THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

11:00 PM



Welcome, and a blessed Christmas to all on this holy day.

If you are a visitor or one returning after an absence, know that you are welcome and we are delighted to share with you the celebration of Christmas.

Please fill out a CONNECT card found in the pew rack if you are visiting us today, if you wish to receive our newsletter, or if you wish the pastor to contact you.

Fill out a PRAY card if you have a prayer request.

Simply place the cards in the offering plate as you leave.

When entering the Sanctuary, please observe a time of silence for meditation and prayer.

Silencing your cell phone is a good gift you can give to your fellow worshipers.

Hearing Assisted Radio Transmitters are available.

Please ask an usher for assistance.

We hope to see you again in worship.

Our celebration of Christmas tomorrow morning at 10:30 AM. The Christmas season includes one more Sunday this year, with one worship service offered at 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve Day.

On Sunday, January 7 we return to offering two services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM to celebrate Epiphany. Our Adult Forum schedule resumes on Sunday, January 21 at 9:00 AM.

Again, welcome!

Gloria!



Our Pre-Service Music begins at 10:30 PM.

The congregation remains seated throughout the pre-service music. The Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW) numbers are listed for those who wish to sing the carols in harmony. Please note the selected stanzas. We welcome a brass quintet from Pacific Lutheran University.

Selections for Brass

PLU Brass Quintet

Piano & Flute

Neal Patten, piano Deepa Patten, flute O Come, O Come, Emmanuel French processional, 15th century arr. Marshall McDonald, Steven Sharp Nelson, Jon Schmidt

Congregational Carol

Stanzas 1 and 2 = Choir Stanza 5 = All

Selections for Brass

QALC Choir

Selections for Brass

Congregational Carol

Stanza 1 = Choir Stanza 2 = All, harmony (or melody) Stanza 4 = All, unison Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW, Hymn 295

> *Advent Carol* Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

Once in Royal David's City ELW, Hymn 269

Selections for Brass

QALC Choir

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice arr. Richard Wienhorst (1920–2010)

O Holy Night, in the style of J. S. Bach

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

arr. Heather Knezevich

The First Noel

ELW, Hymn 300

Flute and Piano

Sonia Patten, piano Deepa Patten, flute

Congregational Carol

Stanza 1 = All, unison Stanza 2 = All, harmony (or melody) Stanza 4 = All, unison

Selections for Brass

Organ

Lo, How a Rose Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Silence is kept.

†Processional Carol

You are invited to sing in harmony, if you wish, for stanza 3.

O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW, Hymn 283 In the order of service, the following symbols are used:

 $\uparrow = Stand$ $\mathbb{P} = Presiding Minister$ $\mathbb{A} = Assisting Minister$ $\mathbb{G} = Congregation$

↑ Greeting

- **P**: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G:** And also with you.

↑ Kyrie

- **P**: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G**: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

G: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

G: Lord, have mercy.

- P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G**: Lord, have mercy.
- **P**: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **G**: Amen.

↑ Hymn of Praise

You are invited to sing in harmony, if you wish, for stanza 2.

†Prayer of the Day **P**: Let us pray. Trinity! Higher than any being, any divinity, any goodness! Guide of Christians in the wisdom of heaven! Lead us up beyond unknowing and light, up to the farthest, highest peak of mystic scripture, where the mysteries of God's Word lie simple, absolute and unchangeable in the brilliant darkness of a hidden silence. Amid the deepest shadow they pour overwhelming light on what is most manifest. Amid the wholly unsensed and unseen they completely fill our sightless minds as evident in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

Anthem

Lo, How a Rose arr. Kyle S. Haugen (b. 1973)

* "From "The Mystical Theology" in Pseudo-Dionysius: The Complete Works, ed. Paul Rorem (Paulist Press, 1987).

Isaiah 9:2-7

First Reading

A: ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C:

Thanks be to God.

†Gospel Procession *All sing Stanza 1:*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

† The Holy Gospel

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

G: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Luke 2:1-20

ELW, Hymn 275

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

- **P**: The Gospel of our Lord.
- **G**: Praise to you, O Christ.

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

All sing Stanza 4:

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Peterson

\uparrow Hymn of the Day

You are invited to sing in harmony, if you wish, for stanzas 2 and 3.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear ELW, Hymn 282

ELW, Hymn 275

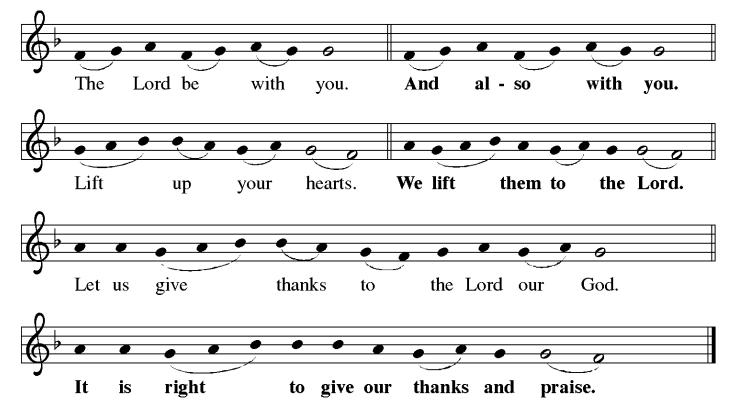
Prayers of the Church (please be seated or kneel)

- **A:** . . . Lord, in your mercy.
- **C**: Hear our prayer.

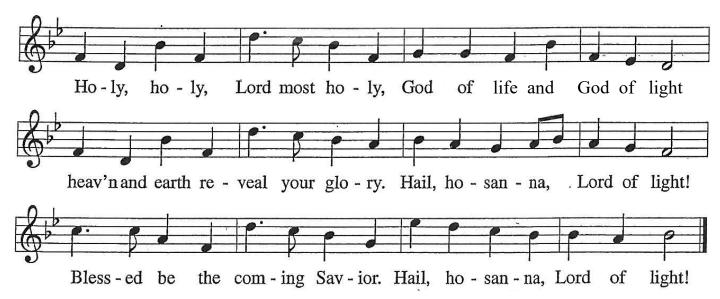
↑ Sharing of Peace

- **P**: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **C**: And also with you.

\uparrow The Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right . . . join their unending hymn:



↑ Words of Institution

†The Lord's Prayer

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

G: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

†Invitation to the Table

P: Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart receive your Savior.

Holy Communion – All people who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament. We confess and believe that Christ, who fills all things, comes to us in a special way through the Sacrament of Bread and Wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's real presence among us.

The ministration of the Sacrament is given in two ways:

In the pew:

You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available in the narthex as you enter.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

By intinction:

When prompted by the ushers, come down the center aisle to kneel at the railing; please sanitize your hands.

Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip it in a chalice, either wine or grape juice, before partaking. Use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Carols at the Distribution

You are invited to sing in harmony, if you wish, for stanza 2.

You are invited to sing in harmony, *if you wish, for stanzas 2 and 3.*

What Child Is This? ELW, Hymn 296

Joy to the World **ELW, Hymn 267**

† Post-Communion Prayer

P: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us here at night, send us forth in the morning as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G: Amen.



CANDLELIGHTING

Worship leaders will come down the center aisle with lighted tapers to light the hand-held candles. Please tip your candle toward the taper, then share your flame with the next person in your pew – only the unlit candle is tipped to receive the light. After all candles are lit, the congregation sings "Silent Night." The congregation will extinguish their candles at the conclusion of the hymn.

↑ Hymn (candlelight)

You are invited to sing in harmony (or melody) for all stanzas.

↑ Benediction

↑ Recessional Hymn

You are invited to sing in harmony, if you wish, for stanza 2.

↑ Dismissal

A: Filled with the joy of Christ's birth, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

X. *Noël* Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

★ Serving in worship today: ★

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Dan Peterson
Cantor	Kyle Haugen
Greeter	Sarah Louie
Lector and Intercessor	Marc Oplinger
Acolyte	Grace Louie
Ushers	Don Thomas
	Dennis Alfson
Musicians	Deepa Patten
	Neal Patten
	Sonia Patten
PLU Brass Quintet: Jacob H	Bosely, Devin Bianchi-Rivera
Benjamin Birmingham, Jerome Smith, Devin Foster	
The QALC choir thanks guest singers: Amy Kuefler, soprano	
Doug Stensby, bass	

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ELW, Hymn 270

Silent Night, Holy Night ELW, Hymn 281

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