

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022**

Angels: The Ultimate Divine Messengers of Hope

A Multitude of the Heavenly Host Announces a Peace Which Brings Renewed Hope

As We Gather -“All is calm, all is bright.” Is it really? We sing those words from the hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” every Christmas Eve. Yet the world in which we live is in so many ways neither calm nor bright. War, violence, shootings, unending anxiety: these are anything but calm and bright. Yet we sing. Why? Because the calmness and brightness of which we sing on Christmas Eve comes not from politics or laws or humanity’s ability to overcome obstacles; it comes from God. “Glory to God in the highest,” sings the multitude of angels to the shepherds, “and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased” (Luke 2:14). In Christ, we are given peace beyond human understanding, peace flowing from God to us, peace that comes from God’s self-sacrificing love. So filled with hope, we join the angel chorus and sing of the peace found only in Jesus.

Offering: Offerings will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

The Wearing of Masks: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 are highly encouraged to wear a mask or stay home. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God’s gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation:

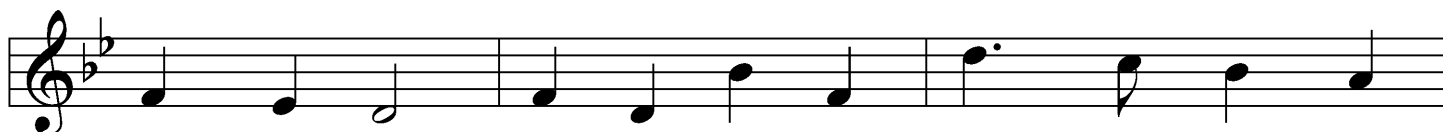
Angels from the Realms of Glory

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△ Please stand after a brief interlude



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

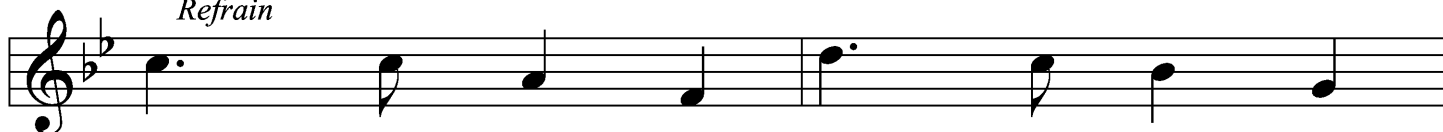


all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Remain Standing

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Luke 2:10–12, 14

P To shepherds filled with fear, the angel said,

C **“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.”**

P To those shepherds and to us this holy night, the angel declares,

C **“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

P To all who seek signs of God’s peace in this broken world, the angel proclaims,

C **“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”**

P To our world, so filled with uncertainty, confusion, and fear, the multitude of angels sings,

C **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”**

Confession and Absolution

John 14:27

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Friends in Christ, take heart! Jesus said, "My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Real peace comes from forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. 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.

WORD

Introit for Christmas Eve

Psalm 2:1–2, 4–6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

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

C **When all was still, and it was midnight,
Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the heavens.**

P Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against His anointed.
He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then He will speak to them in His wrath,
and terrify them in His fury, saying,
"As for Me, I have set My King
on Zion, My holy hill."

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

C **When all was still, and it was midnight,
Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the heavens.**

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Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of our newborn King, which is beyond our understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our salvation from Christ, the Prince of Peace, for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Holy Christian Church, for we have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn:

Angels We Have Heard on High

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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.

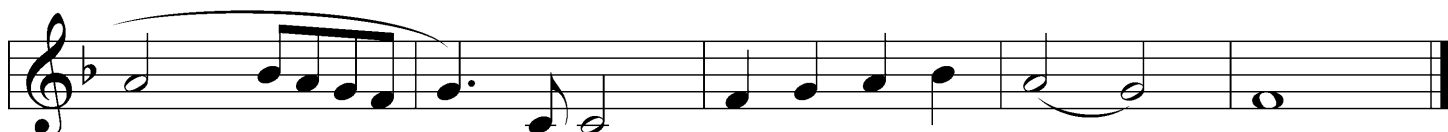
Refrain



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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

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 the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth 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.**

Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Luke 2:11

P Alleluia!

C **Alleluia!**

P For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,

C **who is Christ the Lord.**

P Alleluia!

L **Alleluia!**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,

according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

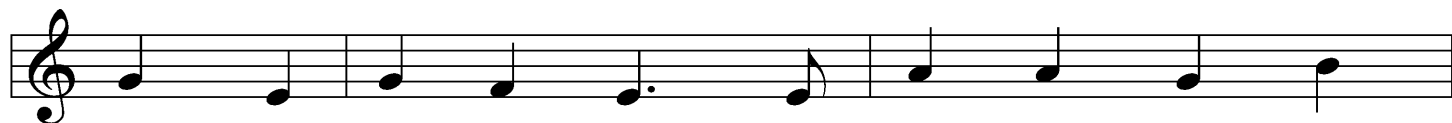
Hymn of the Day

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

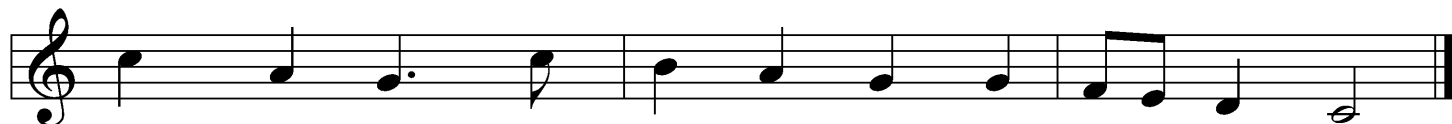
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1 “From heav’n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
2 “To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your



news to ev - ’ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.

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Sermon:

“A Message of Peace and Hope”

Luke 2:22–40

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Choir Anthem:

Sing We Now of Christmas

*arrangement by
Camp Kirkland*

Prayer of the Church

P On this night of wonder and praise, let us pray to our mighty and merciful God for churches to be filled with hope, for the world to find lasting peace, and for ourselves to glorify God in all that we say and do.

Wonderful Counselor, fill Your Church with enduring hope. Uphold missionaries near and far as they speak Your Word in difficult circumstances. In the birth of Christ, help us to catch the vision of Your coming restoration of all creation. God of glory,

☩ let Your peace and hope reign.

P Mighty God, amidst many reminders of how the world You created is broken by sin, establish Your justice and Your righteousness. Guide all who wield power to use it in godly ways to serve others, especially among those most vulnerable. God of glory,

C **let Your peace and hope reign.**

P Everlasting Father, bless us and keep us: in our joys, in our travels, in our sickness, in our dying, and in our grief. Guide all mothers and fathers to seek Your wisdom in raising children. Draw the hearts of young people to Your gracious ways. Accompany older adults through the perils of aging. Fill our homes with godliness, patience, love, joy, generosity, and self-control. God of glory,

C **let Your peace and hope reign.**

P Prince of Peace, for those who have gone before us in faith and now rest eternally in Your embrace, we give thanks. Fill all who mourn with Your peace that surpasses human understanding. God of glory,

C **let Your peace and hope reign.**

P You showed Your goodness and loving kindness, O God, in the birth of our Savior. You saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to Your own mercy. By the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom You poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, You made us heirs according to the hope of eternal life. For all this we thank and adore You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SACRAMENT

Preface

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.**

Proper Preface

P It is our duty and delight to thank You, O merciful God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at just the right time, You sent Your only Son to be born into this world as a vulnerable infant, drawing us to You not with pomp and power but with awe and wonder that the God of all creation would enter it as a baby to save those created in His image. And so, in joy and thanksgiving, we join the angels and all the company of heaven to sing Your praise:

Oh, Holy, Holy Is the Lord



1 Oh, ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord, The God by
2 How blest is He, the com - ing One, Lord Je - sus



heav'n and earth a - dored. We join the an - gels
Christ, God's on - ly Son, Ho - san - na with ga -



in their song, Their glo - rious prais - es to pro - long.
lac - tic space, Sing we, saved on - ly by His grace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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."

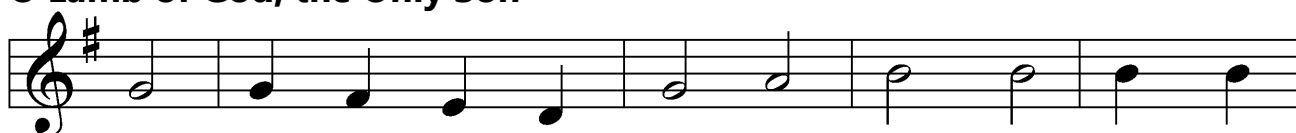
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

O Lamb of God, the Only Son



1 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, Who for us
2 You with the Fa - ther ev - er reign, With Ho - ly



our sal - va - tion won, The sins of all You
Spir - it to or - dain By grace our fail - ings



take a - way. Give ear, O Sav - ior, as we pray.
to for - give. Grant us Your peace that we may live.

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Distribution:***Distribution Hymns****LSB 364 Away in a Manger**LSB 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful sts. 1, ref, 2-4**LSB 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Stand

Post-Communion Thanksgiving**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.**Lighting of the Candles****Hymn:****Silent Night, Holy Night***LSB 363 sts. 1-3*

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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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.

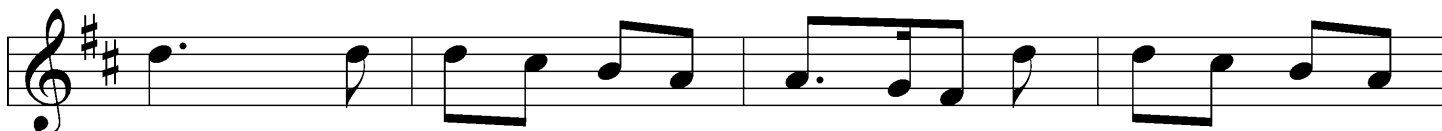
Closing Hymn:

Joy to the World

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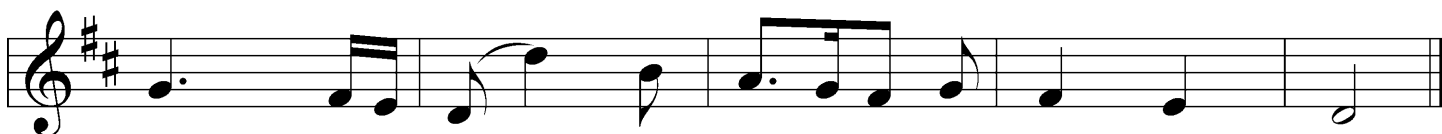
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Video	Video TD: Kris Welch GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Barbara and Alfred Miller

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Mid-Week Service Dec. 14	33
Saturday Worship Attendance	31
Sunday Worship Attendance	93
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	\$4,289.00
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	\$25.00
Total of Offerings Received	\$4,314.00
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$168.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Nativity of Our Lord – The Lord bared His holy arm (Isaiah 52:10) not just by appearing in the form of a full-grown man. The Word became flesh (John 1:14) first as an embryo and a fetus. The clearest revelation of God’s glory (Hebrews 1:2-3) also designates every human life precious, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. We can no more keep quiet about the sanctity of life than we can leave out Christmas or Jesus from the Gospel!

FLOWER SPONSOR– Barbara Miller in celebration of Alfred Miller’s birthday.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR –No Fellowship Hour this week or next week. Will resume January 8.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED – Both 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM Bible Studies are cancelled next Sunday, January 1st. The Wednesday Bible Study is also cancelled on December 28th.

MOVIE NIGHT - Movie night will resume on January 7 at 6:30 P. M. in the Fellowship Hall. The movie is titled "Unbroken" and is the true story of a man who survived a Japanese prisoner of war camp during WW II. The February movie is Unbroken-Path to Redemption , and will follow this man's path to forgiveness of the things he did and that were done to him. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the water fountain. We will have pizza (we will have at least pepperoni, and one of sausage), but you can sign up to bring salad, dessert, etc.-if you are able. There is no charge for the movie. We do accept donations for the charity of the month for Fellowship. January's charity is Option for Women.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - Thanks to all who helped to decorate and make the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall look so nice! We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10, to take the decorations down. Anyone who can help is invited to meet at the church at 9:00 A. M.

ANGEL TREE - Thank you to all who participated in making the wishes come true for the 24 children at Lighthouse this year! Gifts were sorted by the Outreach Board after Fellowship on 12/18 and delivered on 12/19 by Pastor Munz, Blake Albright and the Youth Group. Please continue to support the women and children at Lighthouse Ministries with your prayers and donations to the Lighthouse dedicated fund. Again, thank you!

ENJOYMENT BOOKS – If you are interested in purchasing an Enjoyment Coupon Book (Polk County) for \$30, please contact Tere Morone at 607-765-0001. Shipping is free and will ship within two days.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE in your church mailboxes. Be sure to use these envelopes for your offerings or you may not get credit. Please do not use these envelopes until **2023**. If you mail your offerings please always include your envelope number. If you are having your IRA contributed directly please also make sure your envelope number is included. Any questions before 2023 contact Diane Bickart and beginning in January contact Emma Block. Thank you for your gifts of treasure.

NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 - There will be a new 2023 Flower Chart on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. You can sign up to place Flowers in the Altar area in honor of someone, birthdays and anniversaries or any other occasions. Please put your name and what occasion the flowers are for, so it can be noted in the Bulletins. The donations for the flowers are used to purchase the flowers for Easter and Christmas services. If you have any questions call Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God's Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus' love has done!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Trustee/Volunteer Work Day 9 am-Noon
Wednesday.....	NO Bible Study NO Private Communion
Friday.....	Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday.....	New Year's Eve Service @ 5:30 pm
Sunday.....	New Year's Day Service @ 10 am Elders Meeting