

† CHRISTMAS EVE †

December 24, 2025

*Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville NY*



*“Glory to God in the highest;  
and on earth peace, good will to all”*

## 5:00 p.m. - Family Service

### PRELUDE

Adeste Fideles

Kevin Hildebrand

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 379)

**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.**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.**

**O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God in the highest. Refrain.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

### CHERUB CHOIR

Away in a Manger/Children, What Do You Hear?

### INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP

**P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C Amen.**

**P Unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given.**

**C And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, the Prince of Peace.**

**P Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**C Sing to the Lord; praise His name.**

**P Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.**

**C Declare His glory to all people.**

**P For this day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born for us.**

**C O come, let us worship Him.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn 387, v. 1 & 4)

**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.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**A Let us pray:**

**C Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Lead us here on earth to walk in the light of Christ and wake to the brightness of His glory; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 9:2-7

**L This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Titus 2:11-14

**L This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**YOUTH/HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR**

Oh, Who's That Yonder

John Wilson

*O who's that yonder?*

*Looks like the shepherds kneeling by a manger.*

*Looks like Joseph standing by a manger.*

*Looks like Mary sitting by a manger.*

*Looks like my Lord lying in a manger.*

**GOSPEL CANTICLE** (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 361, v. 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.**

**THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-20

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.**

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

*(The Gospel is read)*

**P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

(LSB Hymn 380, v. 1 & 3)

**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 th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**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.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Congregation rising*)

A Lord, in Your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

The Snow Lay On the Ground

Robert Graham

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT** (*Congregation rising*)

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**  
P We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
C **In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people.**  
P We praise and thank You, O God, that the Light of Your love has come to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Come into our hearts and make Your home with us, that we may live in peace and be lights to the world.  
C **Amen.**

*(Please light your candles before we sing. Electric candles have a switch at the bottom. Light wax candles from one that is already lit and do not tip your candle once it is lit.)*

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!"**

**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!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P 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.

*(Please turn off the electric candles and blow out the wax candles)*

### **BENEDICTION**

**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.

**C** Amen.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

(LSB Hymn 368)

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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

Glory to God

Pergolesi/Nevins

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## 8:00 p.m. - Carols and Candles

### HANDBELL PRELUDE

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

Cathy Moglebust

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 379)

**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.**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God in the highest. Refrain.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

### INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP

**P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C Amen.**

**P Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**C Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.**

**P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

**C Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad.**

**P I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever and ever.**

**C You have brought abundant joy. Before You we rejoice and sing.**

**P For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.**

**C O come, let us worship Him.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn 387, v. 1 & 4)

**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.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**A Let us pray:**

**C** O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2-7

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**

Titus 2:11-14

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**C** Thanks be to God.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Gesù Bambino

Pietro Yon

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night  
was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;  
and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced:  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell;  
from Paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell...*

**THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** (Congregation rising)

Luke 2:1-20

**P** The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

(LSB Hymn 380, v. 1 & 3)

**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 th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**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.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

VLC CHORAL SCHOLARS

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Congregation rising*)

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/HANDBELL VOLUNTARY**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Cathy Moglebust

**RITUAL OF LIGHT** (*Congregation rising*)

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

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

P We praise and thank You, O God, that the Light of Your love has come to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Come into our hearts and make Your home with us, that we may live in peace and be lights to the world.

C **Amen.**

*(Light your candle from one that is already lit and do not tip your candle once it is lit. After all the candles are lit, we join in singing "Silent Night")*

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;**

**Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia!**

**Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!"**

**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!**



## THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT

John 1:1-5, 14

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it....And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*(The candles are extinguished)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.**

## BENEDICTION

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.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

(LSB Hymn 368)

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And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains: Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Glory to God

Pergolesi/Nevins

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## 9:20 p.m. - Christmas Eve Eucharist

**PRELUDE**

O Little town of Bethlehem

David Paxton

### **GREETING and CONFESSION** (*Congregation rising*)

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

**C** **The virgin bears a Son; and His name is Jesus, for He has come to save His people from their sins.**

**P** Let us unburden our hearts and confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

**P** God has given us a gift this night, One who was born for us, gave His life on the cross, and rose from the dead that we may have life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **HYMN**

(LSB Hymn 361, v. 1, 3-4)

**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;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

## † HOLY COMMUNION †

### **PREFACE** (*Congregation rising*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪**SANCTUS** (*Sung to the hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory”*)

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy. God of power, God of might.**

**Heav’n and earth reveal Your glory, shining through our darkest night.**

**Blest is He who comes among us. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the salvation You have granted to us through Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Light of the world, our Emmanuel. Send the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts, that as Your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood.

C **Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C **Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*As you come forward, you will receive the bread in your hand (please ask for “gluten-free” if desired); then take the wine in the individual cup from the tray. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. After drinking, place empty cups in the second tray.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER** (*Congregation rising*)

- A Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen Your salvation, and in this meal we have received Your gift of grace. We pray that Your Word would continue to grow in our hearts, that we may live as Your holy people and reveal the glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

- 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.
- C Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

(LSB Hymn 366, v. 1 & 4)

**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, goodwill to all, from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days have come to pass by prophets seen of old,  
when down into the circling years came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s ancient promise bring,  
and all who take this gift will hear the song the angels sing.**

## **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Tim Doran

## **COMMUNION STATEMENT**

Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*John 20:31*); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:29*); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (*1 Cor. 11:28*); and †Look to God’s Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (*Col. 1:10*). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.

### ***Participants in the Services:***

Rev. Mark Budenholzer, Associate Pastor/Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music  
Kate Marino, Cherub Choir Director; George Heath, Youth/H.S. Choir Director

	5:00	8:00	9:20
<b>Lector</b>	Janet George	Ellen Story	
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Chris Clark	Daryl Story	Ralph Schoene
<b>Altar Care</b>			Joan Condon
<b>Usher Team</b>	Runge Family	Ralph Schoene Warren Wong Richard Graham	
<b>Sexton</b>	Kaitlyn Clark	Claire Story	

### **News and Notes:**

**The Christmas trees by the altar** are known as the Tree of Darkness and the Tree of Light. The dark tree has no lights and is decorated with apples as a reminder of the sin that drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. The lit tree has roses, a symbol of the Messiah, as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World who came to remove the curse of sin and usher in the kingdom of God.

**Winter Worship** – Please note the worship schedule for next week and into January:

- ❖ On Sunday, **December 28**, we will have one worship service at **10:00 a.m.** in observance of the Sunday after Christmas
- ❖ Our Epiphany services will be on Sunday, **January 4**, at **9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**
- ❖ Winter worship continues with two services on Sundays at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

**Undecorating Party** – We will be putting away most of our Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 4**, after the 10:45 service. A pizza lunch will be offered before we get to work. Please join us!

**THE CHOSEN – Season 2:** Back by popular demand, we will host viewing sessions on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The first set of episodes will be shown before Lent, from **January 14 to February 11**, and the rest will be shown after Easter, from **April 15 to May 4**. Sessions will include soup & sandwich with wine. For planning purposes, please RSVP to the church office using the pew card, email to [Krapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Krapillo@VLC-NY.org), or call 914-337-0207, x1003. For more info, contact Deacon Janet George or Deacon Tony DeRosa.

**BINGO NIGHT** – Enjoy a fun game night on **Saturday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.** (open to the public, age 18 and older). Entry fee is \$50 in advance for a 10-game Bingo Deck; entry at the door is \$60 if space is available. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided; bring your own additional beverages or food. For more information, contact Lisa Jones, [Development@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:Development@TheChapelSchool.org).

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, January 21**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Voter's Meeting** – Save the date for our next voter's meeting on Sunday, **January 25**, at 12 noon.

**“Strengthening God’s House” Capital Campaign Pledges** – As the saying goes, “It takes a Village...” If you are in a position to offer financial support, please prayerfully consider what you might give and make a pledge today. Thank you for helping to sustain our ministry.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – We are on a break over the holidays. The next session is on January 14, when we will begin the miracle of the raising of Lazarus in John chapter 11.

**Music Ministry:** Thank you to all of our choirs and holiday musicians. We will take a break after tonight and will resume rehearsals on January 15.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet on Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class on Sunday, Jan. 5; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, Jan. 11

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Adele Acosta, Marcela Acosta, Victor Acosta, Antonella Barbuto, Giovana Boniello, Tom Corbett, Davenport Family (William, Jordan, Joshua, Sonya, Wayne), Amani Fahr, Michelle Ghiorzi, Aurora Rose Gitter, Ruth Gitter, Anita Gould, Brandi Grissmeyer, Logan Grissmeyer, Mary Johnson, Anita Kebschull, Sue Kobylack, Michaela Knoppel, Christy Krum, Freddie Lando, Michelle Liscoe, Robert & Susan & Rosalind Magilton, Douglas Miller, Rome Martello, Cole Martello, Jennifer Pauta, Aaliyah Pedrosa, Elizabeth Pedrosa, Joshua Pedrosa, Jose Pedrosa, Paola Pedrosa, Torrey Pietarinen, Elaine Podszus, Shelby Restivo, John Scaramuzzo, Diana Schrader, Christian Vesperman, Peter Williams

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

† **Wilma DeRosa**, mother of Deacon Anton DeRosa, passed away on December 22, 2025

## POINSETTIAS and WREATHS

We are grateful to everyone who donated a poinsettia for the sanctuary or sponsored one of the wreaths hanging on the Great Porch. Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Eucharist.

### *Poinsettias were donated by:*

Jim & Jackie Bunn

Kathy Coffey, in loving memory of Helen Britz, Frank Coffey, Bill & Helen Messner

Tony & Ruth DeRosa

Jean Hanson

Ilse Koerper

Maxeiner Family

Eileen Mahoney, in loving memory of family members

Anita & Vincent Palmese, with Christmas Blessings

Elaine Podszus, in loving memory my parents & grandparents

Swain Family

Lynne Tirrell, in loving memory of my parents & grandparents

### *Wreaths were sponsored by:*

Jean Hanson

Marcia Kollmann

Wilkinson Family

### *And in loving memory of:*

Stephen N. Cea, from his wife Evelyn

John Waters Eaton, from his wife Theresa

Nancy Roth, from her daughter Carolyn Fiuza

Don Gilder, from his daughter Kim Rapillo & Family

Vincenzo & Orsola Cerrato and Sidney & Rosalind Gitter, from Maria & Dwayne Gitter

Marion & Alfred Murrer and Mary & Peter Murrer, from the Murrer Family

Lee E. Schoenlank, from his family

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### **Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward 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.**

### **Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 2:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup>(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And all went to be taxed, every one

into his own city. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) <sup>5</sup>to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup>And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup>And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**