

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019 • 4:00 and 10:30 PM

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## **Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran**

*The Reverend Paul Egensteiner, Bishop*

*The Reverend Marc Herbst, Pastor*

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WELCOME to the CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LUTHERAN (COSL)! We are pleased to have you join us for worship today, and we hope that your experience is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

IF YOU ARE NEW to COSL, here are some things you might like to know:

- **Who we are.** COSL is a congregation of the family of God that welcomes all people without discrimination or prejudice, seeking to strengthen one another with Word and Sacraments, prayer and example. Our mission is to:
  - Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his love with all people.
  - Reach out to our community with friendship and witness.
  - Bring hope and healing to those who are in need, both at home and abroad.
  - Offer opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship and service.
  - Encourage all members to discover, develop and share their God-given talents.
- **Children** are always welcome to join us for worship. They are encouraged to come forward during Children's Messages and participate. Also, please note that there are Activity Bags (containing books, coloring and other materials inside) available for children preschool to Age 6, in the narthex (entrance hall).
- **Childcare** is provided for interested families during worship. Ms. Anna Gordy, a mother of four and grandmother of nine (and counting!), has vast experience in child care, including 15 years at a local Parish Resource Center. This ministry is provided in the Nursery School Room, located on the lower level.
- **Sunday School**, available for children ages 4 through 12, is offered September through June. The program begins during the 10AM worship with an opening Children's Message among the entire congregation, and then the students depart to learn beloved Bible stories, Lutheran identity and the love of Jesus. They return before the conclusion of worship to participate in the dismissal. On designated Youth Sundays the students may remain with the entire congregation and participate in a meaningful way throughout the liturgy.
- **Coffee and refreshments** are generally served following worship in the Parlor, located on the lower level accessible from the narthex (entrance hall). Please join us!
- **Restrooms** are located on the lower level along the main hallway. A changing table is available in another restroom located off of the fellowship hall.
- **Worship Assistance and Emergency Needs.** First aid kits and a defibrillator are readily available. Please see an usher if assistance is needed, or if you have any other concerns or questions.
- **Pastoral Care.** We minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all God's children. Confidentiality is respected. For pastoral care please feel free to contact Pastor Marc Herbst (see contact info above) or one of our agencies: (counseling) **Lutheran Counseling Center**, 132 Jefferson Ave., Mineola, 800-317-1173 or 516-741-0994 or (food and essentials) **New LIFE Center, Long Island**, 311 Uniondale Ave., Uniondale, 516-483-3240.

**Christmas Eve • December 24, 2019 at 4:00 and 10:30 PM**  
***Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting Four***  
**The Reverend Marc Herbst, *Presiding Minister***



**INTRODUCTION**

*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.*

**PRELUDE:**     ***Three Carols (Arr. P. Crisafulli)***  
                  ***Gesu Bambino (Pietro Yon)***  
                  ***Silent Night, Holy Night (Franz Gruber)***  
                  **Amy Kempton, Flute**

**GATHERING** - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*The assembly stands.*

## **CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION**

*Presider:* Many ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image; long after the great flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time the promise was given to Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and Miriam danced in freedom; eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king, in fulfillment of the times and years and months and days discerned by the prophets; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and nine months of growth in the womb of his mother— now in our own times is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.



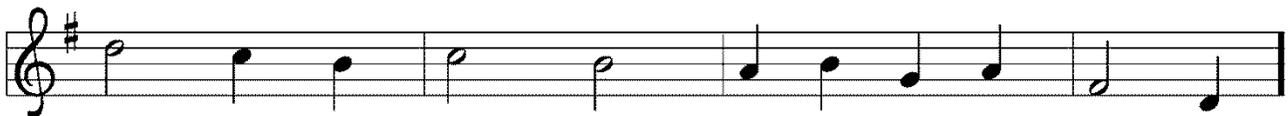
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O, Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW Hymn 283)



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;

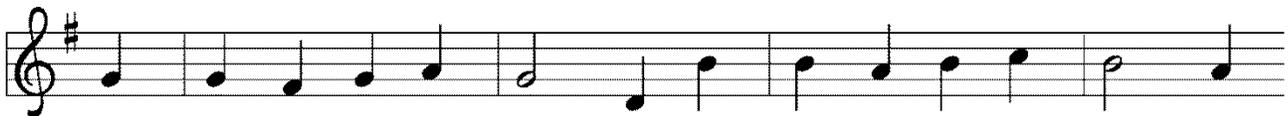


come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

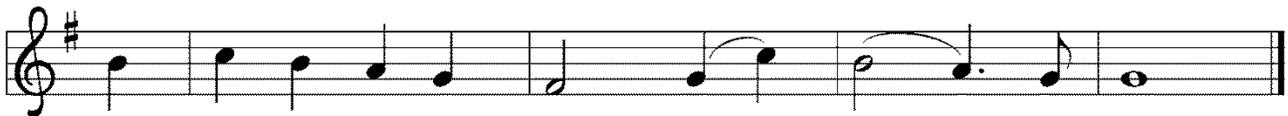


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*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

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

*Presider:* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. O come let us adore him. May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD** - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**SOLO:** *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child* (Arr. Mark Hayes)  
Jenna Weitman, Soprano

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

*Lector:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

*Lector:*     <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
                  have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
                  on them light has 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 people exult when dividing plunder.  
<sup>4</sup>For 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.  
<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
                  and all the garments rolled in blood  
                  shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup>For 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.  
<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
                  and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
                  He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
                  from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector:*     The word of the Lord.

*All:*         **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: *Still, Still, Still* (Arr. Patricia Harris)  
Amy Kempton, Flute**

**SECOND READING: *Titus 2:11-14***

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Letter to Saint Titus:

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

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



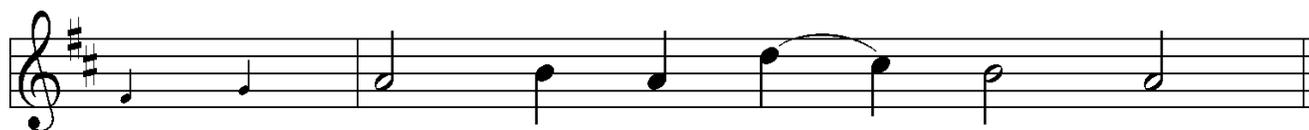
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: *Luke 2:1-14*

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

*Presider:* The holy gospel according to Saint Luke:

*All:*



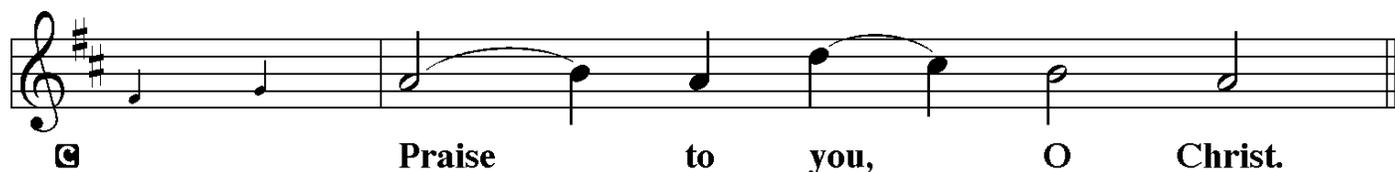
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*Presider:* <sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

*Presider:* The gospel of the Lord.

*All:*



*The assembly is seated.*

**ANTHEM: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (Arr. Lloyd Larsen)**

**SERMON: Reverend Marc Herbst**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW Hymn 270)**



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



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



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



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



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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Assistant:* Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Assistant:* Wonderful counselor, on this holy night your church throughout the world celebrates the Word of God being born among us. Endow your church with a zeal for sharing your love and grace with all. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Lord of hosts, the heavens are glad, the earth rejoices, and the trees sing for joy at your coming. Grant us wisdom to care for your creation in ways that benefit all of your creatures. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Prince of peace, your grace has appeared and brings salvation to all. Bring healing to people and nations divided by violence. Direct the leaders of the nations, so that in self-controlled, upright, and godly living, they may work toward peace. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Mighty God of mercy, you come among us as a vulnerable infant. Protect all in need: those without homes or caregivers, those who grieve, all who are hungry, and all who are ill. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Gracious God, we praise you for gathering us tonight to worship in holy splendor. Direct our worship, fellowship, and service, so that our lives and Christian witness may be pleasing to you. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Assistant:* Everlasting God, your steadfast love never ends. Thank you for revealing your faithfulness and love to us through the saints of every time and place. Hear us, O God.

*All:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Presider:* Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Choir:* ♪ Amen. Amen. ♪

*A brief silence.*

## **PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL** - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. The Offertory Anthem accompanies the gathering of the offering.*

**OFFERTORY SOLO: O Holy Night (Adams)**

**Robert Horowitz, Tenor (4:00 PM)**

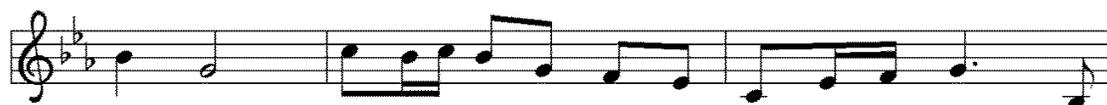
**Jamie Stainkamp, Soprano (10:30 PM)**

The assembly stands. Bread, wine, money and other gifts may be brought forward.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS and OFFERING SONG: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW Hymn 184)**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.*

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

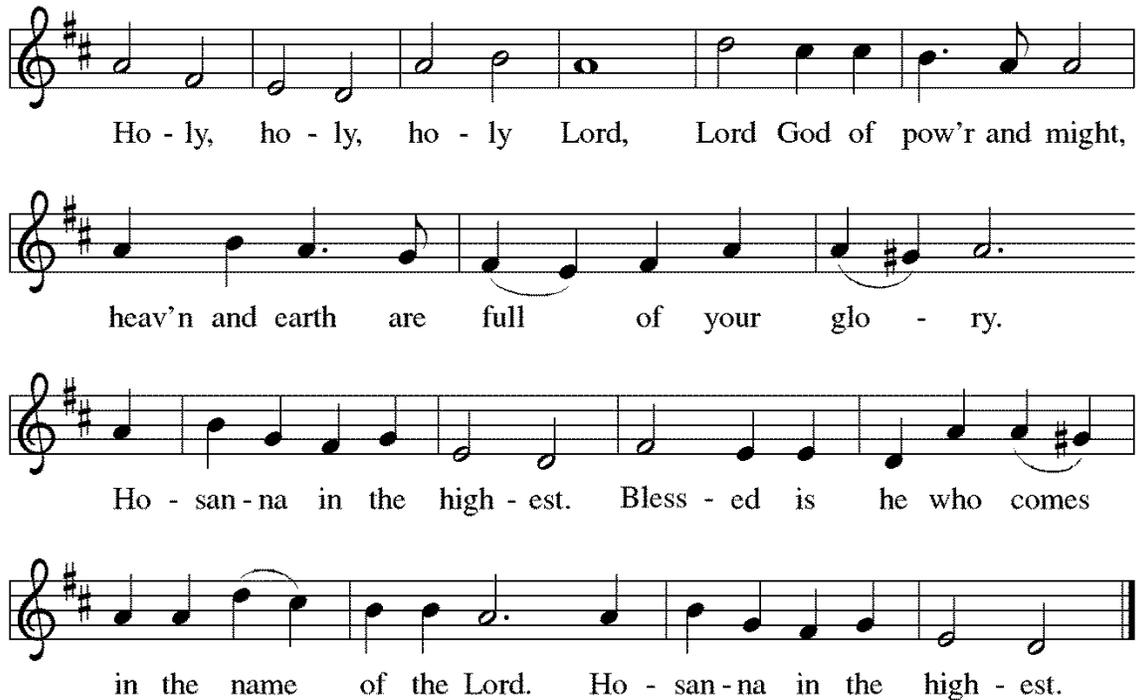
*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Presider:* 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.

*Presider:* 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.



## LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider:* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*All:* **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider:* Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

*The assembly is seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*



## COMMUNION

*We welcome all baptized believers, regardless of faith tradition, to celebrate Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Ushers will help guide all for the distribution of Holy Communion. For today's liturgy Holy Communion will be distributed by intinction, the Eucharistic practice of partly dipping consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption. Worshipers will approach a station in front of the altar from the center aisle in a continuous flow. The presiding minister will distribute the consecrated bread, or hosts and worshipers will proceed to assisting ministers who will hold chalices for intinction. The communed worshipers are then invited to return to their places via the side aisles. Should anyone have dietary concerns, gluten-free consecrated hosts are readily available upon request to the presiding minister. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing; kindly cross your arms as a method to advise the presiding minister of your desire to be blessed. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond "Amen."*

# COMMUNION HYMN



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.



**COMMUNION SOLO (4:00 PM Only): *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* (Spiritual)  
Joseph D'Angelo, Tenor**

# COMMUNION SONG: *The First Noel* (ELW 300)



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*

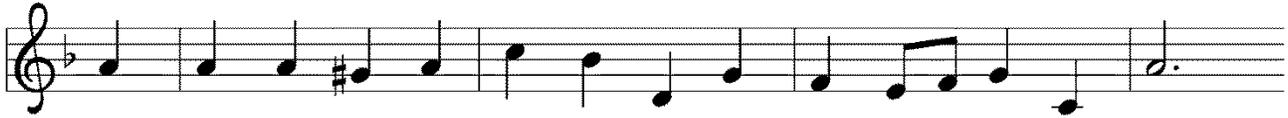


night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



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

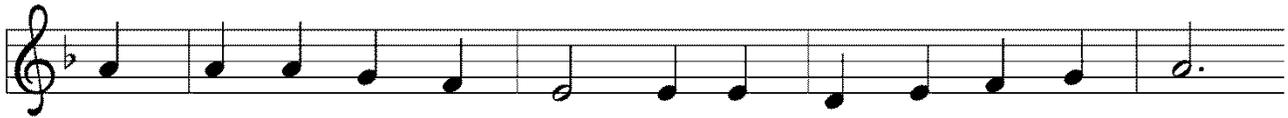
## COMMUNION SONG: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (ELW Hymn 279)



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



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

## COMMUNION SONG: *What Child is This* (ELW Hymn 296)



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the 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!

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

## TABLE BLESSING

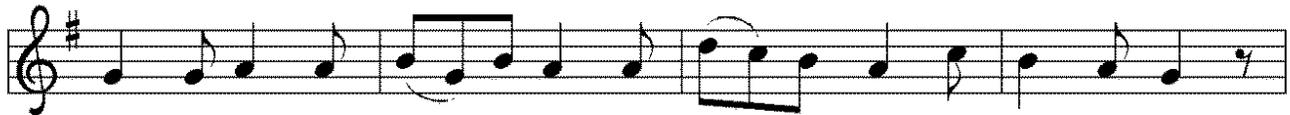
*Presider:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*All:* **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* (ELW Hymn 207)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray.

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

*All:* **Amen.**

## GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION: *John 1:1-14*

*The minister lights a large candle from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.*

*Presider:* The holy gospel according to Saint John:

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* <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.

*Presider:* The gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF LIGHT: *Silent Night, Holy Night!* (ELW Hymn 281)



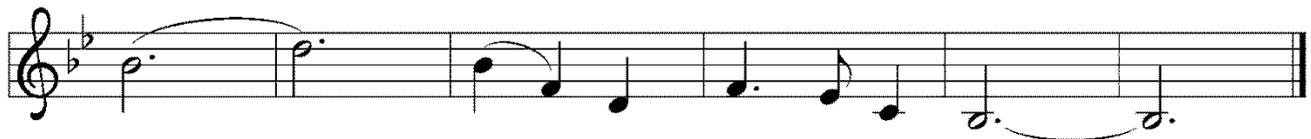
*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



*ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



*Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher*  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



*Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

*The lighted candles among the assembly may be extinguished.*

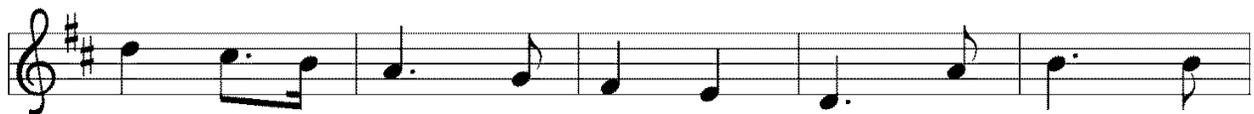
## SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BENEDICTION

*Presider:* May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*All:* Amen.

### SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World* (ELW Hymn 267)



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



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



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



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.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant:* Glory to God in the highest!

*All:* **Peace to God's people on earth!**

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (Arr. James Kasen)**

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### **Serving at today's 4:00PM Christmas Eve Service**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Christian Azzara, Henry Reiner, Frank Rivilli

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Lectors:** Laurie Herbert and Lynda Walsh

**Ushers:** Noah & John Merseburg

**Altar guild:** Joanne Saltini (setup) and Jeanine Levitan (take down)

### **Serving at today's 10:30PM Christmas Eve Service**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** Cathryn & Sarah Weigand

**Assisting Minister:** Jeanine Levitan

**Lectors:** Alisa Rekow

**Ushers:** Heinz Pape & Alex Rekow

**Altar guild:** Jeanine Levitan (setup and take down)

### **Serving at our 10am Christmas Day Service**

**Ministers:** People of the Church of Our Saviour, Lutheran

**Assisting Minister:** Carol Herbst

**Lector:** Al Rainson

**Usher:** Erwin Schaub

**Altar guild:** Jeanine Levitan (setup)

## **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Our Christmas Day “Carols and Holy Communion” worship service is on ***Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Class meets most ***Sundays @ 10:15am*** from September through June. Classes will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**KNITWITS/RUTH CIRCLE CRAFTS:** This group meets most ***Tuesdays at 10am.*** Meetings will resume in January.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS:** This service will take place on ***Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.***

**DAY OF EPIPHANY:** This Holy Communion worship service will take place on ***Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.***

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation classes will be held in ***January on Sundays @ 11:30am on the following days: January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup>.*** A detailed list of all classes was issued to all Confirmation families.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE:** This group will meet on ***Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am following worship.***

**STAMMTISCH MEETINGS:** This group’s next meetings are on ***Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm and Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.***

**COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING:** This meeting is scheduled for ***Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm. Please note date change from January 7<sup>th</sup>.***

**WINE ABOUT RELIGION:** Our next session will meet on ***Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.***

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual meeting will be held immediately ***following service on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.***

**Poinsettia plants to beautify our 2019 Christmas altar**

| <i>From....</i>                  | <i>In Memory/In Honor of ...</i>                                                                                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Daniel B. Becker, Jr.</b>     | <b>In memory of his parents, Greta &amp; Dan Becker</b>                                                         |
| <b>Anna Calace-Mottola</b>       | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola</b>                                                                       |
| <b>Marita &amp; Fred Demenus</b> | <b>In memory of parents</b>                                                                                     |
| <b>Denise Johnson</b>            | <b>In memory of Ken Johnson &amp; Simone Ekstrom</b>                                                            |
| <b>Amy Kempton</b>               | <b>In honor of Judy Feuss and the choir</b>                                                                     |
| <b>Nina &amp; Kurt Kiess</b>     | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola &amp; Ken Kiess</b>                                                       |
| <b>Minerva Lick</b>              | <b>In memory of my husband, Ralph Lick</b>                                                                      |
| <b>Sieglinde Lubbers</b>         | <b>In memory of Robert Lubbers</b>                                                                              |
| <b>Katie &amp; Bill Miller</b>   | <b>In memory of Sheila Gilliam, Mary Kavanagh, our parents, our sisters, Karin &amp; Ruth and grandson, Tim</b> |
| <b>Bruce Morin</b>               | <b>In memory of my beloved spouse of 42 years</b>                                                               |
| <b>Chris &amp; Ingrid Muller</b> | <b>In memory of Charles &amp; Kathleen Muller and Ella &amp; Erich Kaiser</b>                                   |
| <b>Edith &amp; Heinz Pape</b>    | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>Maryann &amp; Al Rainson</b>  | <b>In memory of Lillian Gregory</b>                                                                             |
| <b>Wilma &amp; Alex Rekow</b>    | <b>In memory of our parents</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>Norma Schweizer</b>           | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>Stephen von Czerniewicz</b>   | <b>In memory of the von Czerniewicz and Stenzel families</b>                                                    |

*\*Received in church office by December 17<sup>th</sup> .*

**December 2019 Living Memorials**

| <i>From...</i>                   | <i>In Memory/In Honor of....</i>                                          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Anna Calace-Mottola</b>       | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola</b>                                 |
| <b>Marita &amp; Fred Demenus</b> | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                            |
| <b>Denise Johnson</b>            | <b>In memory of Ken Johnson and Russell Persson</b>                       |
| <b>Amy Kempton</b>               | <b>In memory of Sheila Gilliam</b>                                        |
| <b>Nina &amp; Kurt Kiess</b>     | <b>In memory of Joseph Calace-Mottola &amp; Ken Kiess</b>                 |
| <b>Klaus &amp; Nancy Kiess</b>   | <b>In memory of Kenneth Kiess</b>                                         |
| <b>Bruce Morin</b>               | <b>In memory of my beloved spouse of 42 years</b>                         |
| <b>Edith &amp; Heinz Pape</b>    | <b>In memory of loved ones</b>                                            |
| <b>Maryann &amp; Al Rainson</b>  | <b>In memory of Carl Raymond Johnson and In honor of Diane E. Rainson</b> |
| <b>Wilma &amp; Alex Rekow</b>    | <b>In memory of our parents</b>                                           |
| <b>Lore L. Sullivan</b>          | <b>In memory of William Sullivan &amp; Mike Giordano</b>                  |

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