

## 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, 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.

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.

***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***



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## 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](http://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.

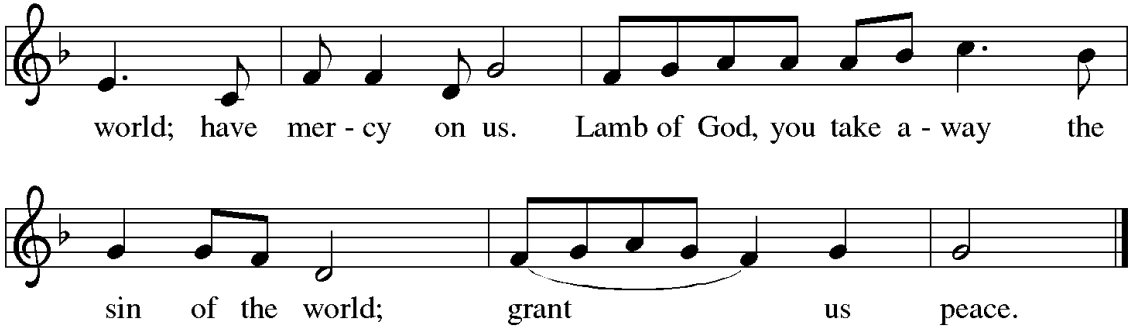
**All: May we demonstrate your grace.**

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**

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW #286**

**Your Little Ones, Dear Lord**

**COMMUNION HYMN ELW #272**

**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.

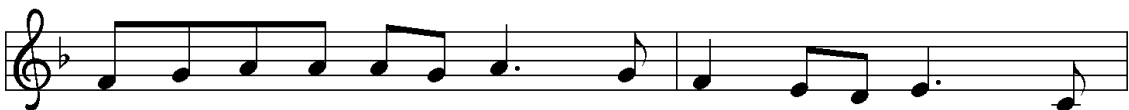
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
As we forgive others our sins take away;  
In times of temptation, oh help us, be near.  
From evil deliver your children most dear.

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



mer-cy 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

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## PRAVERS 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 Uehleinn

OFFERTORY RESPONSE BLUE WOV #732

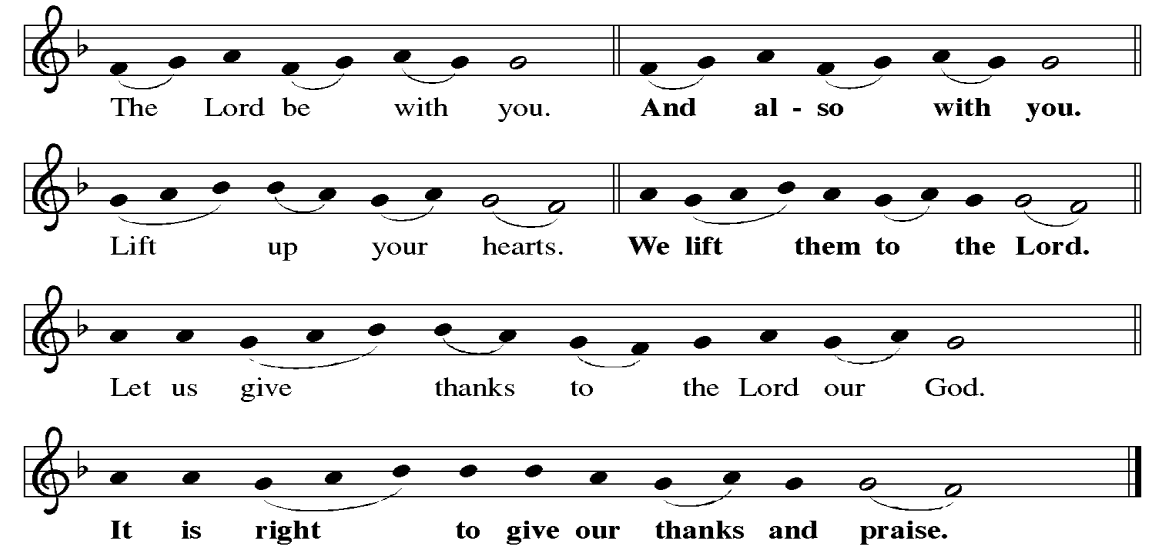
## Create in Me a Clean Heart

## 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



## 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!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION