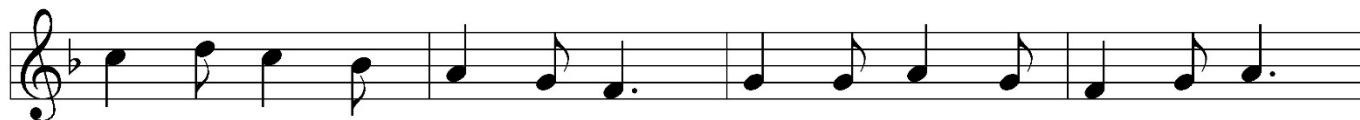
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**LBW #55**

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



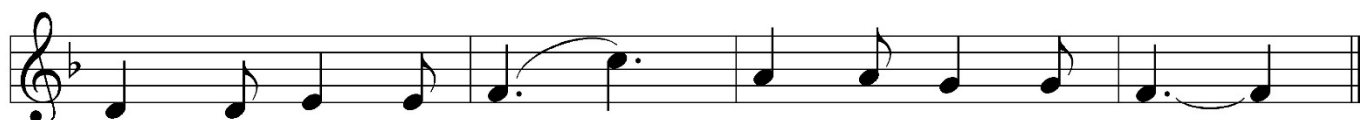
1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

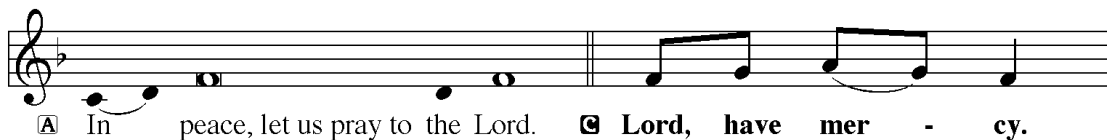
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Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent

## **\*GREETING**

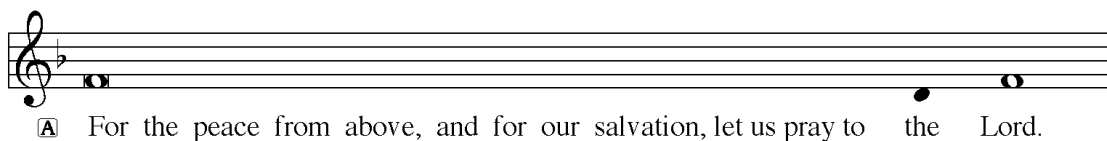
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

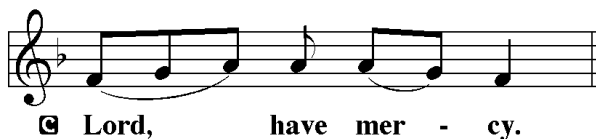
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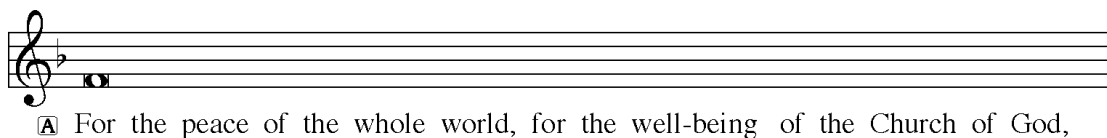
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



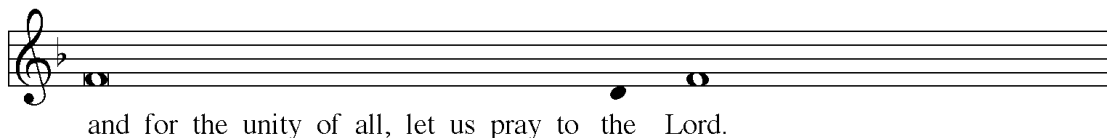
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



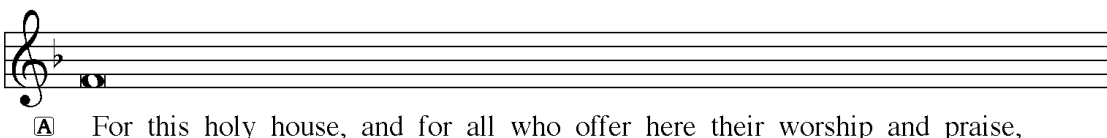
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



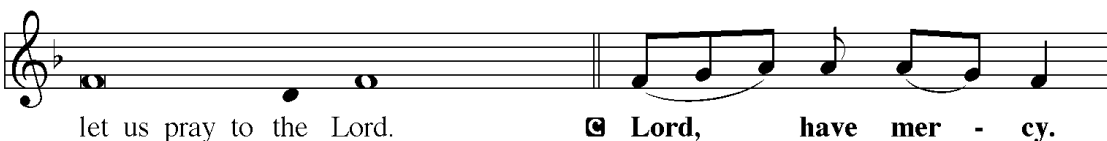
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



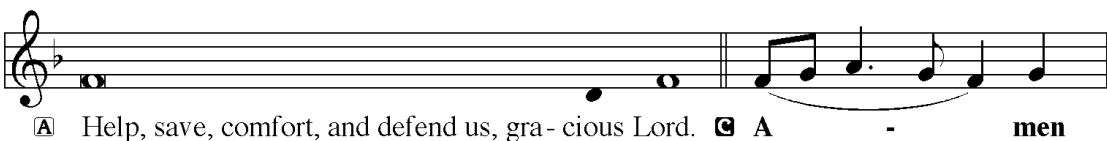
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## \*SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓑ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>7</sup>Thus 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.”

<sup>8</sup>See, 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.

<sup>9</sup>With 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 in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear 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 a flock.”

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They 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.

<sup>13</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>14</sup>I 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion;  
<sup>14</sup>**for he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.**  
<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders;  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
<sup>16</sup>**He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly.**  
<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>18</sup>**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against his cold?**  
<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
<sup>20</sup>**He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**  
<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished

on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In 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, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In 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; <sup>14</sup>this 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL VERSE**

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

**\*GOSPEL John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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



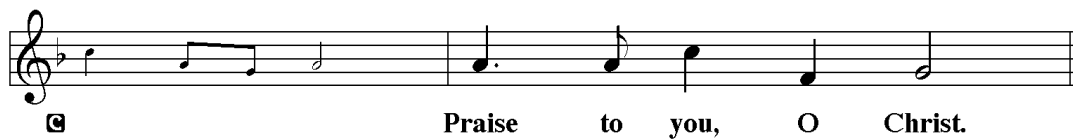
and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

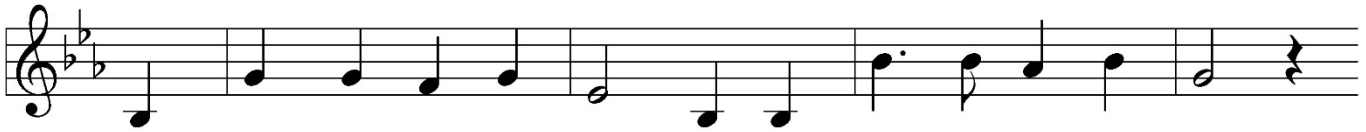


**SERMON**

**HYMN of the DAY**

“When Christmas Morn is Dawning” **LBW #59**

# When Christmas Morn Is Dawning



1 When Christ-mas morn is dawn - ing I wish that I could be  
2 How kind of you, our Sav - ior, for us to come to earth.  
3 We need you, O Lord Je - sus, to be our dear-est friend.



there by the man - ger - cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see,  
Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.  
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.



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Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.  
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.

Text: Elisabeth Ehrenborg-Posse, Barnsångar, 19th cent.; tr. Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990  
Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET, German folk tune, 1823

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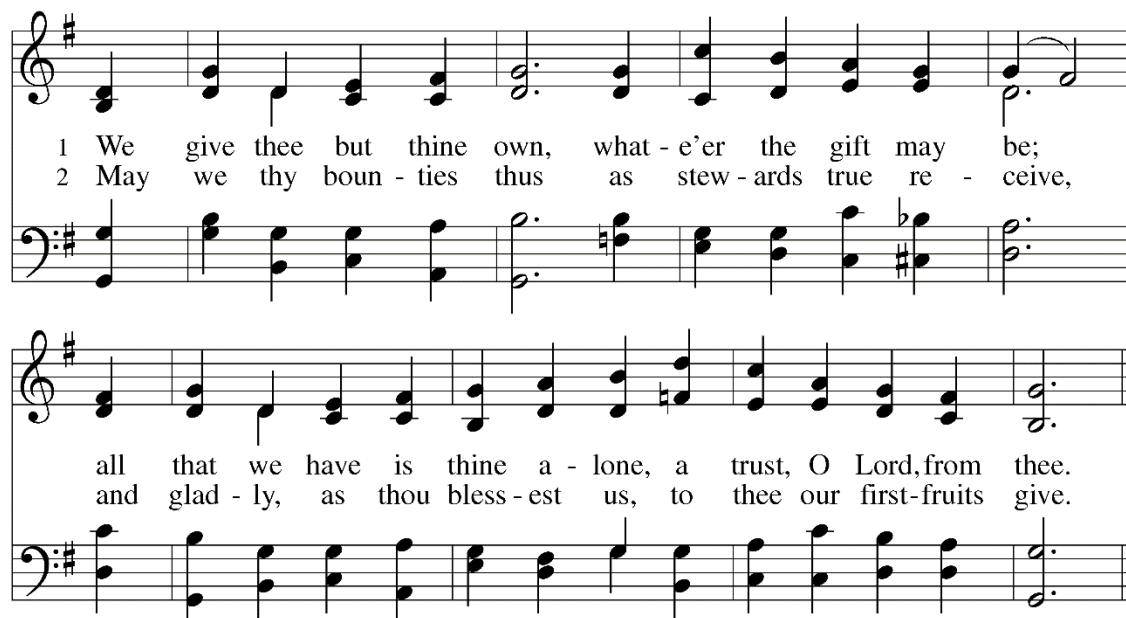
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**P:** ... Lord, in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

## **OFFERING**

## \*OFFERTORY



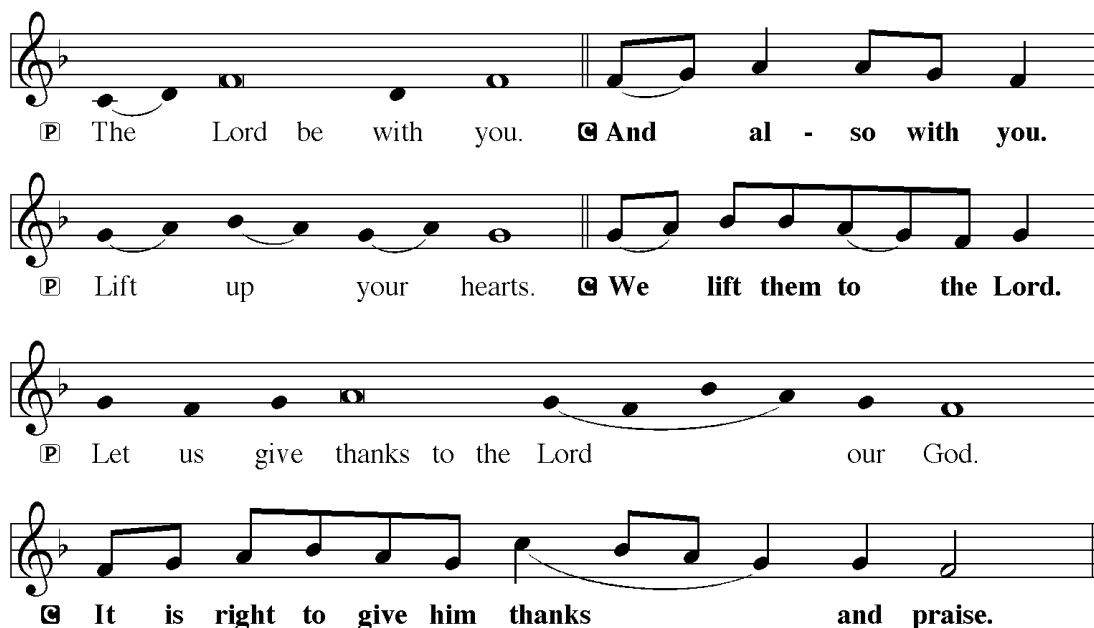
1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

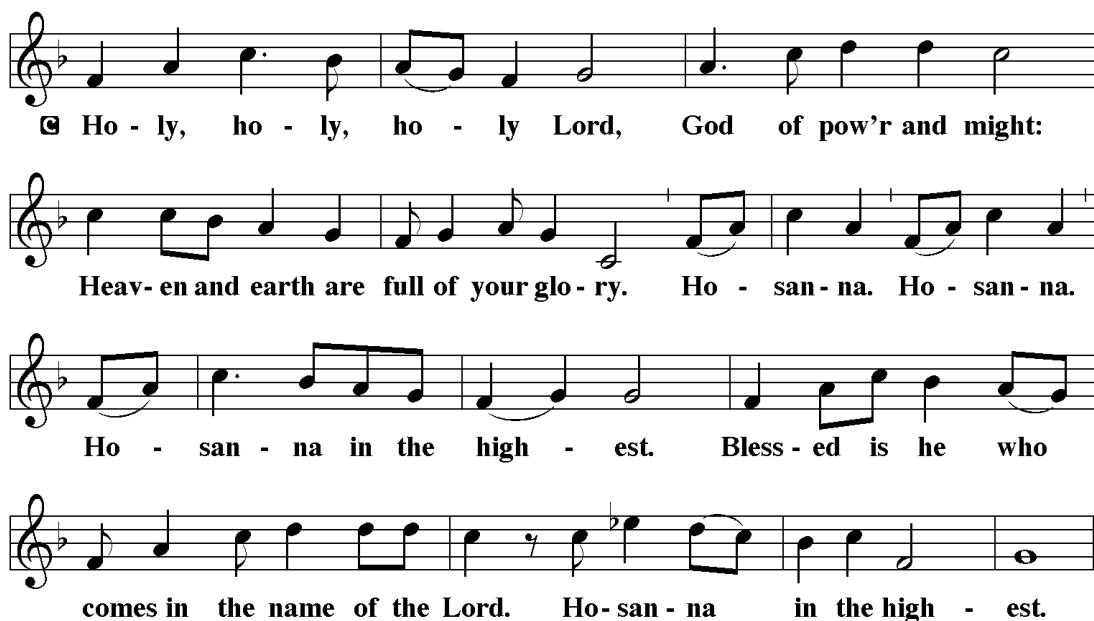


Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.  
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.  
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

P: It is indeed right ... 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. 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.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

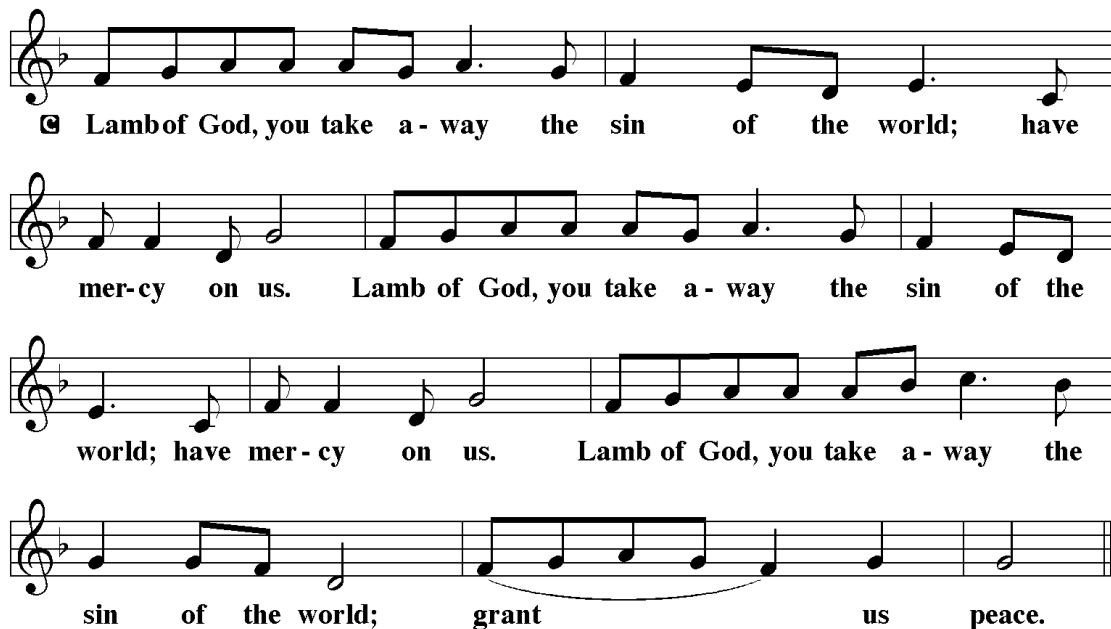
### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS**

*All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who unable to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**      *“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.

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:**

“O’ Little Town of Bethlehem” **LBW #41**

“What Child is This?” **LBW #40**

“From Heaven Above” **LBW #51**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: 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.



☞ A - men

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“The First Noel”

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.

Text: English carol, c. 17th cent.

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English carol, c. 17th cent.

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**JANUARY 5, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**Presiding Lay Ministers:** Terry Carmichael & Jay Heil

**Reader:** Susan Carmichael

**Acolytes:** Charles & Nat Flores

**Musicians:** Luellen Smiley

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Patsy Ibrom

**JANUARY 12, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Karen Dueser

**Acolytes:** Ellyn & Aileen Warwas

**Musicians:** Saturday – Rebecca Innocenti

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

**Saturday Altar Guild:** Barbara Cramer

**Helping with Worship during the month of January:**

**Head Usher:** Boyd Weise

**Ushers:** John Frels, Braden Hahn, Chad Hahn, & Scott Stevenson

**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

**Altar Guild:** Laurie Stevenson, Sharon & Callen Matejek

**KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:**

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

**PRAYERS FOR GOD’S PEOPLE** Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*



Joe Barnes	Joanna Ivy	Michael & Dorothy Sinast
Donna Baxter	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Joan Smith
Caroline Blain	Bonnie Kaiser	Kennedy Smith
Beverly Boles	Mary Kanuch	Wayne Sparck
Warner Borth	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Katherine Brown	Ray Lange	Mike & Deborah Stern
David Brucker	Lin Migura	Alma Suggs
Virginia Buesing	Lanie Milliff	Judy Taylor
Teresa Evans	Jason Moczygemba	Chandler Vaclavik
Kathryn Gloor	Larry & Carole Mueller	Neil Vernon
Tiffany Godby	Mark Niemeier	Baby Mae Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	David Norrell	Mark Weischwill
Joan Gohmert	Jeannine Robinson	Levi Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Bennett Rohan	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Keith Ibrom	Pam Roth	

### ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

**Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>)**      9:00 am      Worship with Holy Communion  
                          10:15 am      Sunday School

**Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup>)**      **Women's Bible Study**  
                          5:30 pm      **Worship Committee Meeting**  
                          6:00 pm      **Council Meeting**

**Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup>)**      9:15 am      TLG Chapel

**Thursday (9<sup>th</sup>)**      5:30 pm      **CEM Meeting**

**Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>)**      **Fellowship Hall Reserved – K. Kirchoff**  
                          5:00 pm      Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>)**      **Baptism of Harvest Janysek**  
                          **Fellowship Hall Reserved – W. Janysek**  
                          9:00 am      Worship with Holy Communion  
                          10:15 am      Sunday School  
                          11:30 am      **Parent Meeting for Sunday School Students**

**SYMPATHY** - We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Shirley Jendrzey. May the power of the resurrection give assurance to her family and friends as Shirley joins the Church Triumphant.

**RADIO BROADCAST** - in Memory of Shirley Jendrzey, given to the Glory of God by Dr. John & Kathy Frels.

**PARENT MEETING:** There will be a parent meeting for all Sunday School students, elementary through high school, on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 11:30 am, immediately following Sunday School.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26, 2025 - immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school. Christian Life is hosting a Chili Dinner meal following the Congregational meeting in the fellowship hall.

**EDUCATIONAL BUILDING WINDOWS:** Council has approved a bid of \$57,185.00 to replace all of the outside windows in the Educational Building & Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "WINDOWS". Any help is greatly appreciated!

**Upcoming Christian Life Events:**

January 26, 2025 – Chili Dinner after the Congregational Meeting. Please feel free to bring a dessert.

**Upcoming Youth Events**

January 26, 2025 – Bunco

February 16, 2025 – Spaghetti Fundraiser

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