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# ***Welcome***

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service.  
We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your  
time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'*

## **As We Gather**

### **Service Setting for Today**

***Divine Service Three*** (pp 184ff)

### **A Time of Preparation**

#### **Prelude (Carol Newman)**

#### **Preludes (Praise Team)**

#### **"Bethlehem's Treasure"**

Gifts of praise, songs of love, Lord our lives we share.

Celebrate, heav'ns above Glad tidings to bear.

Father's gift of love come down, Sacrifice beyond all measure,  
Heav'nly hosts proclaim this sound. Come and see the infant King,  
Bethlehem's treasure. Oh ....

Many kings from afar Seek the shining star.  
On our knees, in our hearts We cry, "Lord of lords You are."

Father's gift of love come down Sacrifice beyond all measure  
Heav'nly hosts proclaim this sound Come and see the infant King  
Bethlehem's treasure, Oh .....

Riches untold, Frankincense and gold,  
They pale before the glory we behold.

Father's gift of love come down, Sacrifice beyond all measure,  
Heav'nly hosts proclaim this sound.  
Come and see the infant King, Bethlehem's treasure.  
Bethlehem's treasure. Bethlehem's treasure.

## **Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

### **Opening Song**

### **"Do You Hear What I Hear"**

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb? Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite,  
with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy? Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea,  
with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know?  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold; let us bring Him silver and gold,  
let us bring Him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say!  
Pray for peace, people everywhere, listen to what I say!  
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light."

## Invocation

LSB 184

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

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your

infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**G O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**G Amen.**

### **Song of Praise** *(Sung)*

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**G and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray together...

**G Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup> And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☒ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☒ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Christmas Music Requests and Sing-a-long**

Angels from The Realms of Glory #367

As with Gladness Men of Old #397

Away In A Manger #364

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child #374

Go Tell It on The Mountain #388

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing #380

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #393

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #366

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming #359

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice #386

O Christmas Tree (3<sup>rd</sup> verse is in German)

O Come, All Ye Faithful #379

O Little Town of Bethlehem #361

Once in Royal David's City #376

Silent Night, Holy Night #363

The First Noel

We Three Kings of Orient Are

What Child Is This #370

**Do You Hear What I Hear – Solo – Pastor Winter**

**Little Drummer Boy – Solo – Pastor Winter**

## Mary Did You Know – Solo Pastor Winter

### Offering

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### Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

#### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- 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.

### Blessing

LSB 202

- 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Closing Song

#### "Mary's Little Boy Child"

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.

Hark! Now hear the angels sing. New King born today.  
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

They saw a bright new shining star,  
And heard a choir from heaven sing, The music came from a –far.  
Hark! Now hear the angels sing. New King born today.  
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day.

Now Joseph and his wife Mary, Came to Bethlehem that night.  
They found no place to bear her child, Not a single room was in sight.

By and by they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn,  
And in a manger, cold and dark, Mary's little boy child was born.

Trumpets sound and angels sing. Listen to what they say,  
That man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day.  
That man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day.

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