

**Take  
the child  
and his  
mother,  
and flee**

**MATTHEW 2:13**



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First Sunday of Christmas  
December 27 & 28, 2025

# Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. *Large print copies* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.



## The First Sunday of Christmas

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## Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 3)

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

## Prelude and Silent Prayer

## Welcome and Announcements

*(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as your body allows)*

**GATHERING**  
**The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

**▲ Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**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.**

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!  
**Amen.**

**▲ Gathering Hymn**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**ELW #270**

*(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

**▲ Greeting**

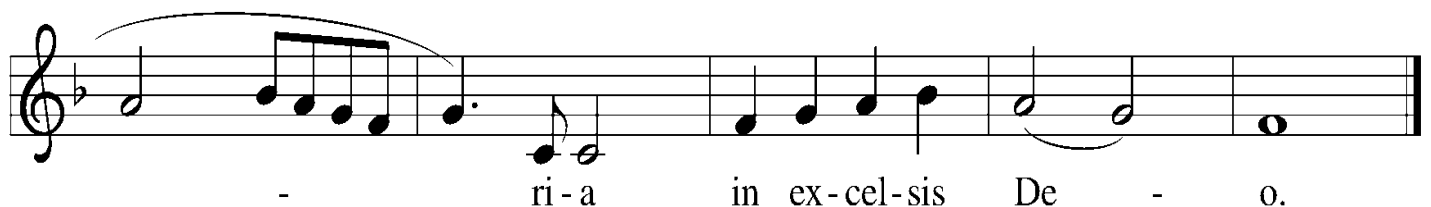
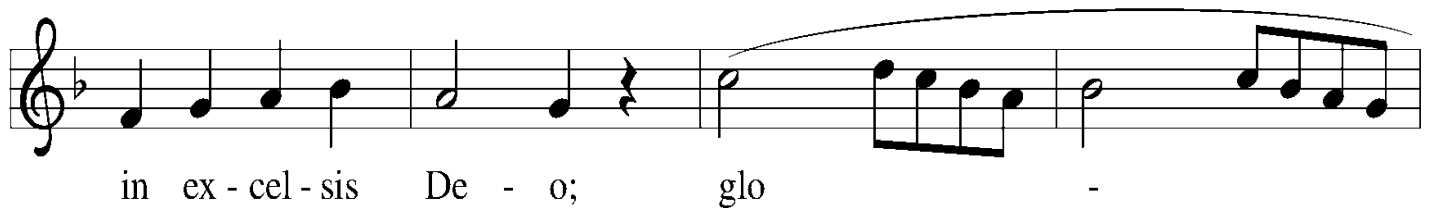
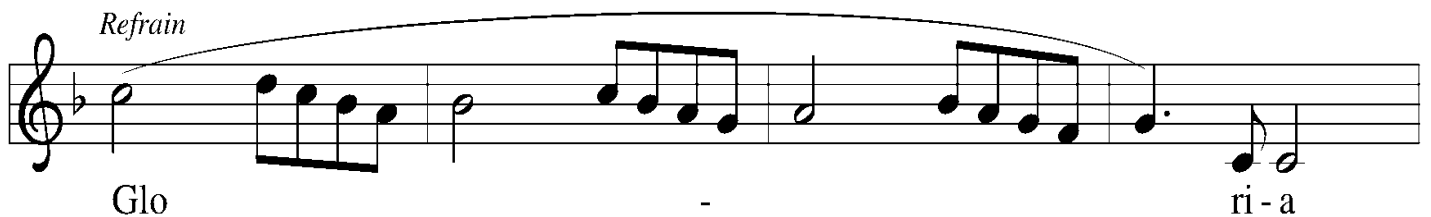
Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.  
**To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



## ▲Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

## ▼Children's Message

### ▼First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

*The final few chapters of Isaiah likely date from the time after the return of the Judean exiles from Babylon and the re-building of Jerusalem and the temple, when beyond hope God freed the chosen people and brought them home.*

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior <sup>9</sup> in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ▼Psalm 148 (Leader/Assembly; read responsively)

*This psalm expresses the joy not only among angels and humans, but among all of creation, in God and the fulfillment of God's promises..*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

*(continued)*

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful  
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.  
Hallelujah!**

## ▼ Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

*The book of Hebrews is written to people surprised that, once they were saved, they continued to suffer. While the author will call on the example of "a great crowd of witnesses" of suffering saints, he begins by noting that Jesus himself chose to share humanity's suffering.*

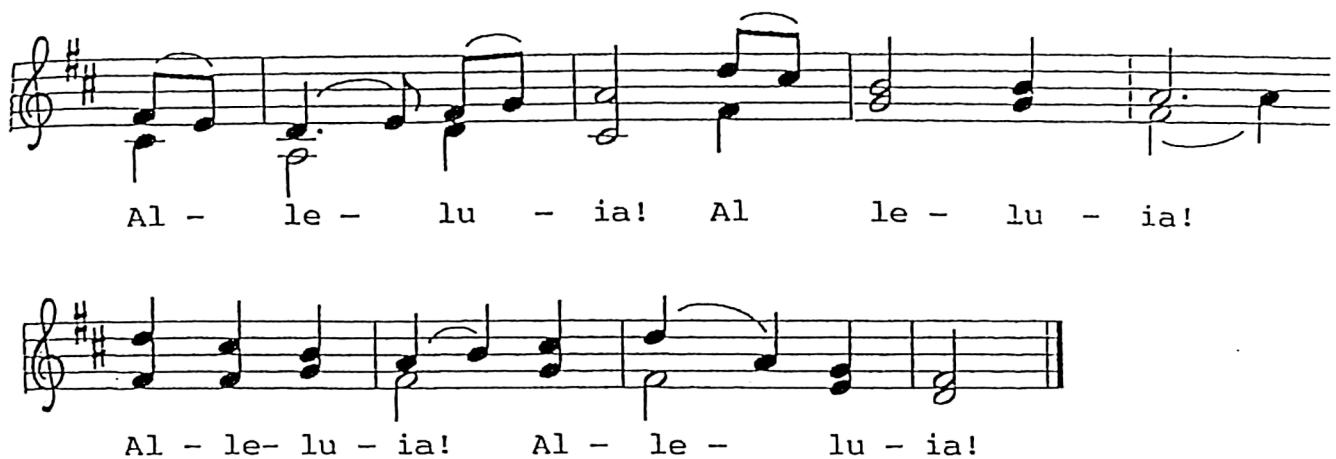
<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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<sup>13</sup> And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.” <sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ▲ Gospel Acclamation



### ▲ Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

*The Magi made the mistake of asking King Herod where the new king of the Jews could be found. If they had known of Herod's paranoia and blood-thirstiness, they might not have asked for directions. This story not only has Jesus reenact Israel's time in and return from Egypt, but also explains why someone born in Bethlehem would grow up in Nazareth.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

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<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**▼ Sermon**

Pastor Jason Felici

**▲ Hymn of the Day**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**ELW #279**

**▲ Nicene Creed**

**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.**

*(continued)*



**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

**Prayers of the People** *(please kneel or remain seated as your body allows)*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### **▲ The Peace**

May the peace sung by the angels be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)*

### **Meal**

**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

## ▼ Gathering of Gifts

*As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports the coordination of Christmas Gifting in our community. The offerings you give support our staff and volunteers in collecting, safeguarding, and distributing gifts to Trinity Northside, GRG families, TLC House men, and assisting with our annual Christmas Basket ministry.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.*

## ▲ Offertory

### "What Child is This?"

ELW #296



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

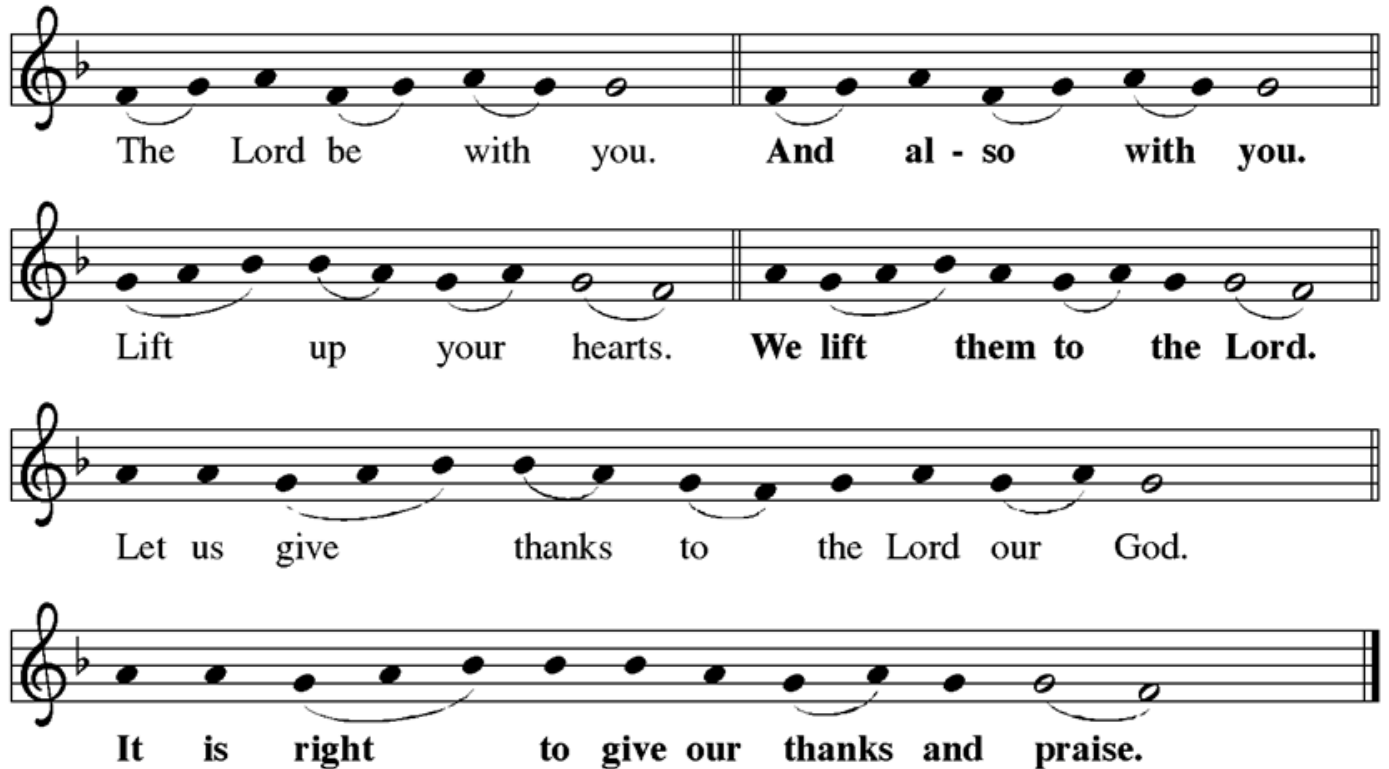


haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## ▲Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of glory, **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 al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

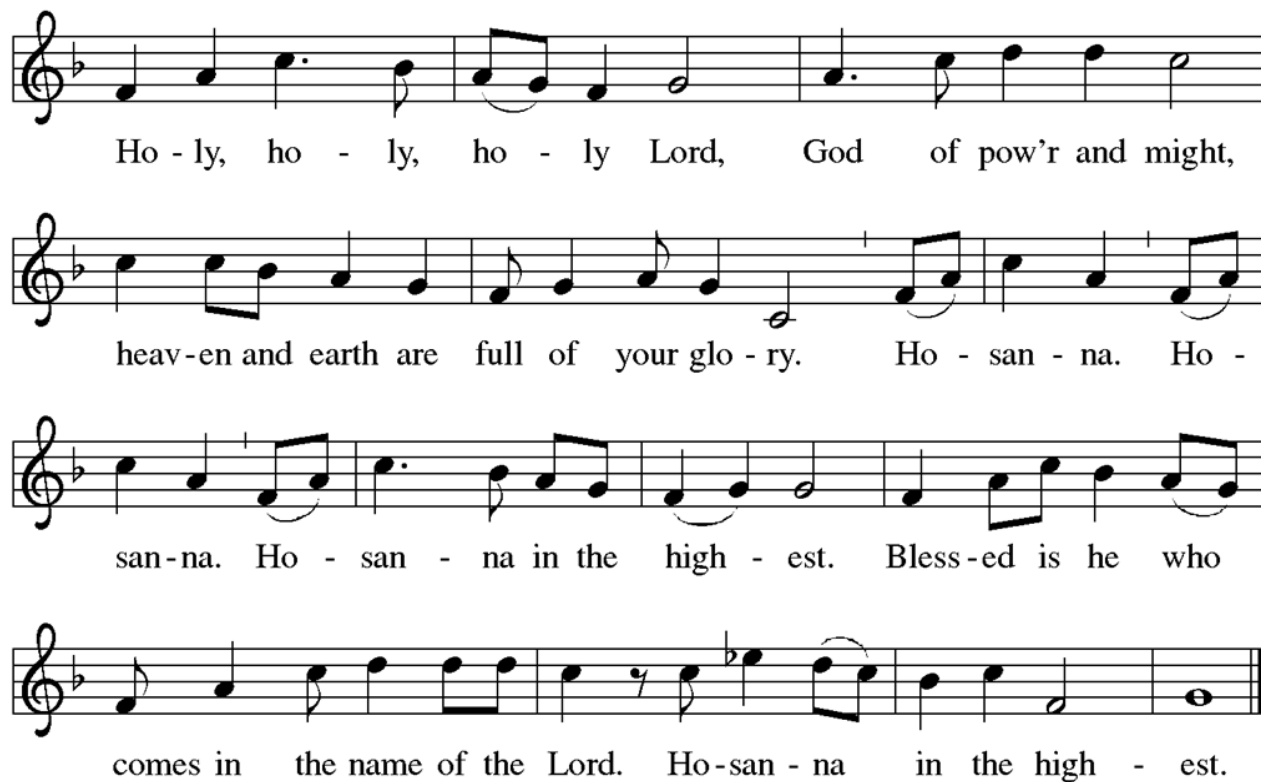
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes with slurs.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ▲ Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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 for the remembrance of me.

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 for the remembrance of me.

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember  
your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death  
and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **▲Lord's Prayer**

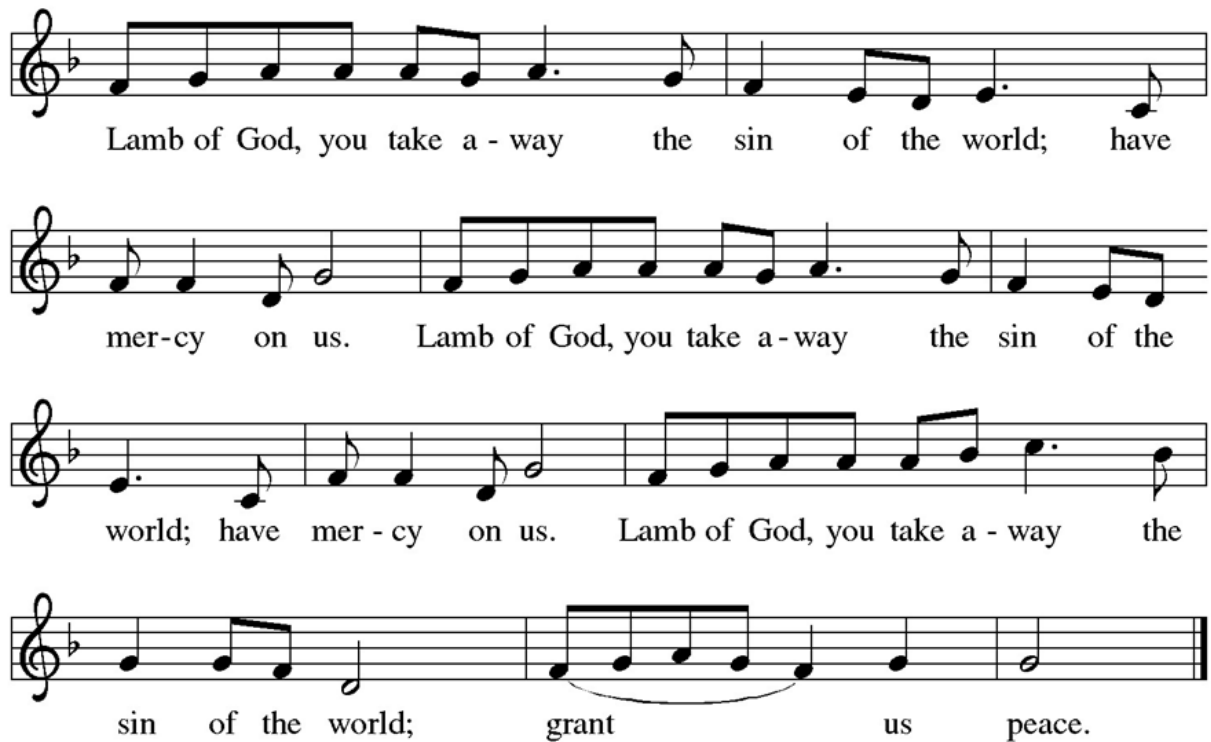
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## ▲ Invitation to Communion

God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!

## ▲ Lamb of God



## ▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*



### ▲ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### ▲ Prayer after Communion

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

## SENDING

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

### ▲ Blessing

The triune God, glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,  
✙ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.  
**Amen.**

### ▲ Sending Hymn

“Joy to the World”

**ELW #267**

### ▲ Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to God’s people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my beloved husband, William Morgan, and in memory of his father, Frederick A. Morgan, given by Cheryl Morgan.

**THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK** is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mark's father, Joe Ferlin, given by Kathy and Mark Ferlin.

**Serving this Weekend**

**Preaching:** Pastor Jason Felici                      **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

**Organist:** Christina Andrae

**Lectors:**    **Saturday 5:30pm:** Rick Conrad  
                 **Sunday 8:15am:** Nick Gebhart  
                 **Sunday 10:45am:** Sandy Redinger

**Liturgical Deacons:** **Saturday 5:30pm:** Curt Colaianne  
                                 **Sunday 8:15am:** Kathe Houck, Rose McLain  
                                 **Sunday 10:45am:** Jim & Kathy Zamerski

**Ushers:**    **Saturday 5:30pm:** Linda McDowell, David Rock,  
                                 Donna Showalter, Isaiah Sherba  
                 **Sunday 8:15am:** Sandy Kisick, Keith Bronson, Jr.,  
                                 Keith Bronson, Sr., Melinda Terney  
                 **Sunday 10:45am:** Matt & Kelly Clever, Eli Clever, Tim Potter

**Acolytes:** **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko  
                 **Sunday 8:15am:** Claire Benning, Will Benning  
                 **Sunday 10:45am:**

**No tellers scheduled**

**Acolytes Scheduled for Next Week January 3 & 4**

**Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko  
**Sunday 8:15am:**  
**Sunday 10:45am:**

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