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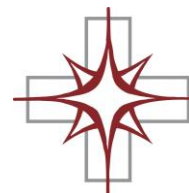
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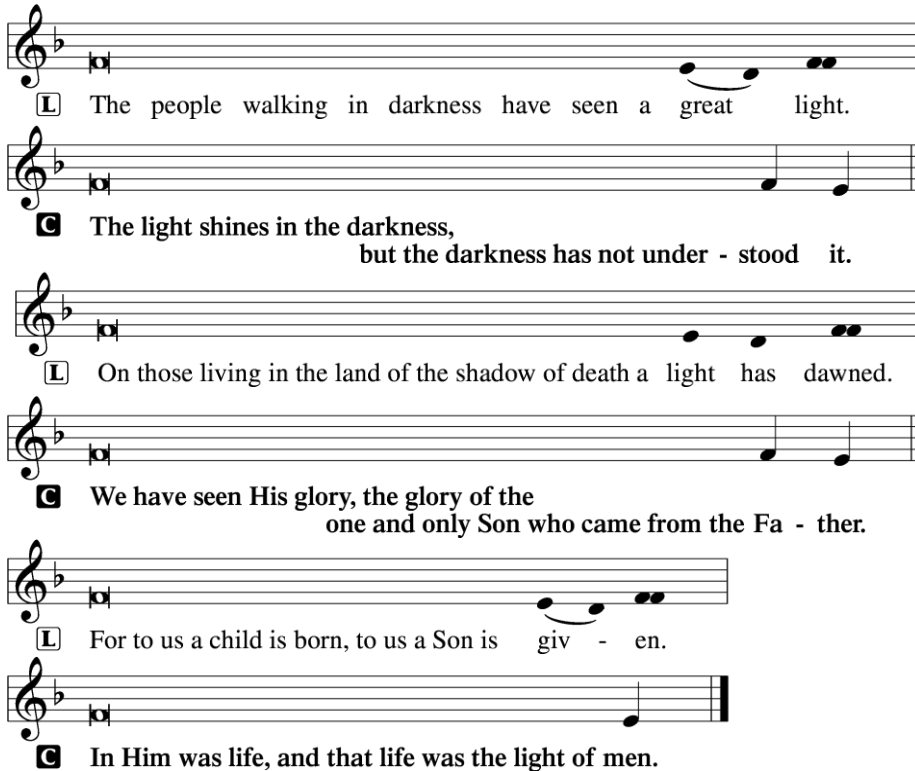
## Christmas Eve

### Prelude & Tolling of Bells

#### SERVICE OF LIGHT

LSB 243

Stand



**L** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**C** The light shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness has not under - stood it.

**L** On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

**C** We have seen His glory, the glory of the  
one and only Son who came from the Fa - ther.

**L** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is giv - en.

**C** In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

### Phos Hilaron by Choir

### Joyous Light of Glory

David von Kampen, CPH, 2019

*Joyous light of glory: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.*

*We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.*

*We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:*

*You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.*

*O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims Your glory.*

### Thanksgiving for Light

LSB 245

**L** *Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*




**C** A - men.

Sit

#### PSALMODY

#### Psalm 141

LSB 245



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

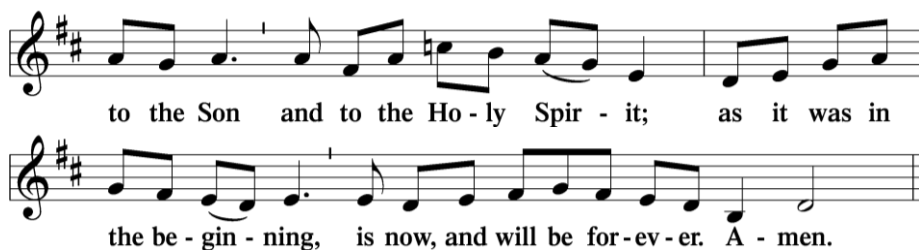
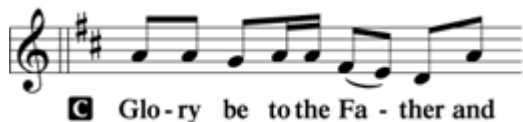
**I** (choir) O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.



**II** (choir) *Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.*

**I** (choir) *Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.*

**II** (choir) *But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.*



**L** Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify you forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Hymn

## *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**LSB 359**

1 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 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.

4 O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.

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## READINGS Old Testament 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.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

## *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**LSB 361**

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

3 How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav’n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

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## Epistle Reading

**1 John 4:7–16**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

## *O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is*

1 O Jesus Christ,  
Thy manger is  
My paradise at which my soul reclineth.  
For there, O Lord,  
Doth lie the Word  
Made flesh for us;  
herein Thy grace forth shineth.

3 Thy light and grace  
Our guilt efface,  
Thy heav’nly riches all our loss retrieving.  
Immanuel,  
Thy birth doth quell  
The pow’r of hell and Satan’s bold deceiving.

4 Thou Christian heart,  
Whoe’er thou art,  
Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move thee!  
For God’s own Child,  
In mercy mild,  
Joins thee to Him;  
how greatly God must love thee!

5 Remember thou  
What glory now  
The Lord prepared thee  
for all earthly sadness.  
The angel host  
Can never boast  
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
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## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 1:18–25**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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

## Hymn

### *Away in a Manger*

**LSB 365**

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 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.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Text (sts. 1–2): Little Children’s Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt. Text: Public domain

## Homily

## Hymn

### *What Child Is This*

**LSB 370**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,<br/>On Mary’s lap is sleeping?<br/>Whom angels greet with anthems sweet<br/>While shepherds watch are keeping?<br/>This, this is Christ the king,<br/>Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;<br/>Haste, haste to bring Him laud,<br/>The babe, the son of Mary!</li><li>2 Why lies He in such mean estate<br/>Where ox and ass are feeding?<br/>Good Christian, fear; for sinners here<br/>The silent Word is pleading.<br/>Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The cross be borne for me, for you;<br/>Hail, hail the Word made flesh,<br/>The babe, the son of Mary!</li><li>3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;<br/>Come, peasant, king, to own Him.<br/>The King of kings salvation brings;<br/>Let loving hearts enthrone Him.<br/>Raise, raise the song on high,<br/>The virgin sings her lullaby;<br/>Joy, joy, for Christ is born,<br/>The babe, the son of Mary!</li></ol> |
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## Offering

## Choir Anthem: *Angels' Carol*, John Rutter, Oxford University Press, 1988

*Have you heard the sound of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?  
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?  
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song.*

*He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;  
He is come in joy like the sun at morning filling all the world with radiance and with light.  
He is come in love as the child of Mary, in a simple stable we have seen his birth:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth'.*

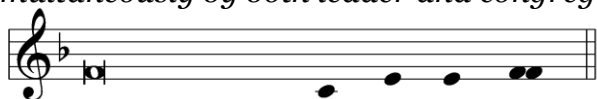
*He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above;  
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes in love.  
Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Christ in born'.*

Stand

## PRAYER ~ Litany

LSB 249

*The congregation's response begins just as the leader's petition ends so that the "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*

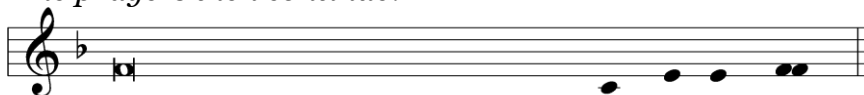


**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

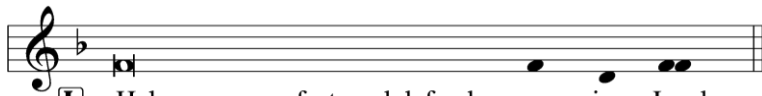
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone  
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

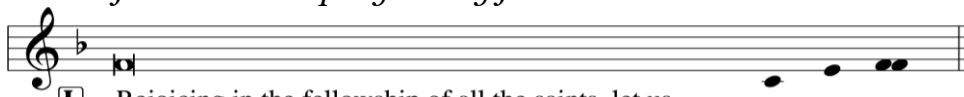


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.

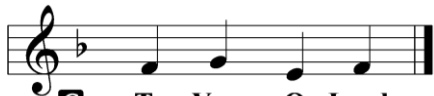


**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us  
commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

## Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Collect of the Day

**L** O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**LSB 251**

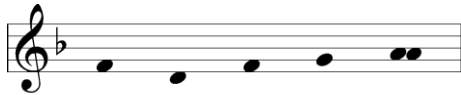
**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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

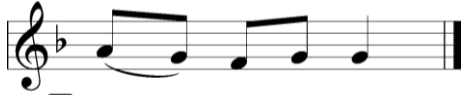
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus

**LSB 252**



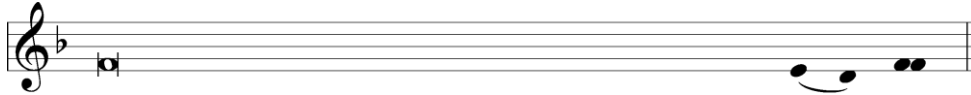
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**LSB 252**



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

Sit

## Lighting of Candles

*The Candles will be brought down the center aisle assisted by Ushers in the side aisles. Please tip your unlit candle, drawing the flame from your neighbor's lit candle. Parents, please assist the children and be careful with the hot wax!*

## Hymn

### Silent Night, Holy Night

**LSB 363**

*Choir sings a stanza in the original German, followed by the Congregation singing all three stanzas.*

1 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.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born

3 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.

*After singing, the lights come back up.  
Carefully extinguish the candles, being cautious with the hot wax!*

Stand

## Recessional Hymn

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain

ref 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 the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

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## Postlude

### In His Service Tonight

**P** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Sr. Pastor  
**L** Rev. Aaron Schultz, Assoc. Pastor & Headmaster

Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman  
Choir Director: Deb Trewartha  
Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay

### Special Music:

Brass: Kyle & Woody Bredehoeft, Jim Buel, Jennifer Siukola, Payne Vogtman & Kevin Trewartha  
Violin: Jennifer Dorantes Flute: Becky Davis Timpani: Graham Vogtman

### 5:00 pm

Ushers: Craig Anderson  
Elder: Jansson Engleman  
Greeter: OPEN

### 7:00 pm

Ushers: Charles Crane, OPEN  
Elder: Larry Hoffman  
Greeter: OPEN

### Upcoming Services

Christmas Eve	12/24/25	11:00pm	Divine Service (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day	12/25/25	10:00am	Divine Service
1st Sunday After Christmas	12/28/25	8:15am & 10:45am	Divine Service
Epiphany (Observed)	01/04/26	8:15am & 10:45am	Divine Service



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