

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

# DECEMBER 24, 2021 5:00 and 11:15 pm

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS congregation are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

#### **Opening Voluntaries**

Christmas Pastorale

Kendra Ruesler and Burnell Hackman, organ duet

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

Arranged: Kevin Hildebrand

Arranged: Charles Callahan

Strings of Peace

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Carolyn Jennings

Chancel Choir and Lea Zelaya, soprano Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in His arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal He was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord!

He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth, Hope of the nations, light of all the world.

He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms. Love Him and trust Him as a little child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

Adolphe Adam Arranged: Stephen DeCesare

#### Strings of Peace

Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish Carol Arranged: Duane Funderburk

Patrick and Lea Zelaya, tenor and soprano

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind. What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved son. With Mary holy we should pray, to God with love this Christmas Day. In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide. Were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark right well what came to pass from every door repelled, alas. As was foretold, their refuge all was but a humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep.
To whom God's angel did appear which put the shepherds in great fear.
Arise and go, the angels said to Bethlehem, be not afraid.
For there you'll find, this happy morn a princely babe, sweet Jesus, born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find And as God's angel had foretold they did our Saviour Christ behold Within a manger he was laid and by his side a virgin maid Attending on the Lord of Life who came on earth to end all strife

Pastorale on Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO Arranged: Kevin Hildebrand



#### LSB 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

#### ADESTE FIDELES

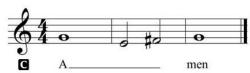
Text and Tune: John F. Wade Arranged: David Wilcox



#### \*Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## \*Opening Sentences

- P Come, all who seek the truth.
- You will find a little Babe lying in a manger.
- P Come, all who hunger for justice.
- You will find a little Babe lying in a manger.
- **P** Come, all who yearn for abundant life.
- You will find a little Babe lying in a manger.
- P Come, all who labor and are heavy laden.
- You will find a little Babe lying in a manger.

#### \*The Confession

- As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth, let us also remember the reason this holy Child was born: "He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself." Hebrews 9:26
- We confess that we have sinned against God and against one another. We are powerless to undo the entangled mess of sin in our lives. We yearn for peace with God and reconciliation with one another, yet we cannot accomplish it ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and restore our souls, that our lives reflect not our sin, but the joy of the birth of Your only Son into the world.

#### \*The Absolution

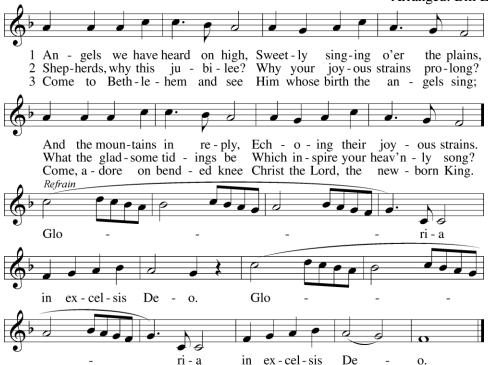
Jesus is Immanuel, God-with-us. What we are powerless to do, He has done for us. His name is Jesus. He has come to save us from our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

**GLORIA** 

Text and Tune: French Arranged: Bill Locklear



## LESSONS AND CAROLS

Advent Isaiah 7:14 Isaiah 9:6

<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## LSB 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

Text: Latin



## **Angel Appears to Mary**

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—

the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

#### Anthem

Pavane For a Silent Night

Jean Anne Shafferman and Patrick Liebergen

On a silent, starry night, Christus natus est.

All is calm and all is bright, Son of God and love's pure light,

Born in Bethlehem tonight, Christus natus est, Christus natus est.

Born in Bethlehem tonight, holy Child divine, Hear the heav'nly angels sing, joyful tidings bring: Christus natus est, Christus natus est. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

He is born, Emmanuel, God on earth to dwell. He is born, the holy Child, the infant mild. Born in Bethlehem, Son of God and son of man. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

On a silent, starry night, Christus natus est. Alleluia, Alleluia, Christus natus est. Alleluia, Alleluia! Christus natus est. Alleluia!

## **Angels Appears to Joseph**

Matthew 1:18-23

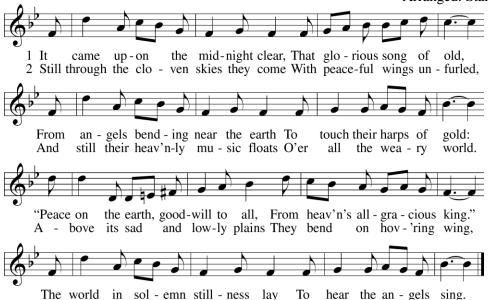
<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

## LSB 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

Text: Edmund H. Sears Tune: Richard S. Willis Arranged: Stan Pethel



Birth of Christ

Luke 2:1-7

And ev - er o'er its

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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#### LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Text: Philip Brooks Tune: Lewis H. Redner Arranged: Michael Ware



The Shepherds Luke 2:8-15

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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,

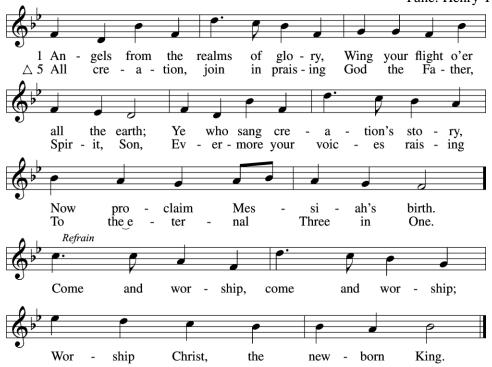
<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

### LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

**REGENT SQUARE** 

Text: James Montgomery
Tune: Henry T. Smart



The Wisemen Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

#### Anthem

What Child is This?

GREENSLEEVES
Text: William C. Dix

Tune: English

Arranged: Hal H. Hopson

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Come, one and all, sing Alleluia. Christ is born, The King of kings. Sing Alleluia, Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary

#### \*Christmas Creed

I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

**Sermon** "Wrapped in Swaddling Cloths"

(Luke 2:1-14)

## LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**MENDELSSOHN** 

Text: Charles Wesley Tune: Felix Mendelssohn Arranged: David Wilcocks



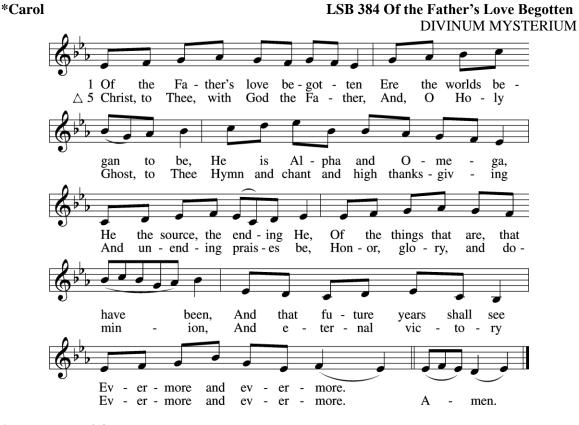
## \*Prayer of the Church

#### \*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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT





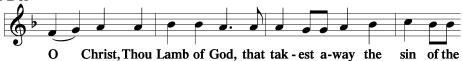
#### \*The Words of Our Lord

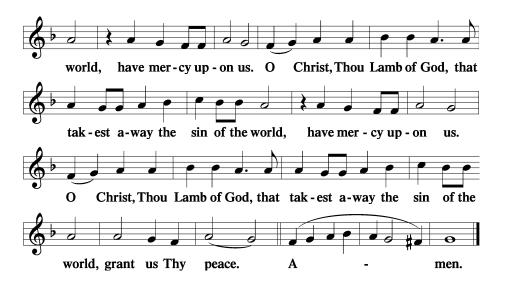
#### \*Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



\*Agnus Dei





#### **Distribution Carol**

## LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

Text: Martin Luther Tune: Geistliche Lieder



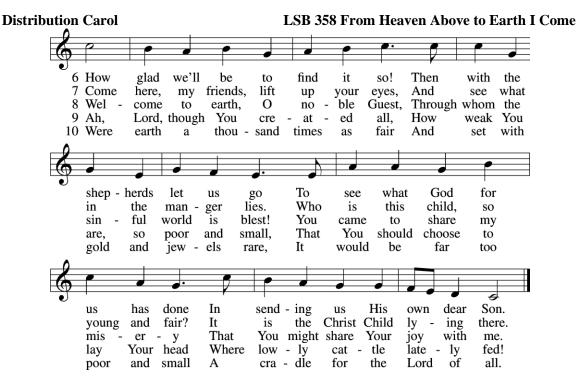
#### Interlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Arranged: Johann Pachelbel

Arranged: Kevin Hildebrand

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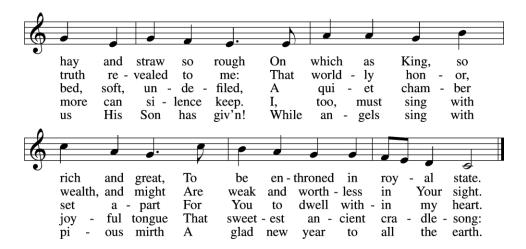
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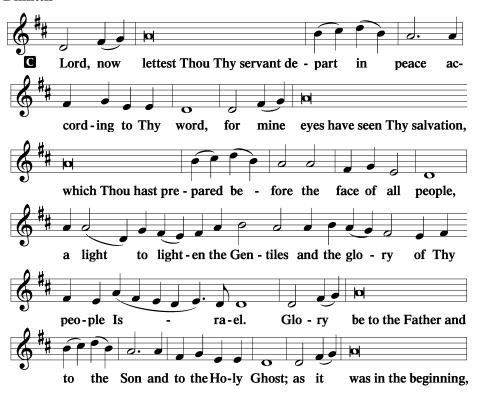
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#### LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come 11 In stead of soft and silk - en stuff You have but 12 And pleas - es You This SO it to see sim - ple Je ho - ly Child, Pre 13 Ah, dear est sus, pare must leap; 14 My heart ver iov My lips for y no

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#### \*Nunc Dimittis





#### \*The Dismissal

#### \*Carol

## LSB 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber Arranged: Hal H. Hopson



### \*Thanksgiving

P Let us pray...



#### \*Benediction

 $[\mathbf{P}]$ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



#### \*Carol

### LSB 387 Joy to the World

**ANTIOCH** 

Text: Isaac Watts Tune: George Frederic Handel

Arranged: Steven Dunn



### \*Silent Prayer

## **Closing Voluntary**

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

George Frederic Handel

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Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO-YouTube Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/D. Gerfen/M. Flosi Elders: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Bob Wolff; 11:15: Dave Carlson, Ken Werkmeister

Ushers: 5:00: Jim Johnson, Bill Schlegel, Ed Stackle

11:15: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Andrew Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel, Bob

Uthoff, Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

Altar Comm: 5:00: Marilyn and Lew Rosenbaum; 11:15: Linda and Al Wentzel

