

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Divine Service 2

December 24, 2023

3:00 + 9:00

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Please Stand

Hymn ~ O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1-4)

LSB 379

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 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
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

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

Call to Worship & Invocation

Pastor: The angel sings and the universe rejoices! Glory to God in the highest heavens; Peace on earth to all of God's people!

People: **We gather the presence of God with praise and thanksgiving; excited, expectant, and hopeful.**

Pastor: The baby cries and all of creation rejoices! Now the dwelling place of God is with humanity. Light of light eternal, come to make a home among us and within us.

People: **We gather to experience this good news of great joy for all people. Curious and skeptical, open to the movement of God in this place. Let the words of sacred Scripture seep into our hearts, to be heard and treasured anew.**

Pastor: Come just as you are to meet the living Christ. As Mary and Joseph welcomed strangers and heavenly beings to the stable, so God welcomes us with open arms.

People: **Let the light of God's love erupt in this place; to shatter our darkness and illuminate the totality of our being.**

Pastor: All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's name and to be refreshed by God's goodness.

People: **And none are turned away.**

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

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession & Absolution

Pastor: In these silent moments, give yourself over to the counsel of God as we confess our failings and our shortcomings. God loves you, and God is listening...

(Silence for Prayer and Private Confession)

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

+ Lessons and Carols +

Please Be Seated

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2; 6-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned... ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Hymn ~ *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (vv. 1-3)

LSB 384



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom-ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Second Reading

Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD... but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth... ⁴ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den, the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn ~ Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vv. 1-2)

LSB 359

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.

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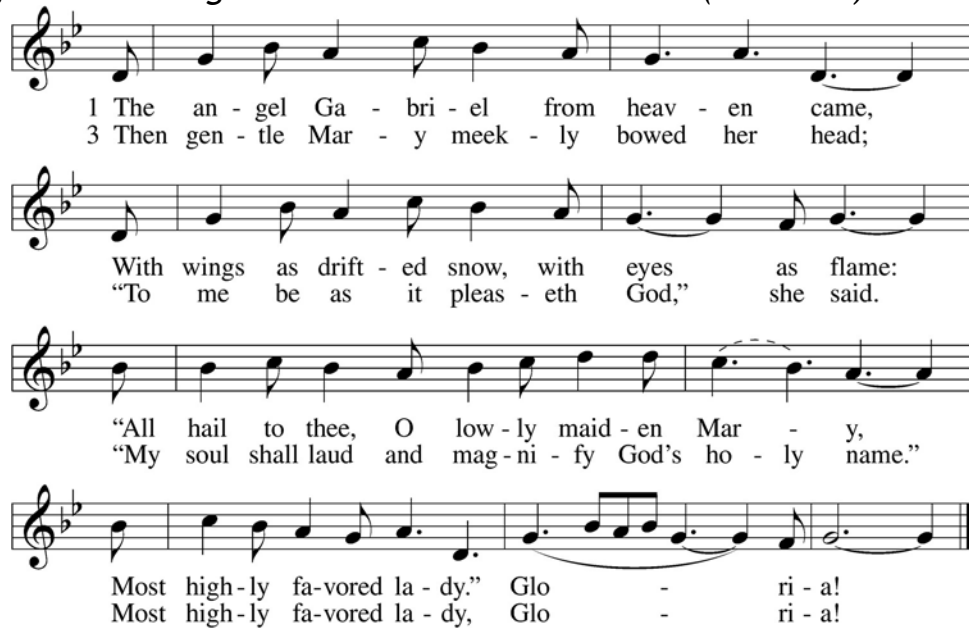
Third Reading

Luke 1:26-35; 38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named

Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God... ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Hymn ~ *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came* (vv. 1 & 3) LSB 356



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

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Fourth Reading

Luke 2:1; 3-7

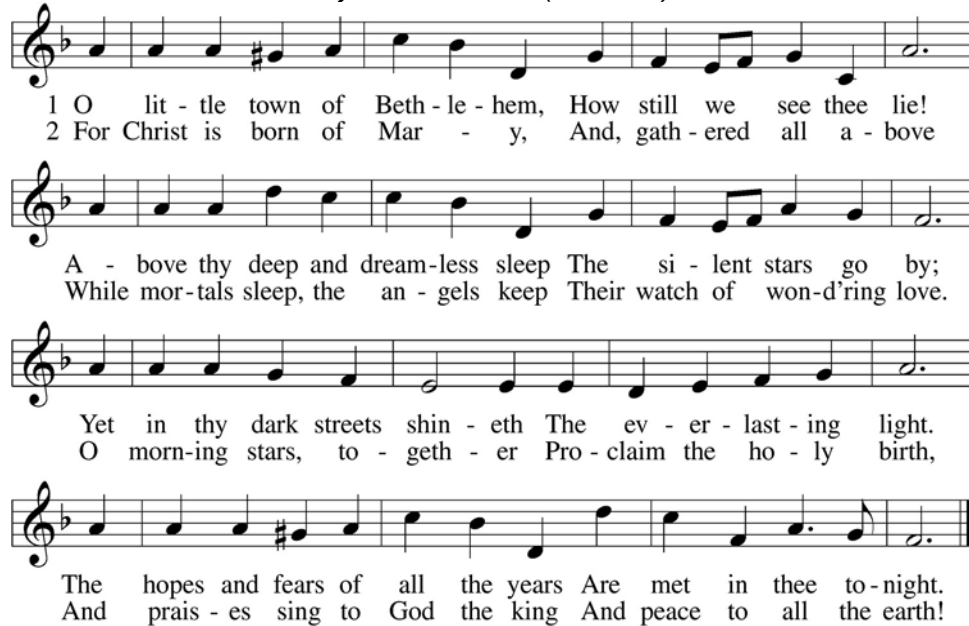
In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Hymn ~ *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vv. 1-2)

LSB 361



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

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.

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,

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!

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Fifth Reading

Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Hymn ~ *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (v. 1)

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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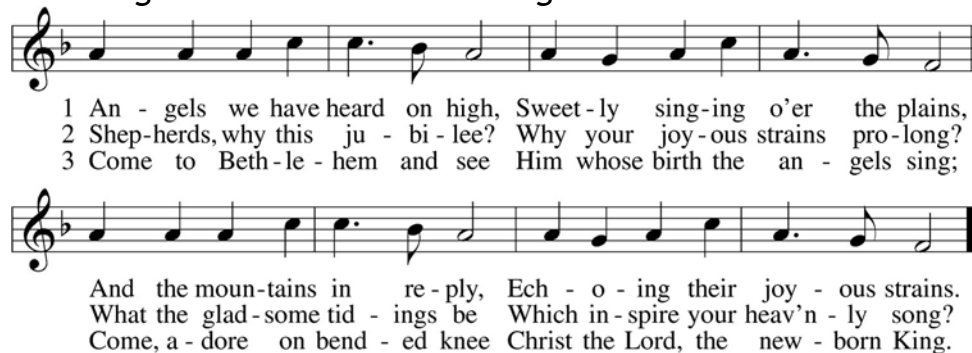
Sixth Reading

Luke 2:15-16

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Hymn ~ *Angels We Have Heard on High*

LSB 368



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.



Message

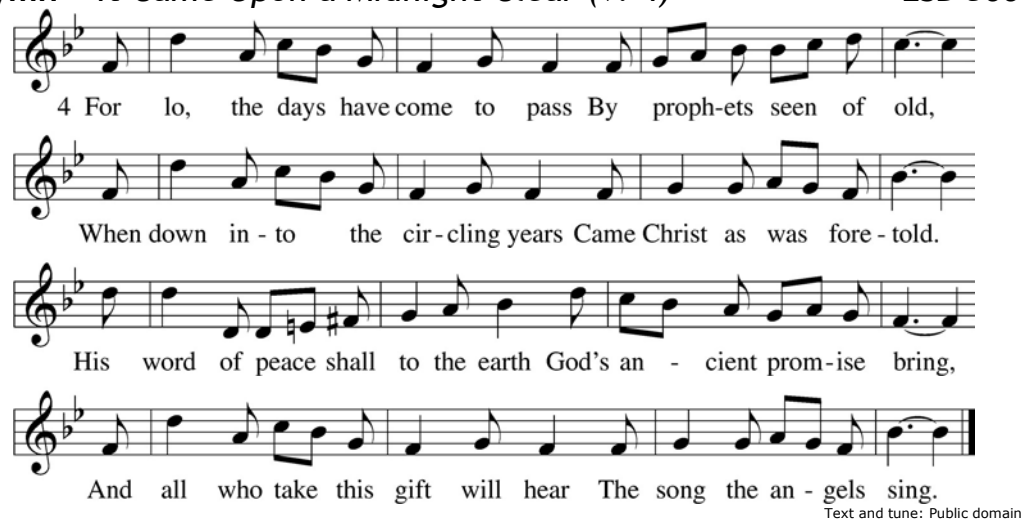
Seventh Reading

Luke 2:17-20

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Hymn ~ *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (v. 4)

LSB 366



Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

Offering ~ Angels' Carol

by John Rutter

Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at <https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving>.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

Welcome to Trinity!

*If you're new to our neighborhood or worshipping community, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect...
"trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"*



+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please Stand

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and... ..evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



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.

Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God



G 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.

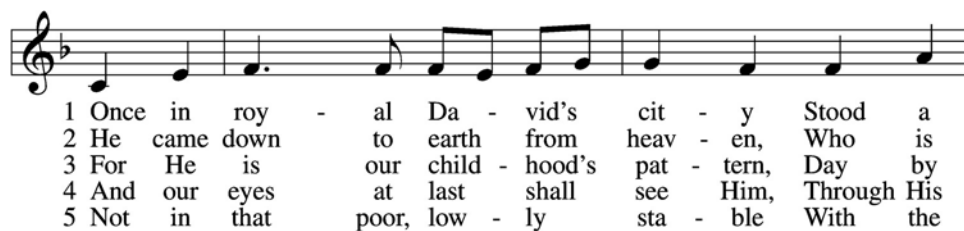
Holy Communion

Communion Anthem ~ *O Holy Night*

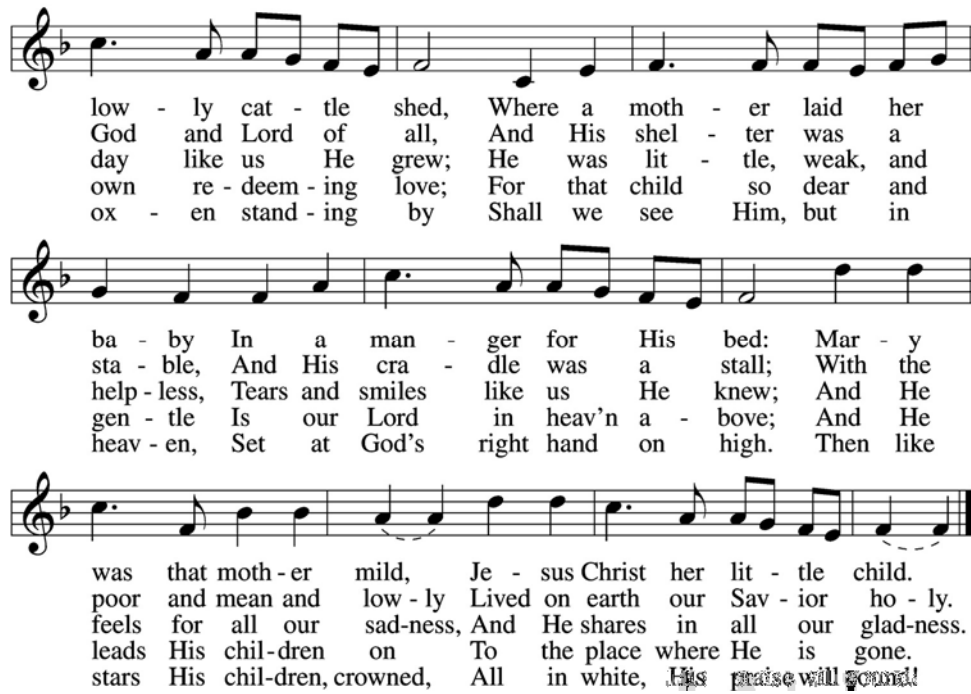
by Adolphe Adam

Communion Hymn ~ *Once in Royal David's' City*

LSB 376



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
 leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

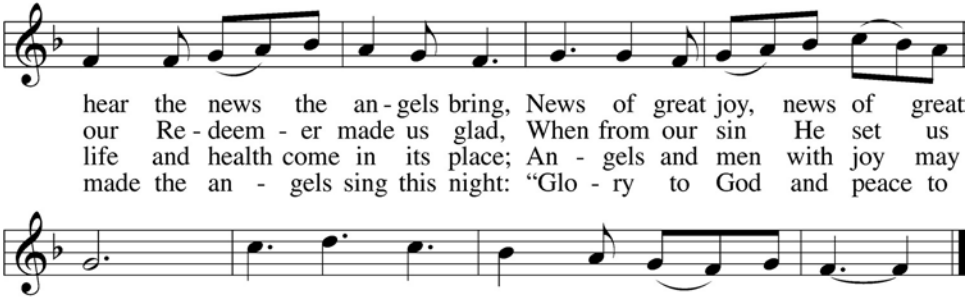
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Communion Hymn ~ On Christmas Night All Christians Sing LSB 377



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels

an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
 made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
 in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then
 sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
 life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to
 mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 sing, All for to see the new - born King.
 men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

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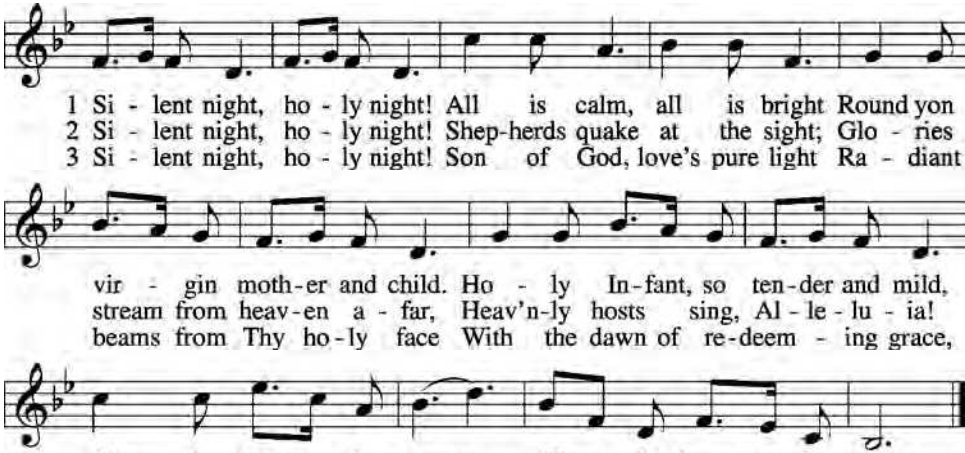
Lighting of Candles

Pastor: One candle is just a glimmer of hope, but together, we create a glowing beacon of Christ's light in the world. Immerse yourself in the beauty of all of our lights shining in the darkness. Jesus is the light of the world! He is the hope of all of our tomorrows!

Introduction to Silent Night ~ *Night of Silence* by Kantor/Ferguson

Contagious Light ~ *Silent Night, Holy Night*

LSB 363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
 vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Prayer

Benediction

Hymn ~ *Joy to the World*

LSB 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
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.

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Worship Leaders



Ministers: *The People of Trinity Lutheran Church*
Christmas Eve - December 24, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Preacher: *Josh Hatcher*

Acolyte: *Phil Koehr*

Lector: *Dean Craig-Meyer,
Allen Helms*

Organist: *Rick Burk*

Pianist: *Heidi Lee*

Cantor: *Nicole Heirlein*

Musicians: *Sanctuary Choir
Band Together*

Communion Prep: *Kay Weber*

Communion Server: *Doug Dick,
Grace Dick,
Jeaninne Meyer*

Greeter: *Kim Hansen*

Usher: *Tom Kellerman,
Phil Koehr*

9:00 p.m.

Josh Hatcher

Bob Kurtz

*Russ Bettlach,
Nancy Nietz*

Jeff White

Jeff White

Nicole Heirlein

Band Together

Annette Carson

*Russ Bettlach,
Paul Weinhold*

Patrick Hendershot

*Al Becker,
Phil Koehr*

Christmas Day Worship
10:15 a.m.

Join us for worship every week

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.