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# *Lessons & Carols*

Celebration of Holy Communion

**December 28, 2025**



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The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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GATHERING

## PRELUDE

**Vom Himmel hoch**

J.S. Bach

Mark Johanson, organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (stand)

*Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

### SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

*Most merciful God,*

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE (stand)

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

**And also with you.**

## OPENING HYMN

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

attr. Wade



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The 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*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. Infant holy, Infant lowly, you enter our broken world in a humble cattle stall without fanfare or triumphant entry, yet you come to save us, sinners lost in a dark world, befallen by separation and darkness. In this Christmas season, give us hearts to welcome you, that our lives would be witnesses to the light and love that the Father has shown us; to whom, together with you and the Holy Spirit, we pray, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## WORD

## READING Genesis 3:8-19 (NRSV) (sit)

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head,

and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will make your pangs in childbirth exceedingly great; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'"

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
***Of the Father's***  
***Love Begotten***  
Prudentius

(all) Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
(high voices) Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
(all) This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
(low voices) Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
(all) Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

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  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

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 -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
pecc - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
si - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

**READING**  
**Micah 5:2-5a**  
**(NRSV)**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
**Comfort, Comfort**  
**Now My People**  
 Olearius



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

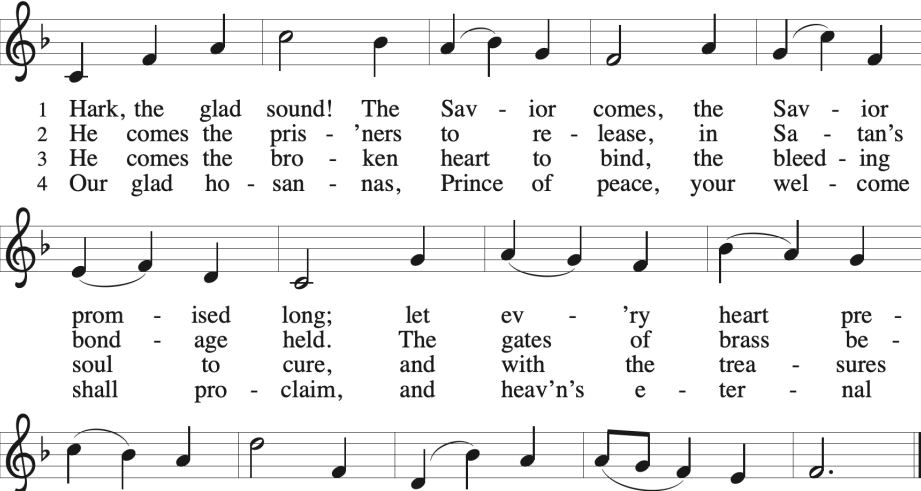
**READING**  
**Isaiah 9:2-3a, 6-7**  
**(NRSV)**

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. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy. 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. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness 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.**

**CAROL**  
*Hark, the Glad Sound*  
 Doddridge, Haweis



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

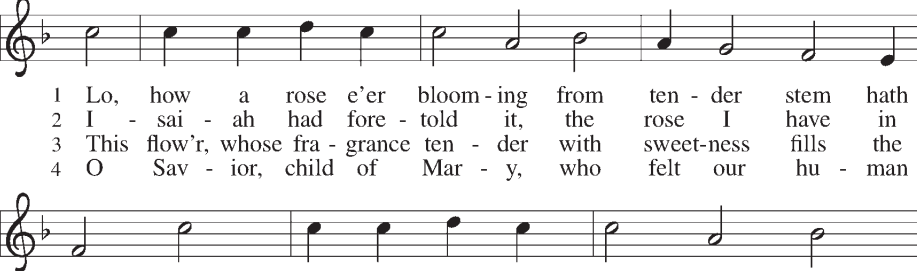
**READING**  
**Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a,**  
**6-9 (NRSV)**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. But with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*The word of the Lord.*

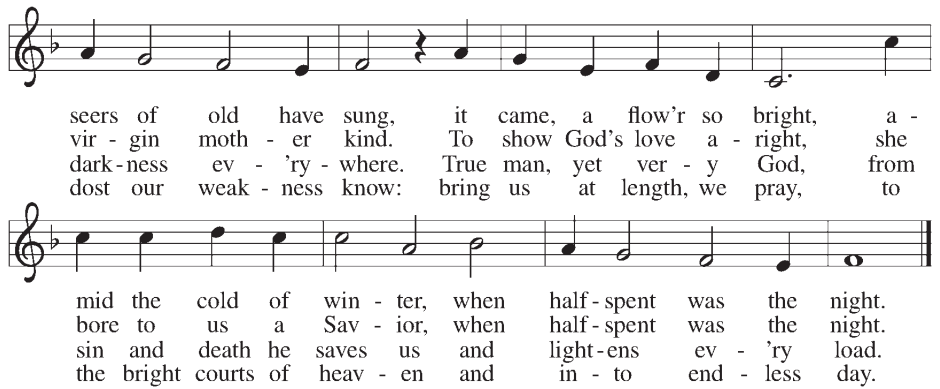
**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
*Lo, How a Rose*  
*E'er Blooming*  
 German carol



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had 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

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

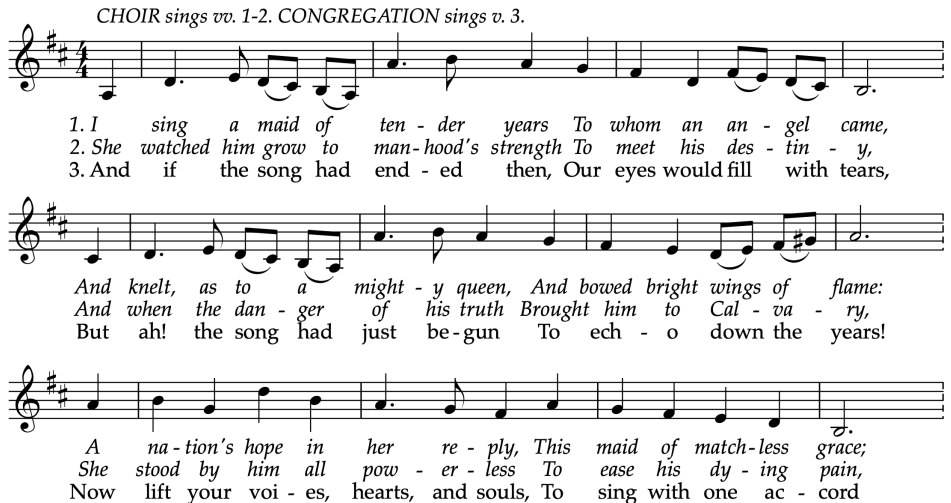
**READING**  
**Luke 1:26-35, 38**  
**(NRSV)**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

**CAROL**  
***I Sing a Maid***  
 Joncas

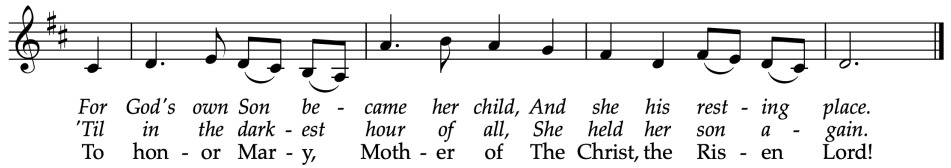
CHOIR sings vv. 1-2. CONGREGATION sings v. 3.



1. I sing a maid of ten - der years To whom an an - gel came,  
 2. She watched him grow to man-hood's strength To meet his des - tin - y,  
 3. And if the song had end - ed then, Our eyes would fill with tears,

And knelt, as to a might - y queen, And bowed bright wings of flame:  
 And when the dan - ger of his truth Brought him to Cal - va - ry,  
 But ah! the song had just be-gun To ech - o down the years!

A na - tion's hope in her re - ply, This maid of match-less grace;  
 She stood by him all pow - er - less To ease his dy - ing pain,  
 Now lift your voi - es, hearts, and souls, To sing with one ac - cord

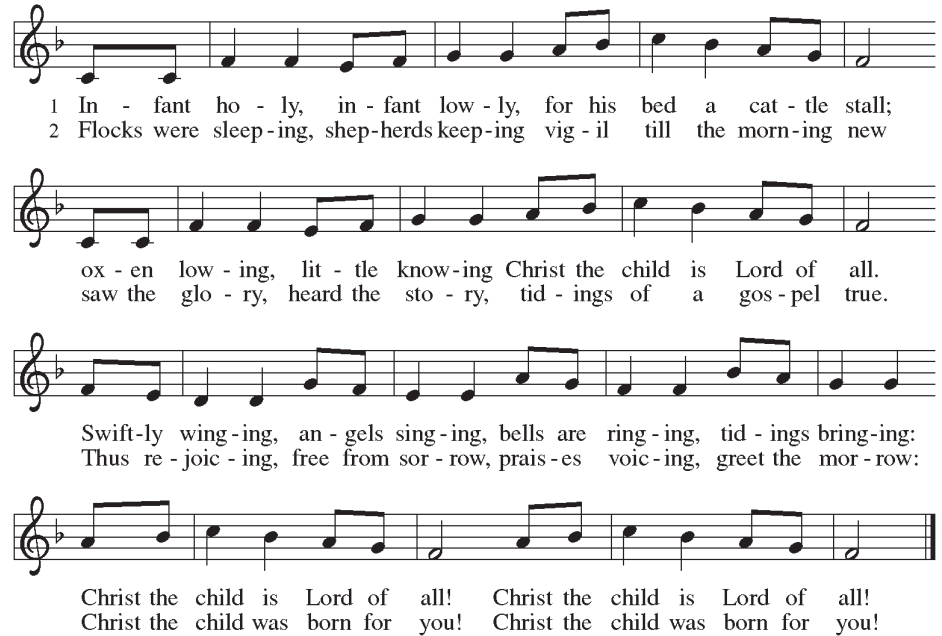


## READING Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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 in the guest room.

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

## CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Polish carol



## READING Luke 2:8-16 (NRSV)

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he



favours!" 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
**All My Heart**  
**Again Rejoices**  
 Gerhardt, Ebeling

1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear, far and  
 2 Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to  
 3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and  
 4 You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in

near, sweet-est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are  
 us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that  
 small, kneel in awe and won - der; love him who with love is  
 death, I will nev - er per - ish: by your side in light e -

sing - ing, till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.  
 grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."  
 yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.  
 ter - nal I shall be end - less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.

**READING**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**  
**(NRSV)**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.


*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
**The First Noel**  
 English carol



(all) The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 (high voices) They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing  
 (all) And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
 (low voices) This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .  
 (all) Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain (all sing)*



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**READING**  
**John 1:1-14 (NRSV)**  
 (stand)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the

will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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 word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**  
**Bright and Glorious**  
**Is the Sky**  
Grundtvig



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
him whose praise the ages sound.  
We too have a star to guide us,  
which forever will provide us  
with the light to find our Lord,  
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing,  
is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

**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

(kneel/sit)

*Lord, in your mercy,*  
**hear our prayer.**

*Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**Amen.**

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## MEAL

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

(stand)

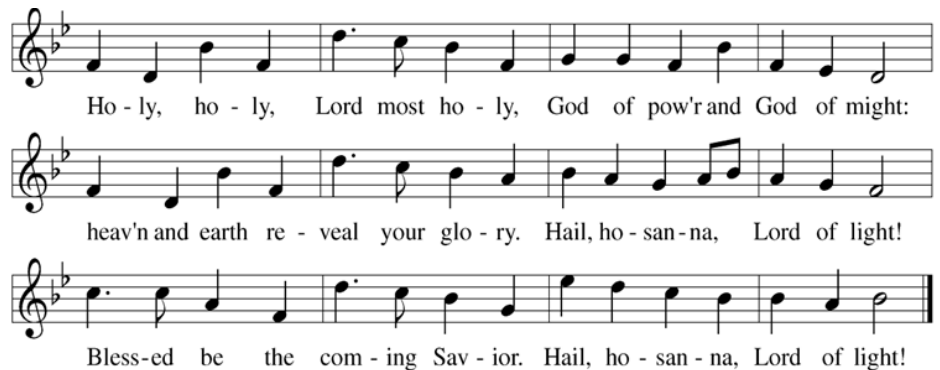
*The Lord be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Lord Most Holy*

*It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:  
heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!  
Bless-ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.*

**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.

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
(sit)

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to receive a blessing.  
Gluten-free wafers available upon request

*Once in Royal David’s City*  
arr. Helvey  
Christ Choir

**BLESSING** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*  
(stand) **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**Amen.**

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SENDING

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**BENEDICTION** *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.*  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**  
*Good Christian  
 Friends, Rejoice*



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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

**POSTLUDE**

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# Re-Membering Event

## Sunday, February 1

**12:15-2:00 p.m. in Forum A&B**

If you have joined CLC within the past year, we invite you to a special lunch gathering to connect with others and share how your journey has been so far.

**Scan/Click for Info & to Register**

Please RSVP by January 26





# NEW MEMBER CLASS

## Sunday, February 8 & 15

**12:15 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum**

Join us for our upcoming New Member class! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our pastors & staff while delving into the Lutheran faith & the history of CLC. Lunch will be provided.

**Scan/Click to Register**

MORE INFO: [khofmann@christelca.org](mailto:khofmann@christelca.org) or [mparker@christelca.org](mailto:mparker@christelca.org)




# Save the Dates

## SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS



CenterStage  
**August 3-7, 2026**  
for rising grades 6-12



Spotlight  
**August 3-7, 2026**  
for rising grades 2-5

**Registration Opens January 1**



# XPERIENCE

SUMMER TOUR FUNDRAISER

## Sunday, February 1

**5:00 p.m. in the Pit**

The Xperience will host a fundraiser dinner to support their summer tour to Texas. Chef Mike & Alicia will provide a Tex-Mex style dinner (dine in or to go). Proceeds will support our fundraising goal of \$10,000.

**Scan/Click to Register**






# Register Now!

## Vacation Bible School

for ages 4 through rising 5th grade

## June 15-19

**Scan/Click QR Code to Register>>**

TO VOLUNTEER: [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)





# Baptismal Class

## Sunday, January 11

**1:00 p.m. on Christ Online**

For info, email Caroline at [cdiffley@christelca.org](mailto:cdiffley@christelca.org)

**VIRTUAL LINK:**  
[christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)

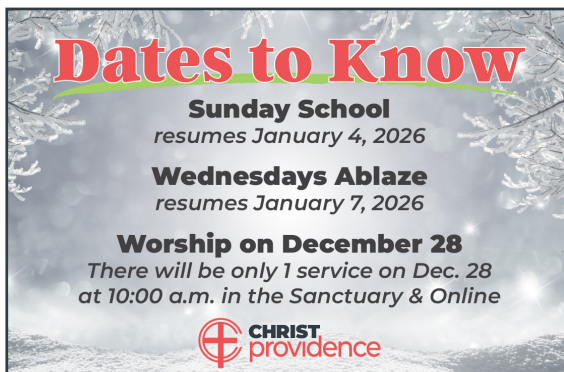
# Christmas Decorations Removal

Please help us take down Christmas decorations and package everything up! Please register so we know we have enough help.

**WE WILL MEET FOR TEARDOWN ON**  
**Sat., January 10 • 9 a.m.**

**Scan/Click to Register**






# Dates to Know

**Sunday School**  
resumes January 4, 2026

**Wednesdays Ablaze**  
resumes January 7, 2026

**Worship on December 28**  
There will be only 1 service on Dec. 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Online




# Prayers

- † People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
  - † People of Russia and Ukraine
  - † Israel and Palestine War
  - † Conflict in the Middle East
  - † Nigeria
  - † Caregivers
  - † Prayers for escalating turmoil and divisions
  - † Remove fear and bring peace in our community
  - † Chris Simmons
  - † Donna Emmans
  - † Harper Nau
  - † Diane Jones
  - † Lauren Wright's mother, Deborah Cornwell
  - † Kim Sciacero
  - † Kristen Kilpatrick
  - † Pastor Scott and family
  - † Lois Witham
  - † Susan McWhorter
  - † Ashley and Stephen Deal on the birth of their twin girls, Hallie and Maddie. Proud grandparents, Stephen and Mitzi Deal
  - † Fred Reddel
  - † Marsha and Rob Kinniburgh on the birth of their granddaughter, Elena Anne Mumper
  - † Bob Mikes
  - † Mark Lanoue and family on the death of his aunt, Glenda Baer
- Hospice List**
- † Ellen Zoutewelle's mother, Barbara Metzler

*The flowers today  
are given to the Glory of God...*

In honor of our 52nd anniversary and in  
memory of our parents,  
from Kate and Charlie Shepard



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