

A Christmas Medley

The first Noel the angel did say

was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

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

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.

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.



***NOTE: this back page is for
you to take home, that you
might have a sing-a-long
sheet to enhance your
personal devotions
in the new year***

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



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Welcoming All Serving Others Growing in Faith

Christmas 2

January 4, 2026

8:00am & 10:00am

PRELUDE

Noël, Noël

Carl Schalk

Organist, Paul Griffith

PRAYER of CONFESSION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,
we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair.
We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for
your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we
have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary
with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our
failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in
violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to
embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the
joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. **+** Christ's presence redeems the
whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW #283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

A Christmas Litany

(from World Renew; www.worldrenew.net; Christian Reformed Church)

Reader: Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, We come to you this Christmas with thankful hearts. We praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus, our Savior!

All: Welcome, Lord Jesus!

Reader: The story of Christ's birth never gets old. We savor the beautiful scriptures. We remember how the Messiah arrived as a baby in Bethlehem. We sing songs to echo the joy of the angels.

All: Glory to the newborn King!

Reader: We know that Christ was born into world darkened by sin and injustice. In our world today, people are still suffering. Even in this season of bright lights and joyful songs, we cannot forget that there are people in pain because of poverty, hunger, and disaster.

All: Our world is so broken, oh Lord.

Reader: Like the angels, we have Good News to share. Jesus Christ is here to change our stories of hardship into testimonies of hope!

All: Thank you, Immanuel – God with us.

Reader: Guide us, Messiah, so we can bear witness to your mercy and love. Equip us to support each other, so that more people can have enough food, good health, fruitful work, and greater justice.

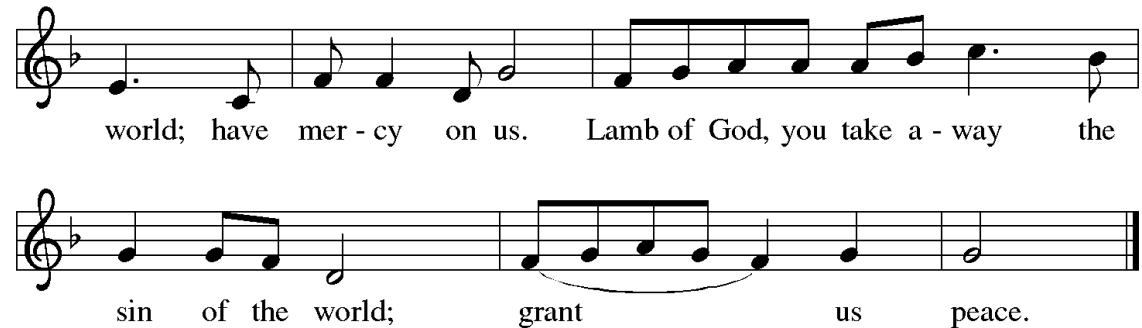
All: May we demonstrate your grace.

Reader: We are deeply grateful that Jesus can change our stories, so we can be free from sin and gain eternal life. We rejoice in all the great things God has done for us.

All: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!" (Luke 2:14)

HYMN OF PRAISE—ELW #270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



COMMUNION HYMN ELW #276

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #286

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #272

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Incarnate God,

C: you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of you presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: O.K. We will. Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN ELW #289

Angels We Have Heard On High

POSTLUDE

Cold December Flies Away

John Ferguson

LORD'S PRAYER

sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"

Our Father in Heaven, all praise to your name.
Your Kingdom among us, your will done the same.
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

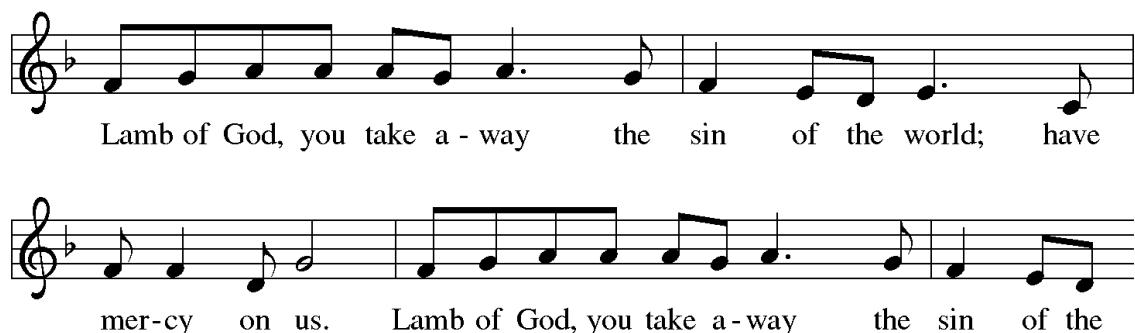
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others our sins take away;
In times of temptation, oh help us, be near.
From evil deliver your children most dear.

For Yours is the Kingdom, o'er all things you reign.
And Yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again.
From all of creation, forever! Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

*All Christians are welcome here to the Lord's Supper.
White grape juice is in the center of each tray; gluten-free wafers at each station.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

Following: L: *The word of the Lord.* C: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM

Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

Following: L: *The word of the Lord.* C: *Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

Before P: *The Holy Gospel according to...*

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Following P: *The Gospel of the Lord:*

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

Pastor Layne Nelson



SERMON HYMN ELW #282**It Came Upon A Midnight Clear****NICENE CREED**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(P: Lord in your mercy... C: Hear our prayer)

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING*With joy we witness God doing great things through East Side Lutheran.**You are a part of that. For your generosity, your volunteering, and your gifts...***THANK YOU!****OFFERTORY**

Of the Father's Love Begotten Christopher Uehlein

OFFERTORY RESPONSE [BLUE WOW #732](#) Create in Me a Clean Heart**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of Glory,

C: great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

PREFACE**OUR RESPONSE ELW #296**What Child is This
(verse 2)

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

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