

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Worship Service



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:15 AM, Sanctuary

January 4, 2026

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, fill out a Contact Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

A Message on this Second Sunday after Christmas

²⁹ *"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;*

³⁰ *for my eyes have seen your salvation*

³¹ *that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,*

³² *a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."*

This is known as the *Nunc Dimittis* or as Simeon's Song. It is a historic dismissal, either following Holy Communion or closing out the service (e.g., *Compline*).

Simeon's Song reminds us of God's promise to his people fulfilled. And so, as we taste of salvation in Holy Communion, and as we are dismissed from worship, we are reminded that God fulfills his promise "in the presence of all peoples." We do not leave the service confused, or haphazardly; instead we go out into the world assured of God's salvation, according to his word. His salvation comes just as he said.

We are Christ's body, and therefore we – commissioned by Jesus – are Christ's light to the nations, especially to our families, our friends, our coworkers, our neighbors, our acquaintances.

Holy God, we bless you for the salvation you have bestowed upon us. May we sing Simeon's song and your praises ever and always, in the Name of your Son, Jesus, Amen.

✝ Pastor Justin Baker

✠ *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One* ✠

Prelude

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Ding Dong Merrily on High

Setting Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Invocation & Order of Confession

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

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 follows for confession.

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 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.

C Amen

Opening Hymn | Hark the Herald (1, 4-5)

Open Hymnal 57

Music: 'Mendelssohn' from 'Festgesang' Felix Mendelssohn, 1840. Setting: William H. Cummings, 1857.
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1. Hark! The her - - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - - est Heav'n a - dored; Christ the ev - - er - - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heav'n - - ly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!
 4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;
 5. Ad - am's like - - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - - age in its place:

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - - ners re - con - ciled!"
 Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - - ing in His wings.
 Rise, the wo - - man's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.
 Se - cond Ad - - am from a - - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die.
 Now dis - play Thy sav - ing po - wer, Ruin - ed na - ture now re - store;
 Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:

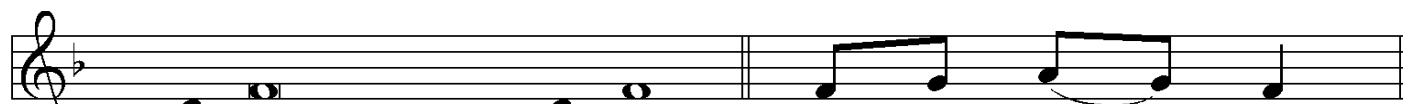
With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.
 Now in my - stic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
 O, to all Thy - - self im - part, Formed in each be - - liev - ing heart.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

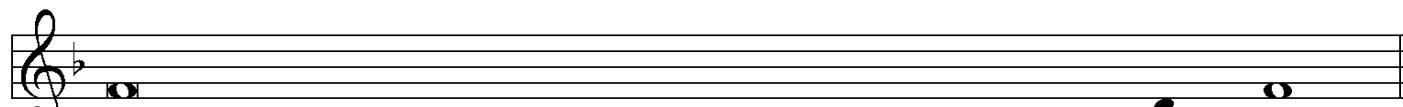
Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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.



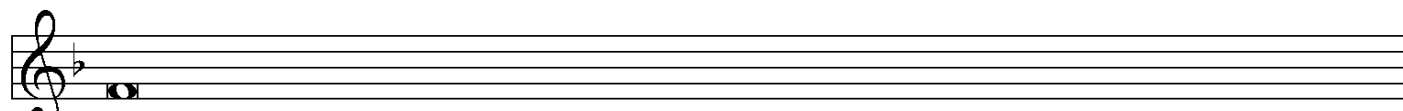
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



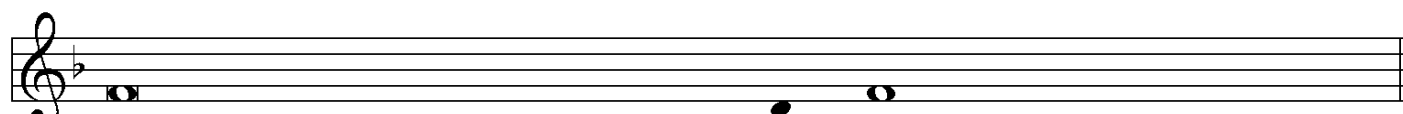
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



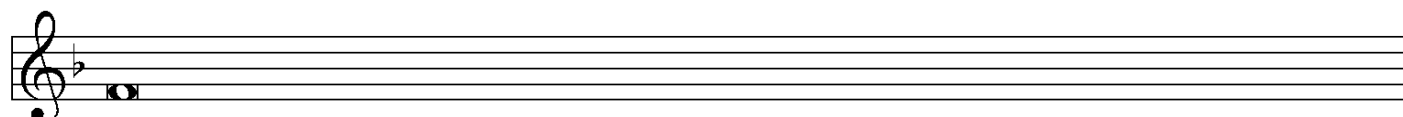
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



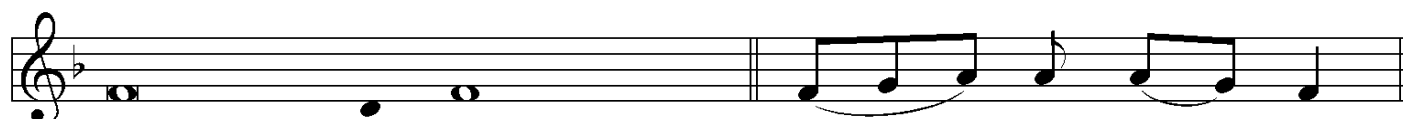
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



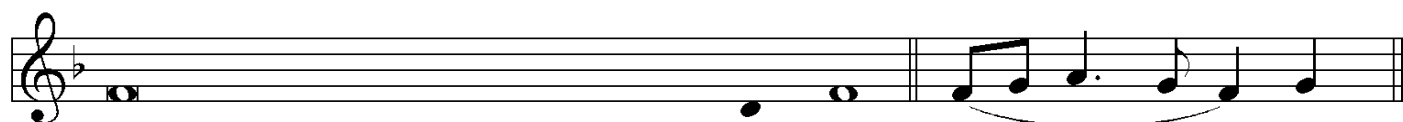
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

Hymn of Praise | Angels from the Realms (Verses 1, 4)

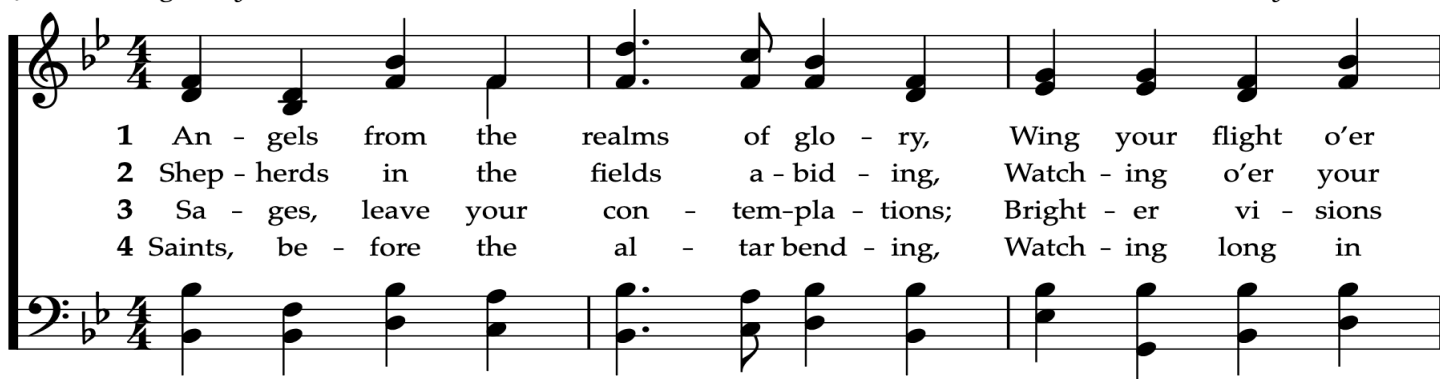
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Matt. 2: 2

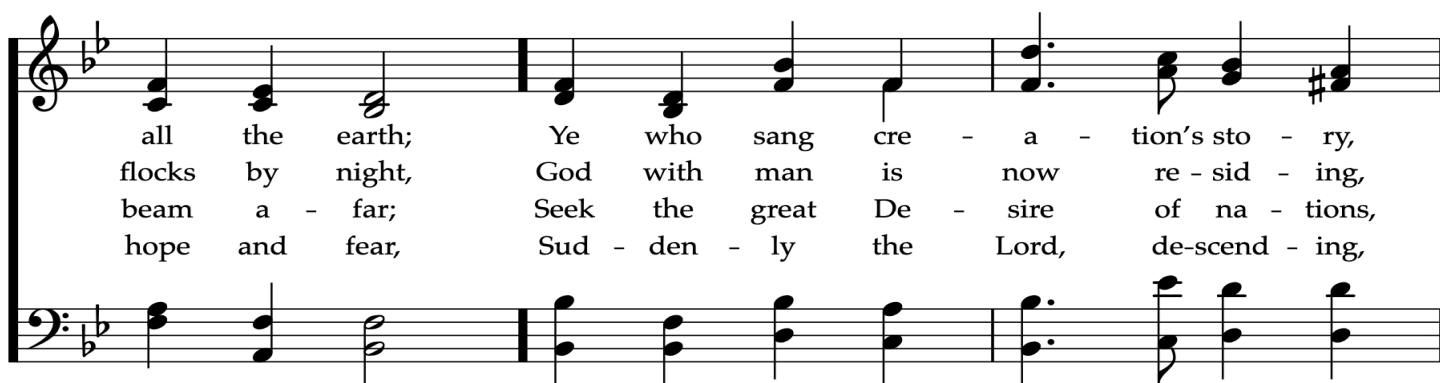
James Montgomery, 1816, 1825, ab.

Regent Square

Henry Smart, 1867




1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light: Come and wor - ship:
 Ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,
 In His Tem - ple shall ap - pear: Come and wor - ship,



Come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.
 Come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.
 Come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.
 Come and wor - ship; Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King. A - men.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, beginning with the eleventh chapter.

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-8 (congregation responds with the bold text)

- ¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- ²**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**
- ³You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
- ⁴**‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”** *Selah*
- ⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- ⁶**For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,**
- ⁷a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
- ⁸**O LORD God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,
with your faithfulness all around you?**

The Second Lesson

Galatians 4:1-7

A reading from Galatians, beginning with the fourth chapter.

- ¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.
- ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

☐ Matthew records this about the greatest in the kingdom of heaven:

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation | Sing We Now of Jesus ELW 262

Christmas: Sing we now of Je - sus, born on Christ-mas day.
Easter: Sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n on Eas - ter day.

Sing we now of Je - sus, born on bed of hay.
Sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n from death's dark grave.

Lift up your voice, with all the world re - jice;
Lift up your voice, with all the world re - jice;

sing we now of Je - sus, born to light our way.
sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n the world to save.

**May be sung as a round.*

Text: Michael Burkhardt
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's

Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

**²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;**

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

**³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”**

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

☐ The Gospel of our Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

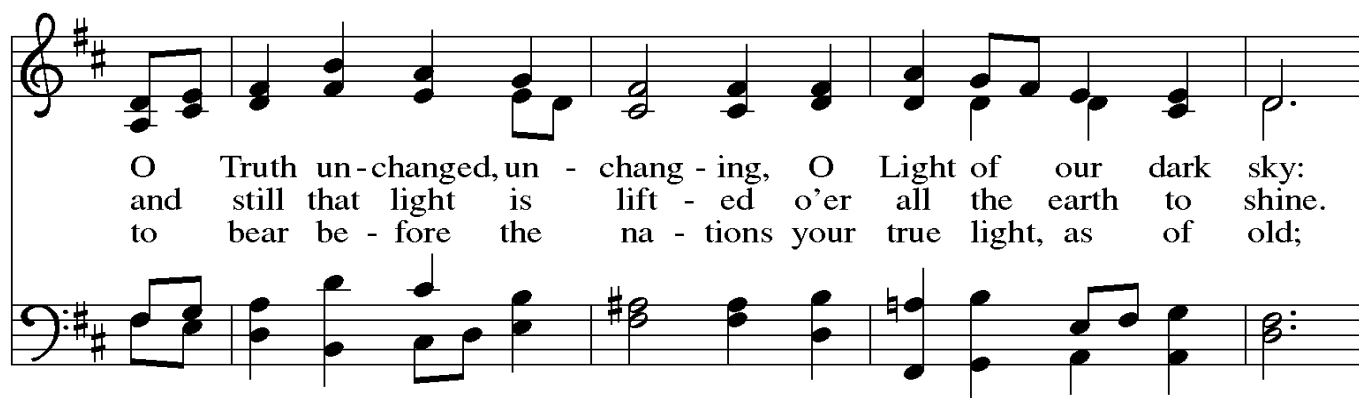
Sermon

Pastor Justin Baker

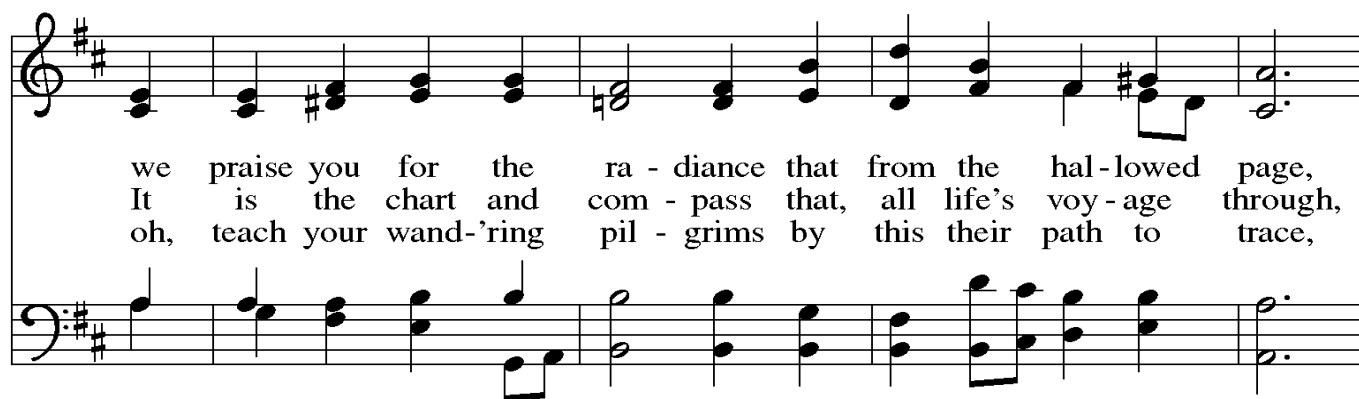
A large print copy of this sermon is available from the ushers.



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

The Nicene Creed

P People of God, in whom do we believe?

C 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 of 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

- P** As we await the coming of Jesus in majesty, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence is kept.

- A** “Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!” O Holy God, we praise you for your wonders, especially for these answered prayers:

A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

- G** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Heavenly Father, we long for the coming of our Lord Jesus, to raise the dead, judge the world, make all things right, and bring us with him into life and glory forevermore. Bless us with this faith in your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

- G** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Make this congregation into a company of the upright, who delight in Word, and proclaim your mighty works of salvation. Grant that by our words and our deeds, our neighbors may see our redeemed lives and come to faith in your dear Son. Bless the North American Lutheran Church, our congregation and fellow area congregations, St Mark’s Lutheran Church of Adrian, Reverend Matthew Vatalare, and Reverend Joyce Dix-Weiers. Lord, in your mercy,

- G** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Bless Sylvia, Dorothy, Harriet, and Crosby—and all the baptized of this congregation—with the faith that leads unto life everlasting. Stir up in those who have left the faith an urge to return to You. Lord, in your mercy,

- G** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Bless those who are called into & those who serve in holy ministry. Bless also those missionaries whom we have come to know together

with their families: the Rev. Dan Omar, the Rev. Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, and the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Bless the rulers of this world with the holy fear that is the beginning of wisdom, so that they study your works and perform your precepts. Let uprightness, justice, and mercy guide those who take counsel for the nations. Bestow the blessings of food and shelter, health and employment, justice and peace, upon all the people of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Banish those things which trouble Your people in body, mind, heart or soul. We lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud.

A pause is kept that names and supplications may be offered. Copies of the prayer list are available.

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Come quickly, Lord of Life. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy.

☞ hear our prayer.

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **☞ Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

P *God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5, 7)*

The Peace & Offertory

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ORGAN

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Setting Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin.

Offering of Praise | Doxology to the Tune of *What Child Is This?*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is

Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: 16th Century English Melody

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87.87 with Refrain

Offertory Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- Ⓒ We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you. The second staff contains: **P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord. The third staff contains: **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The fourth staff contains: **C** It is right to give him thanks and praise. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are in a bold, serif font.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

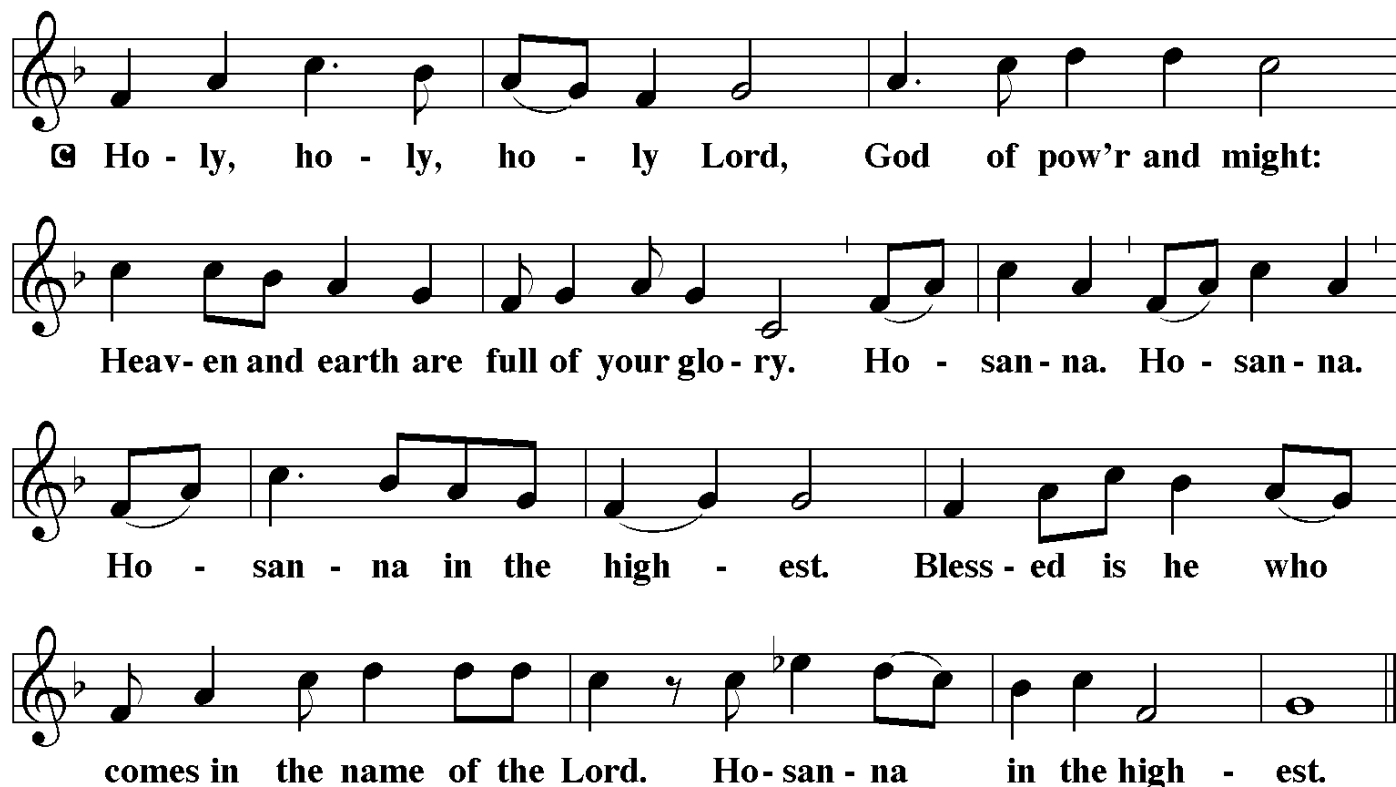
Preface for Christmas

P 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:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer of Hippolytus

¶ We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

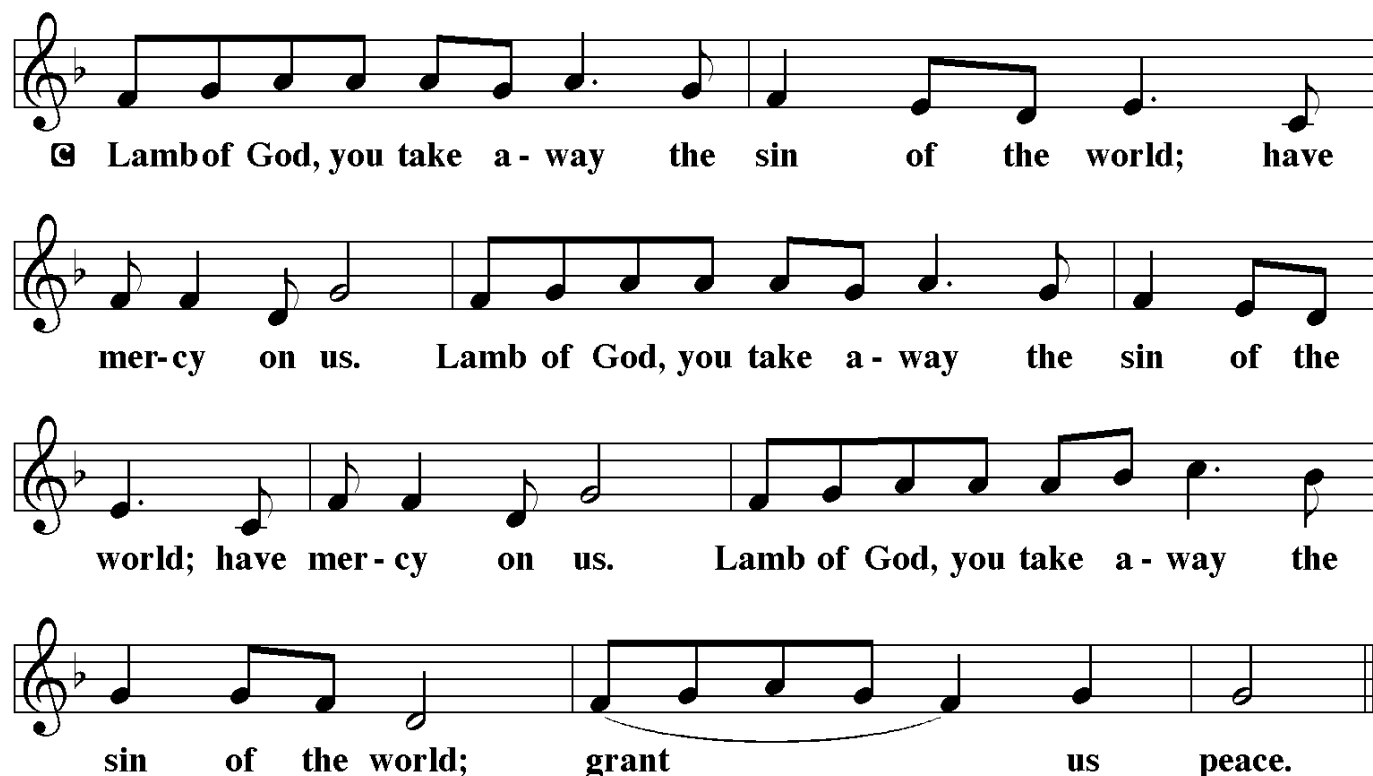
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

P Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei



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.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup."* (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn | From Shepherding of Stars

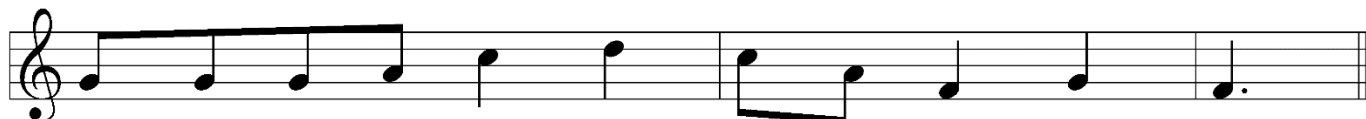
LBW 63



1 From shep - herd - ing of stars that gaze toward
 2 Your shep - herd king from star - lit hall bends
 3 This night your king brings from a - far the
 4 He shep - herds from the this - tled place the
 5 Em - brace the Christ - child, and with songs bind



heav'n-ly fields of light, I come with tid - ings to a - maze you
 down to wea - ry lands, lies man - gered low in cat - tle stall. Go
 vir - gin's lul - la - by, the wise men's faith, a guid - ing star, and
 flocks by thick - ets torn; his pierc - ed hands heal all your race sore
 up the hearts in pain. To shep - herd - heal - er - king let throngs sing



watch - ers in the night, you watch - ers in the night.
 touch his in - fant hands, go touch his in - fant hands.
 love from God most high, and love from God most high.
 wound - ed by the thorn, sore wound - ed by the thorn.
 glo - ri - as a - gain, sing glo - ri - as a - gain.

Text: F. Samuel Janzow, b. 1913


Music: SHEPHERDING, Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Communion Hymn | The Bells of Christmas

LBW 62



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer

1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:

6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
 and keep your Christmas in our breast;
 then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
 shall swell our jubilee of song.

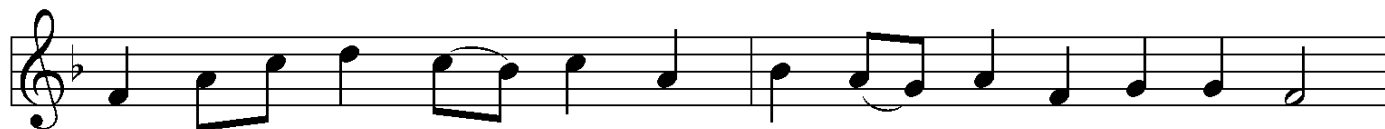
Post-Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

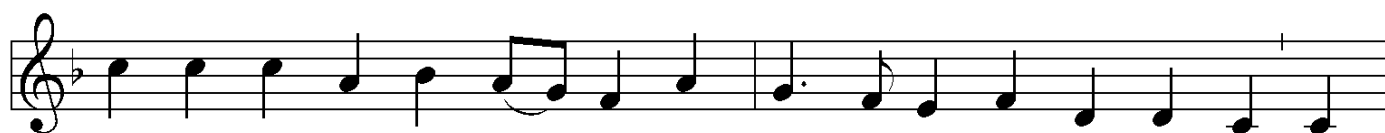
C Amen



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

A 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.

C Amen

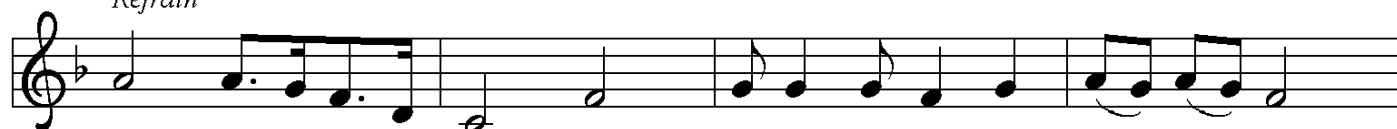
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Closing Hymn | Go Tell It On The Mountain

LBW 70

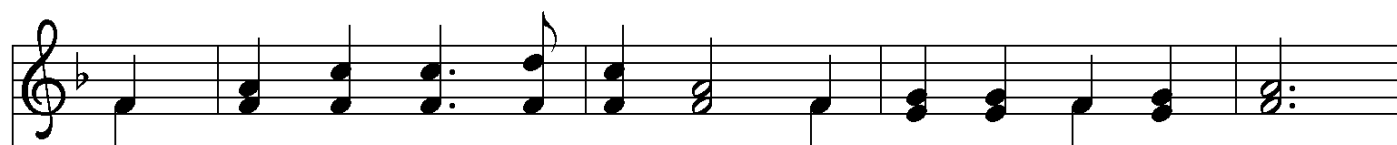
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



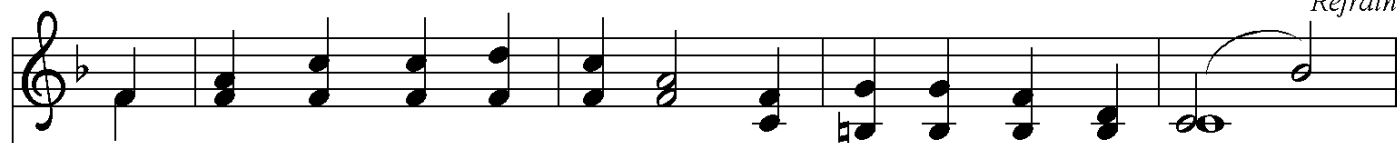
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Dismissal & Postlude

A Go forth radiantly in the light of Christ.

C Amen

Postlude

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From Heaven Above

Gordon Young (1919-1998)



The Altar Flowers are Given

***In Memory of our Father,
Victor E. Gustafson***

~Kathy & Karla Gustafson

LITURGICAL DAY	The Second Sunday After Christmas	Epiphany	The Baptism of Our Lord
DATE	1/4/2026 10:15 AM	1/6/2026 7:00 PM	1/11/2026 10:15 AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Holly Pelusi	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Holly Pelusi
COUNTER TEAM	Ed Datemasch and Stan Casper		Ed Datemasch and Stan Casper
GREETERS	Steve Cehovin		Scott & Carol Wilson
USHERS	Joe Ugen and Debbie Weigold		The Whipkeys
ACOLYTE	Faith Palmer	Pastor Justin Baker	Faith Palmer
ALTAR GUILD	Carol McDowell and Donna Berardinelli	Pastor Justin Baker	Carol McDowell and Donna Berardinelli
ALTAR FLOWERS			
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Arlene Woodward	Pastor Justin Baker	Arlene Woodward

This Week at Emmanuel

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Sunday, Jan 4	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on The Second Sunday After Christmas	Sanctuary
Monday, Jan 5	2:00 PM	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	6:30 PM	AA Start The Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Jan 6	9:00 AM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Epiphany Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Jan 7	11:00 AM	Prayer for Families	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	AA Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Jan 8	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon	Heritage Hall
Friday, Jan 9	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts (2 troops)	Luther and Heritage
Saturday, Jan 10			
Sunday, Jan 11	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on The First Sunday After Epiphany	Sanctuary

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