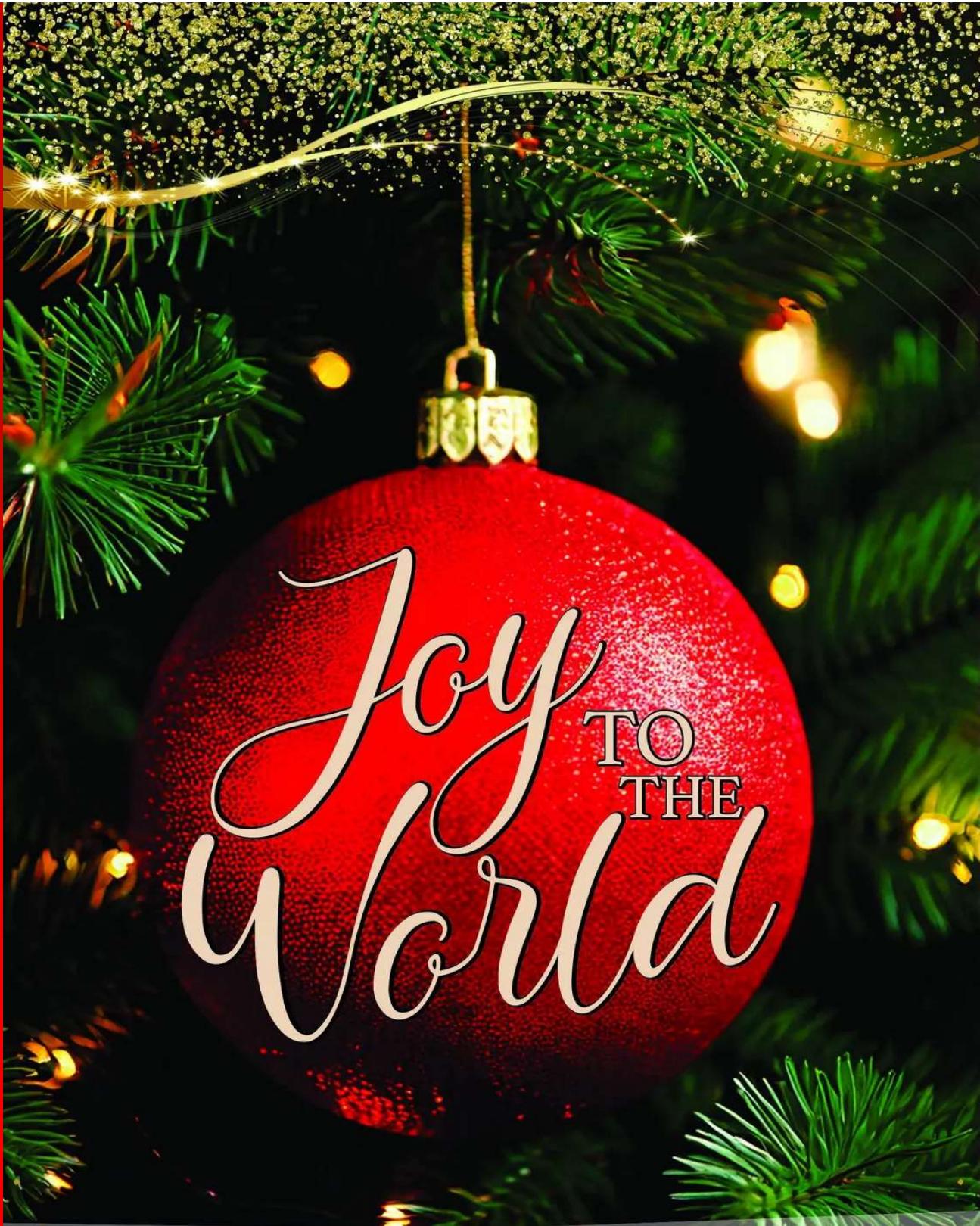


Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Plano, Texas



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*

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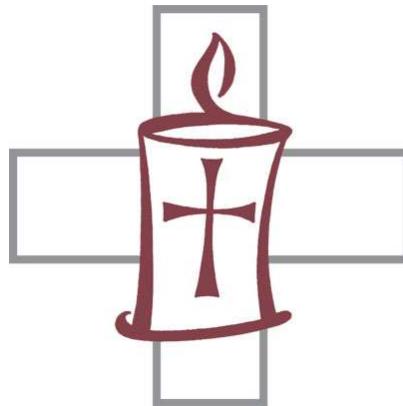
**Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Candlelight Service

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**Pre-Service Music**

**Choral Prelude**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”  
*arr. Dana Mengel*

*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! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav’lly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*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.*

Stand

## Processional Carol

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

LSB 377



*Choir only:* 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



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



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. (Interlude)  
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.”

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Responsory

**P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**P** Those who dwelt in the land of the deep darkness, on them has light shined.  
**C** **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

**P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
**C** **In him was life, and the life was the light of all.**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, because you once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 7:10–14*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <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.”

Carol

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”  
*LSB 359*

*Choir only: I Es ist ein Ros entsprungen  
au seiner Wurzel zart,  
wie uns die Alten sungen,  
von Jesse kam die Art  
und hat ein Blumlein bracht,  
mitten im kalten Winter  
wohl zu der halben Nacht.*

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.*

2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man

mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness

kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright

us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

## Scripture Reading

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.

## Choral Carol

"Gabriel's Message"

arr. Tony Alonso

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady."  
Gloria!*

*"How blest among all women you shall be,  
Whom ev'ry age will praise continually.  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady."  
Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady,  
Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady."  
Gloria!*

Stand

## Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:1-7 KJV

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup> (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup> To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

*Sit*

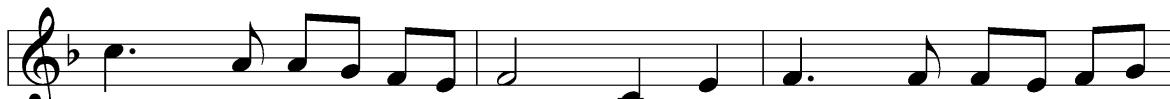
### Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

LSB 376



*Children only:* 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!

*Stand*

## Christmas Gospel

*Luke 2:8–14 KJV*

<sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men.

*Sit*

## Carol

“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.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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## Choral Carol

“A Virgin Most Pure”  
English Folk Carol arr. by Carl Halter

*A virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell, Hath brought forth a Baby, as it hath befell,  
To be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin, Which Adam's transgression hath wrapped us in.*

*Refrain: And therefore be merry, set sorrows aside; Christ Jesus, our Savior, was born on this tide.*

*Then God sent an angel from heaven so high To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie,  
And bade them no longer in sorrow to stay, Because that our Savior was born on this day. Refrain*

*Then presently after the shepherds did spy a number of angels that stood in the sky;  
They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing, "To God be all glory, our heavenly King!" Refrain*

*Stand*

## **Christmas Gospel**

*Luke 2:15–20*

<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## **Responsory**

**P** In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets...  
**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by his Son.

*Sit*

## **Choral Carol**

*"Away in a Manger"*

*LSB 364*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

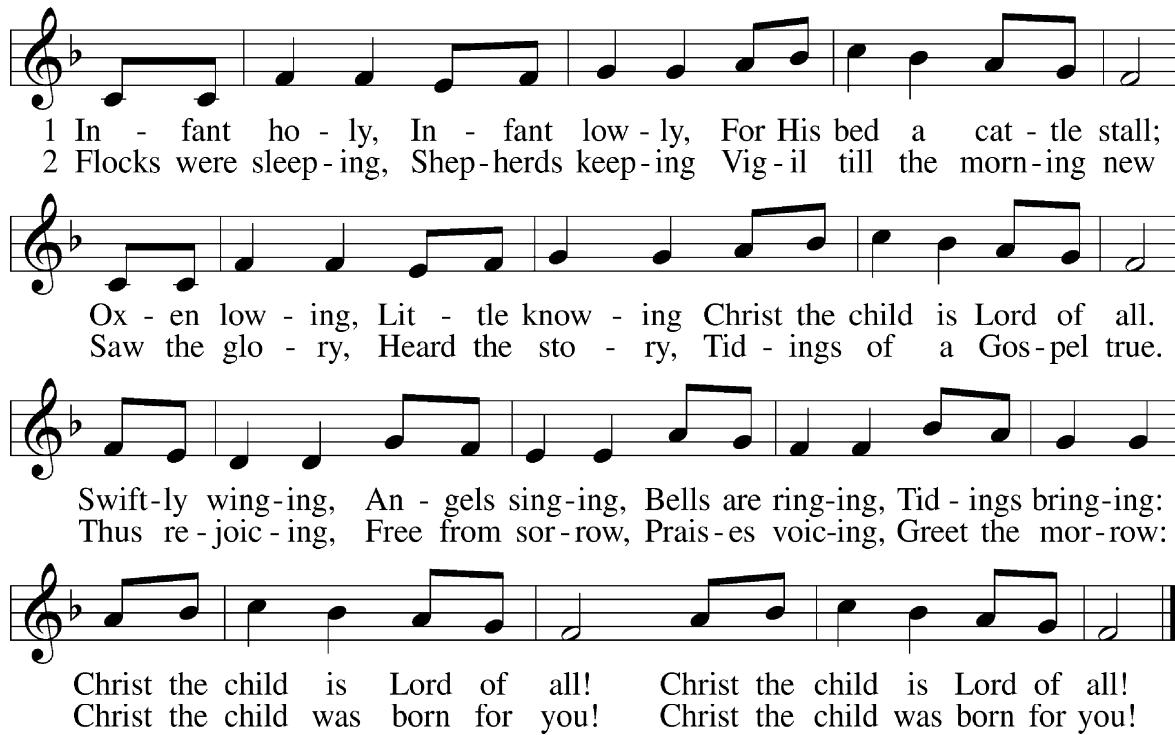
Congregation joins:

3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

## Carol

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

LSB 393



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new

Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.

Swift-ly wing-ing, An - gels sing-ing, Bells are ring-ing, Tid - ings bring-ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic-ing, Greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

## Christmas Message

### Offering

### Offertory

*Stand*

### Lighting of Individual Candles:

*Please do no tilt the candle once it is lit, but pass the light on while the receiving unlit candle is tilted into the flame.*

## Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

LSB 363

*Choir only: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

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.

## Christmas Prayer

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 only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.

## Extinguishing of Individual Candles:

*Please carefully blow out your candle, holding one hand behind the flame so as not to accidentally disperse hot wax. Place your candle in the box in the narthex when you leave the service this evening.*

## 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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.



## Carol

“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.

*Sit*

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace, for a Savior has been born unto you who brings forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude



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**Serving Our Worship Tonight:**

Pastor:

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Victoria Frinsko

Timpani:

Brian Wolf

Trombone:

Kevin Knight

French Horn:

Ilisa Glick

Trumpet:

Fred Bernhardt

Violin:

Michael Swann

Harp:

Robert Padgett

Flute/Alto Flute:

Magdalena Shaltanis

Oboe:

Paige Rebber

Elder:

Phaedra Shaltanis

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