



# Christmas

## Eve Service

Peace Lutheran Church

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# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2022 ~ 11:15PM

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, 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 beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

## Opening Voluntaries

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*A Christmas Celebration*

ADESTE FIDELES/Jeff Cranfill  
Arranged: James Dixon Kimball

## \*Processional Carol

ADESTE FIDELES

## LSB 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
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;  
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:  
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

### Refrain



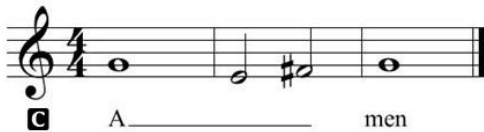
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

### \*Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### \*Opening Sentences

*Habakkuk 2:20*

**P** In quiet joy! In quiet joy, we gather this day.

**C** **The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.**

**P** We gather from our busy lives, our hurried routines, the loud noises of life,

**C** **In quiet joy.**

**P** We bring our wearied bodies, our troubled hearts, our restless souls in hope,

**C** **In quiet joy.**

**P** God is here, the LORD is in His holy temple;

**C** **Let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

### \*Confession

**P** In the quiet of night, let us prepare ourselves, and confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

### \*Absolution

**P** In the quiet of this hour, by the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Upon your confession, by the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. We rest now in His peace and in quiet joy.



**\*Carol**

**LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to  
news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with  
joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

**\*Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**[P]** The Lord be with you.



**[C]** And with thy spir - it.

**[P]** Let us pray. . .



**[C]** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 9:2–7*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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!*

## Epistle

*Titus 2:11–14*

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Carol**

**LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High**



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



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -



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

**\*Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:1–20*

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**[G]** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<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.

<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 great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear

not, for behold, I bring you good news of 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.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### \*Christmas Creed

**C** 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.

## Carol

MENDELSSOHN

Text: Charles Wesley

## LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Arranged: David Wilcocks

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn

*Stanza two will be sung by the choir.*



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 Right-teous-ness!



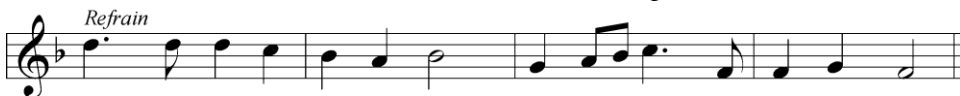
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

## Sermon

"Kings and Shepherds"

(Luke 2:1-20)

## Gathering of the Offering

*Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

## Offertory Anthem

*Candlelight Christmas Canon*

Based on *Canon in D*

Mary McDonald

Johann Pachelbel

Orchestrated by Phillip Keveren

*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.*



*Silent night, holy night, darkness flies, all is light.  
Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King!  
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light:  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is born!*

### **\*Prayer of the Church**

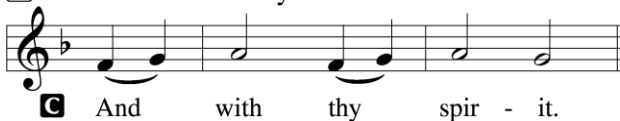
### **\*Lord's Prayer**

**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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### **\*Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



### \*Proper Preface

**P** We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### \*Sanctus



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*The Words of Our Lord

#### \*Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**G** A - men.

#### \*Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## Distribution Carol

## LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit-tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar-y, And, gath-ered all a-bove  
 3 How si-lent-ly, how si-lent-ly The won-drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 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.  
 O come to us, a-bide with us, Our Lord Im-man-u-el!

**Distribution Carol**  
**The First Nowell**

English Traditional Carol  
Arranged by David Wilcocks

**Congregation and Choir sing words in bold.**

**The first “Nowell” the angels did say**  
**Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;**  
**In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,**  
**On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.**

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

*They looked up and saw a star*  
*Shining in the east, beyond them far;*  
*And to the earth it gave great light,*  
*And so it continued both day and night.*

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

**And by the light of that same star**  
**Three wise men came from country far;**  
**To seek for a King was their intent,**  
**And to follow the star wherever it went.**

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

*This star drew nigh to the northwest:*  
*O’er Bethlehem it took its rest;*  
*And there it did both stop and stay,*  
*Right over the place where Jesus lay.*

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

*Then entered in those wise men three,*  
*Full rev’rently upon their knee,*  
*And offered there, in his presence,*  
*Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.*

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!**

**Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.**

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!**

**Distribution Carol**

**LSB 364 Away in a Manger**



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

**Interlude**

*Pastorale on Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

IN DULCI HUBILO/Kevin Hildedrand

## Distribution Carol

## LSB 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

*After all have communed*

## \*Carol

## LSB 363 Silent Night, Holy Night



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,



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 Thy ho - ly face

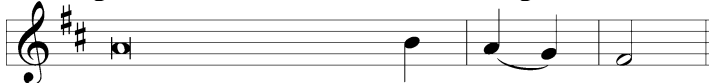


Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



### \*Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. . .



**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### \*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.

**C** Amen! Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!



## \*Carol

## LSB 387 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions  
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -  
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

GLORIA/Jeff Cranfill

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