

**The Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2025 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM**



*Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst (1622)*

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**WELCOME**—We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 189 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**RESTROOMS**—are available off of the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

**THE NURSERY**—which is accessed from the double doors, front right, is available for any family needing a space away. You may view the service via live-stream.

**COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL**—Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist. Directions on the procedure for distribution are provided in the body of the service folder.

**CHOIRS AT ST. PAUL’S**—Enquiries are welcome at any time. If you are interested in singing with a choir or ringing handbells with an ensemble please contact a music staff member; Mr. Victor Fields (Chancel Choir), Mrs. Leah McComas (Handbells), or Mrs. Julianna Jones (Children’s Choirs) at 717-843-8155.

**FOOD PANTRY**—The food pantry operates each Tuesday morning from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. The weekly distribution is staffed with more than 50 volunteers. If you are in need of food or would like to provide assistance with one of the many aspects of this ministry simply contact the church office for further details. We are always in need of volunteers who are bilingual Spanish/English.

**ST. PAUL’S PRESCHOOL**—Early childhood education is a major part of child development. St. Paul’s preschool celebrated its 60th Anniversary in 2024. Classes are available for children ages 2, 3 & 4. For additional information please contact the Director of Preschool, Mrs. Deborah Becker 717-854-1996. [www.stpaulspreschoolyork.com](http://www.stpaulspreschoolyork.com)

**FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AT ST. PAUL’S**—St. Paul’s hosts AA Fellowship groups on Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located on the Lower Level.



*The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God by the Ericsons  
and in memory of Josephine M. Cushner, John Cushner, M.D. & Mary R. Maxwell  
by JoAnne Cushner Debes & Family.*

*And by The Ericsons in celebration of the birth of our  
Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*The Christmas Bulletins are sponsored by Mim Boyer  
in loving memory of her husband, David Boyer.*

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*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 1*

**PRELUDE**

*A Christmas Pastorale*

Gardner Read

4:00 PM Andrew Jones, violin

7:00 PM Mabel Tang, violin

*Stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

***Once in Royal Davids City (ELW 269)***

*Stanza 1 Duet—Isabella and Gwendolyn Lehr*

Duet 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
All Harmony 2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,  
All Harmony 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;  
All Unison 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav-ior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

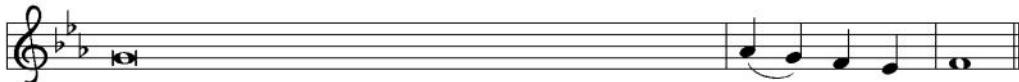
*Carolyn Kapoun, Cantor*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



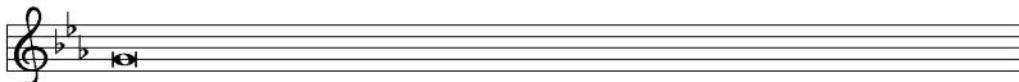
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



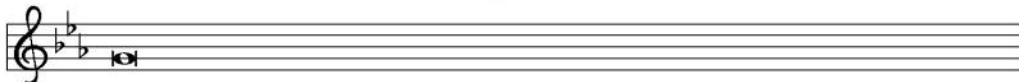
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

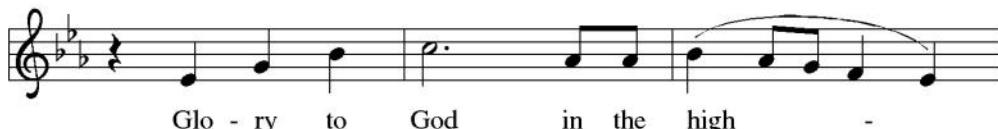


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

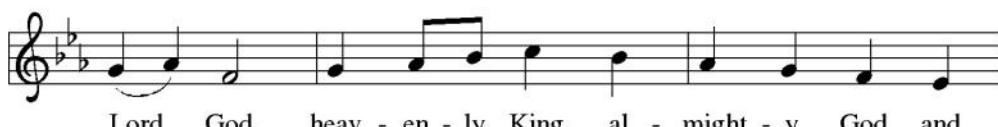
## HYMN OF PRAISE



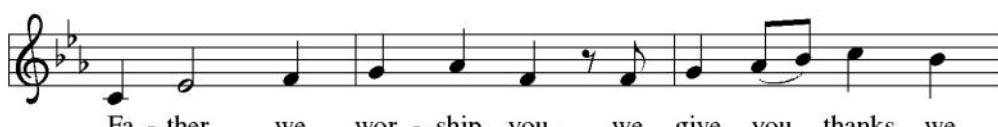
Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



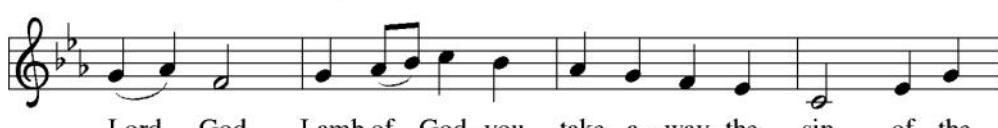
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

alone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have made this 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**

*Sit*

**4:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR      Glory to God      Michael Bedford**

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

<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 right-  
eousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM      **Psalm 96**      Sung Cantor/Congregation

*The antiphon is introduced by the Cantor and then sung by all at the appointed time.*

Let the heav - ens re - joice and the earth be glad.

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song;  
    sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;  
    proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
    and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,  
    more to be feared | than all gods. **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
    but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
    power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
    ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
    bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. **Refrain**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
    tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
    The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved  
    will judge the peoples with equity."

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
    let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
    let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
    at your coming, O LORD,  
    for you come to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness  
    and the peoples with your truth. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

## **Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>For 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.

## The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## *Stand*

## HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW 283) stanzas 1&2 Sung by all*

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:

### *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

2 The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal  
he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing!  
*Refrain*

**GOSPEL****Luke 2:1-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN*****O Come, All Ye Faithful (ELW 283) stanzas 3&4 Sung by all***

3 Sing, choirs of angels, ***Refrain***  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of  
heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest:  
***Refrain***

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morn-  
ing;  
Jesus, to thee be  
glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:  
***Refrain***

*Sit*  
**SERMON**

**7:00 PM      CHANCEL CHOIR** *Lullay, Dear Jesus*  
Mabel Tang, violin

Pastor Reep  
Cary John Franklin

*Stand*  
**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the  
Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the world, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

God of love, unite the church in love as we rejoice in the news of your coming. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Join our voices with the roaring seas, the exulting fields, and the trees of the forest singing for joy on this holy night. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Empower our hands, feet, and hearts with your Spirit to shatter the rod of the oppressor and turn swords into plowshares (*especially in . . . specific instances of conflict may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send us into the world to find your Word made flesh in one another, especially those who are sick or struggling (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain housing and clothing ministries in this community, that all may find shelter and warmth. We pray especially for youth seeking safety and care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Grant all who mourn hope in the resurrection and peace in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit*

**7:00 PM HANDBELL CHOIR** *Christmas Trilogy* arr. Linker & McFadden  
Harrison Palmer, Piano James Palmer, Trumpet

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY** *O Little Town of Bethlehem (ELW 279) Stanza 3*



3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!



So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless-ings of his heav'n.



No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,



where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## DIALOGUE

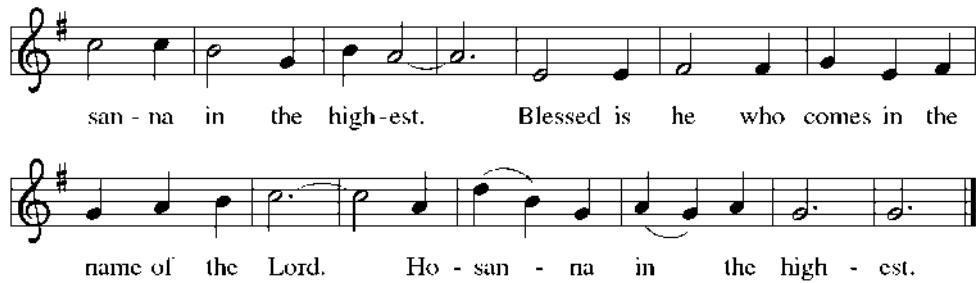
The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-



## **EUCARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises. 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. 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## FRACTION RITE *A brief silence is kept.*

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.

## AGNUS DEI

*Sit*

## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

*Procedure for receiving Communion:*

1. *Come to communion using the center aisle.*
2. *Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
3. *Take your place along the chancel step.*
4. *The ministers will bring the host and wine to you.*
5. *Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
6. *Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

## SOLO

*Candlelight Carol*  
Carolyn Kapoun, soprano

John Rutter

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*What Child is This?*      *Piano*

*with Andrew Jones/Mabel Tang, violin*

1 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!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him though,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

*Refrain*  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* .(ACS 909)



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,  
2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:  
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,  
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred.  
sweet new - born babe, how frail! and in a man - ger bed:  
his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:  
its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



But there is room and wel - come there for me;  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me;  
a child, a son, the Prince of peace for me;  
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me;



but there is room and wel - come there for me.  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.  
a child, a son, the Prince of peace for me.  
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*Amelia Reep, Horn*

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Stand

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Ushers bring light to the people. Please tip the unlighted candle to receive the light.*

### HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

Stil - te 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.

Hol - der 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.  
peace.  
born!  
birth.

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

## SECOND GOSPEL OF CHRISTMAS

St. John 1: 1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A time of silence follows.*

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty, God, in the incarnation of your Son you began the work of our deliverance from sin and death. Through the grace given us in your Son, strengthen us in spirit and renew in us the New Birth we have through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## HYMN

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*with Brass ensemble*

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn king!

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn king!

**3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!**  
**Hail the Sun of righteousness!**  
**Light and life to all he brings,**  
**ris'n with healing in his wings.**  
**Mild he lays his glory by,**  
**born that we no more may die,**  
**born to raise each child of earth,**  
**born to give us second birth.**  
**Hark! The herald angels sing,**  
**Glory to the newborn king!**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.      **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Adeste Fidelis*

Eric Thiman

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DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean -up
12/24 Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	Jennifer Ports	Ken Hinkle	Chris Wad- dail	Ann Anstadt, Jill Streiberg	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Ann Anstadt, Jill Striebig
	7:00PM	Tristan Ericson	Larry Becker	Deb Becker	Deb & Larry Becker	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Deb Becker, Isabella Lehr, Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder,

THE ENTIRE ST. PAUL'S STAFF WISH YOU THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS OF THIS HOLY  
 SEASON. MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM:  
 VICTOR, TED, PATEE, KELLY, LEAH, JULIANNA, DEB, ALLISON, AND PASTOR STAN.



## *Poinsettias In Loving Memory of...*

My Husband, Henry Anstadt by Ann Anstadt

Our Parents, Gloria & Ronald Becker and David Boyer by Larry & Deb Becker

Josephine M. Cushner, John J. Cushner, M.D., & Mary R. Maxwell by Jo Anne Cushner Debes  
& Family

Family members by Rebecca Deal

Donald Heistand by the Heistand Family

Our Fathers; Francis Ports & Kenneth Hinkle, Our Mothers; Delores Ports & Ruth Hinkle, Our  
Sisters; Sandra Hinkle, Dorinda Hinkle, & Susan Holtry by Ken Hinkle and Jennifer Ports

Our parents Charles & Lucille Keeports and William & Doris Douglas by Bonnie & Dick Keeports

Those I've lost by Tina Llorente

Cindy Long by Jason Long

Richard & Margaret Martin, Michael T. Martin, Dale & Sandy Shellenberger, Wilfert & Viola  
Wildasin, James & Julia Martin by Tom Martin

Pastor Judy McKee by her family

Our Dads, Nicholas W. Rutledge and Brian Miller by Lisa & Josh Miller

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Carl Simon and Mr. & Mrs. William F. Simon by Sarah Morgan  
& Geoffrey Simon

Elaine Potter Mummert, & Pat Powers Mummert, by Jim Mummert

Louis & Norma Sipling by the Palmers

Our Parents, by Ronald & Norma Riese

Our Parents, K.F. Ralph Rochow & Phyllis E. Rochow by K.W. James Rochow  
& Susan Rochow Flook

Our Parents Harold & Grace Sargeant, Donald & Bertha Spencer by Donita & Harold Sargeant

My Parents, Frank and Annamarie Polk by Pat Scarborough

Gene & Neil Shue by Norma Shue & Family

My Husband, Donald, my Son, Alan, my Sisters, Evelyn Loyd & Lois McDowell, my niece Dr.  
Kathy McDowell, our Parents Loyd & Helen Spencer and Chester & Laura Ely  
by Norma Ely Spencer

My Husband, John Uffelman, Sr. by Martina Uffelman

## *In Honor of...*

St. Paul's Chancel Choir by Victor Fields

My Grandchildren, Alexis & Thomas Heistand, and Daniel, Ryan, & Brynn Butler by June Heistand

Our Grandchildren Christian, Amelia, & Audrey by Dave & Sue Kopp

My Family by Pastor Tom McKee

Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren by Donita & Harold Sargeant

My Great-grandchildren, Jordan, Spencer & Eli Nicoll; Nicholas & Emily Roedersheimer  
by Norma Ely Spencer

The Choir and Victor Fields by Geoffrey Simon & Sarah Morgan

My Family by Linda Turner

My Children and Grandchildren by Martina Uffelman

## *Dedicated to the Glory Of God...*

Ann Anstadt

Victor Fields

Bonnie & Dick Keeports

Fred & Elinor Rosenmiller

Martina Uffelman

Pat & Gary Van Natten