



# OUR SAVIOUR'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship, and service to others.

*Come share the joy!*

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**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (YEAR A)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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## **Our Members, Guests and Visitor**

We are all on a journey of faith.

God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday,

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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**Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee**

*You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship*

## **Welcome to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the yellow Guest Connect Card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- If you have any [prayer requests](#), needs, or concerns, please complete the [blue card](#) on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.

***"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him."***

Psalm 96:9

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

(O come, O Come, Emmanuel instrument solo in background)

This night – Unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in His own image,  
Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant,

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah,

Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt,

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges,

One thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel,

In the one hundred and ninety fourth Olympiad,

The seven hundred and fifty second year from the foundation of the city of Rome,

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus the whole world being at peace,

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,

Desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since His conception –  
was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

This night we celebrate the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh as God became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as the only begotten Son of the Father.

*Please stand (in body or in spirit)*

*Face the Cross as it Enters*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" VSS 1-3 (LBW #45)**

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him born the king of angels:	The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! <i>Chorus</i>
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<i>Chorus:</i> Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!	Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: <i>Chorus</i>
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**INVOCATION**

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.*

P: We gather to worship on this Holy Night in the name of the Father and of the ✠  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.   **C: Amen**

**WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: 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.   **C: Amen**

P: 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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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**

P: 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 declare to you the Good News, "Your sins are forgiven," in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

A: HOPE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shined.

*(Light the candle of Hope)*

A: PEACE:

You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*(Light the candle of Peace)*

A: JOY

Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the Son of God, is born this night. God's Word has been made flesh among us. He is our eternal source of Joy.

*(Light the candle of Joy)*

A: LOVE

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

In Jesus - Love has come. *(Light the candle of Love)*

A: THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jesus, Christ, God's Son, The Savior and Light of the world has come and the darkness will never overcome Him.

*(Light the Christ Candle)*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *(Sung to "Away in a Manger")*

We honor Messiah with Christ Candle's flame

Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim

O come all you faithful, rejoice in this night

As God comes among us, the Christians true light

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.   **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: 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.   **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us  
pray to the Lord.   **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.   **C: Amen**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST” (LBW p. 80-81)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to  
his people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son  
of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.   **C: And also with you.**

A: Gracious heavenly Father, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of  
the true light, Jesus. 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  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.   **C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

## The Service Of The Word

### FIRST READING ~ ISAIAH 9:2-7

L: The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 9th chapter.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a  
land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the  
nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the  
harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
L: This is the Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY ~ PSALM 96 (CHANTED)**

- <sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song;\*  
sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.
- <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD and | bless his Name;\***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory a- | mong the nations\*  
and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;\***  
**he is more to be feared | than all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;\*  
but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>**Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!\***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!**
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples;\*  
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- <sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name;\***  
**bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.**
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;\*  
let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.
- <sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is King!\***  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;**  
**he will judge the peo- | ples 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 before the LORD | when he**  
**comes,\***  
**when he comes to | judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the | world with righteousness\*  
and the peoples | with his truth.

**SECOND 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: This is the Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

**Hymn ~ "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Vss 1, 3, & 4 (LBW #41)**

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.

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.

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;  
oh, come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 1st Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.    **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE ~ PASTOR JEFFERY CARPENTER**

*Please stand*

**Hymn Of The Day ~ "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" (LBW #71)**

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

*Chorus:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
*Chorus*

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

**The Nicene Creed**

A: Let us declare our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**



And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all  
people according to their needs. For the increase of peace among all the  
nations of the world in the reign of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,
- C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**
- A: For the spread of the good news of great joy that the Savior has come, let us  
pray to the Lord,
- C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**
- A: For the poor and those who find no room made for them, let us pray to the  
Lord,
- C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**
- A: For the renewal of the whole church in unity and joy, let us pray to the  
Lord,
- C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**
- A: For the light of Christmas to shine on all, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.**

P: Rejoicing in your birth and trusting in your mercy, we commend to you, O Lord, all for whom we pray.

**C: Amen**

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace of God with those around you.

### CHRISTMAS TITHE & OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

P: We continue our worship with our tithe and offering.

*Please stand*

**Doxology** ~ "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (LBW #564)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, ✕ Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: May our tithes and offerings be holy and acceptable in Your sight of Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Please remain standing*

### THE HOLY MEAL

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus 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 with the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**CANTICLE:** (TUNE: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of hosts, by all adored!**

**Heaven and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name**

**Hail, hosanna, God most high!  
Blest is He who now draws nigh  
In the name of God the King! Hallelujah's glad we sing.  
Hail hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to You!**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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 in the remembrance of Me.*

P: 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 in the remembrance of Me.*

P: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of Your glory and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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**

*Please be seated*

**COMMUNION INVITATION & DISTRIBUTION**

P: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity and believe that the sacrament of Jesus' Body & Blood is for you and for the forgiveness of your sin, you are welcome and invited to come to this Holy meal - the table is ready.

P: Please be seated until you are ushered forward to the Lord's table.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

“IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR” Vss 1, 2, & 4 (LBW #54)

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”

The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav’nly music floats  
o’er all the weary world.

Above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov’ring wing,  
and ever o’er its babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast’ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

“GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE” (LBW#55)

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!

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 for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

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 his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

## Post COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep  
you in His grace. **C: Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE -

"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" Vs 3 (LBW #534)

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,

The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

**C: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you refreshed us through the healing power of the gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

*(All building lights off.)*

## SCRIPTURES OF LIGHT

P: Matthew 4:16

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

A: Luke 11:33

"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a basket. Instead he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in may see the light."

P: John 8:12

"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

A: Matthew 5:14

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."

P: Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven."

## THE CANDLE LIGHTING

*The ushers go forward to light their candles from the pastor's candle. The ushers bring their candles to the first person in each pew.*

*Please dip the unlit candle into the lit candle to avoid wax spilling out.*

**Hymn ~ "Silent Night, Holy Night" VSS 1-3 (LBW #65)**

Silent night, holy night!	Christ, the Savior, is born!
All is calm, all is bright	Christ, the Savior, is born!
Round yon virgin mother and child,	Silent night, holy night,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,	Son of God, love's pure light;
Sleep in heavenly peace,	Radiant beams from your holy face,
Sleep in heavenly peace.	With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Silent night, holy night!	Jesus Lord at your birth,
Shepherds quake at the sight;	Jesus, Lord at your birth.
Glorious stream from heaven afar,	
Heav'nly hosts...sing, Alleluia!	(Hum the last verse)

**BENEDICTION**

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary  
A: The obedience of Joseph  
P: The Joy of the angels  
A: The eagerness of the shepherds  
P: The determination of the magi  
A: The peace of the Christ Child.  
P: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you always.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN ~ "JOY TO THE WORLD" Vss. 1 & 4 (LBW #39)**

Joy to the world, The Lord is come!	He rules the world with truth and
Let earth receive its King;	grace,
Let every heart prepare him room,	And makes the nations prove
And heav'n and nature sing,	The glories of his righteousness,
And heav'n and nature sing,	And wonders of his love,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature	And wonders of his love,
sing.	And wonders, wonders, of his love.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, let your light shine bright!

C: We will share the Good News,  
And light the world!

*As you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service,  
place candles in the containers outside the sanctuary doors.*

### Our Worship Servants This Evening:

Greeter:	Terry Ball and Jerry Redman
Acolyte:	Annabelle and Penelope Davis
Ushers:	Alan Cumming and Charles Cumming
Assistant & Cantor:	Blaine Davis
Reader:	Ken Pontious
Communion Assistants:	Blaine Davis, Sarah Cumming, Heather Watkins
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“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” LBW 45 Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; Tune: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786  
 “Away in a Manger” LBW 67 Text: American, 1885 Tune: American, 19<sup>th</sup> century public domain  
 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LBW 41 Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908  
 “Angels We Have Heard on High” LBW 71 Text: French carol; tr. “Crown of Jesus,” 1862 Tune: French carol  
 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LBW 564 Text: Thomas Ken 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois c. 1510-1561  
 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LBW 60 Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847  
 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” LBW 55 Text: medieval Latin carol; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Tune: German carol, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.  
 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” LBW 54 Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt. Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900  
 “Now Thank We All Our God” LBW 534 Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
 “Silent Night, Holy Night” LBW 65 Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885 Tune: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863  
 “Joy to the World” LBW 39 Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.  
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