

# Christmas Eve



**Lessons    Carols    Eucharist**

## **Carol Sing**

### ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#270)***

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
"Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting  
Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's  
womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate  
deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our  
Emmanuel! **Refrain**

3 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 we  
no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to  
give us second birth. **Refrain**

### ***I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve (#271)***

1 I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!  
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on  
earth.

2 The little child in Bethlehem, he was a king indeed! For he  
came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.

3 He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today;  
and still he loves his little ones and hears them when they  
pray.

4 I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing; he  
opens now for ev'ry child the palace of the king.

5 When mother trims the Christmas tree which fills the room  
with light, she tells me of the wondrous star that made the  
dark world bright.

6 And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too; and  
that he loves me ev'ry day I know so well is true.

### ***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (#288)***

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

### ***The First Noel (#300)***

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!**  
**Born is the King of Israel.**

- 2 They lookèd up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**
- 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**
- 4 This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

## **Prelude**

- (4) **Assembling the Crèche**            *O Come, Little Children  
Away in a Manger*  
(6) **Silent Night arr Reba Lunsford**            Harps + Handbells  
(8) **Alleluia Christ Is Born David Lasky**

**Brass & Sanctuary Choir**

## **Processional *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* (#283)**

- 1 Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the king of angels:

**Refrain Oh, come, let us adore him!**  
**Oh, come, let us adore him!**  
**Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2 The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: **Refrain**

- 4 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**

## **St Luke 1:26-45    The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary & Elizabeth greets Mary**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup>Mary

said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. <sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

- (4) *Angel's Lullaby* Arash Labbaf Arr Jill Gallina  
LouAnn Fisher Adeline & Lillian Hoover, Karter Johnson**  
**(6) *Angels We Have Heard on High* Harps**  
**(8) *There is No Rose of Such Virtue* Anonymous 15th c.  
English Carol setting by Beth Kenrich Sanctuary Choir**

## **St Luke 2:1-7 The Birth in Bethlehem**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And 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.

**(6) *Still, Still, Still***

**Harps + Flute**

**(8) *Beside Thy Manger Here I Stand*  
Paul Gerhardt/J. S. Bach**

**Sanctuary Choir**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem (#279)***

- 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.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
- 3 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.
- 4 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; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

**St Luke 2:8-14      *The Angels and Shepherds***

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

**(8) *The Gift of Angels*      Charles E Peery      Sanctuary Choir**

## ***Angels We Have Heard on High (#289)***

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain.

**Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**

## **St Luke 2:15-20 The Shepherds Worship**

<sup>15</sup> When 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.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## ***It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (#282)***

1 It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold. "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heavn's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2 And you beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow;

Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

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3 For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years shall come the time  
foretold, When peace shall over all the earth its ancient  
splendors fling, And all the world give back the song which  
now the angels sing.

### **St Matthew 2:1-11 The Gifts the Magi for the Christ Child**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."` <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Homily**

**Pastor Phil**



## OFFERTORY

(4) *'Tis the Season* Mary Donnelly arr Geo. L. L. Strid  
Lou Ann & Anna Fisher duet

(6) *Joy to the World* arr Valerie W. Stephson Handbells

(8) *Born in the Night. Mary's Child* Goeffrey Ainger  
arr Hal H Hopson Sanctuary Choir



## Two Ways to Give

Download the new  
"Vanco Mobile" giving app  
from your smart phone's app store

Give online  
through this QR code  
Use smart phone camera; click link



*As our gifts are presented, please stand and sing*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### The Great Thanksgiving

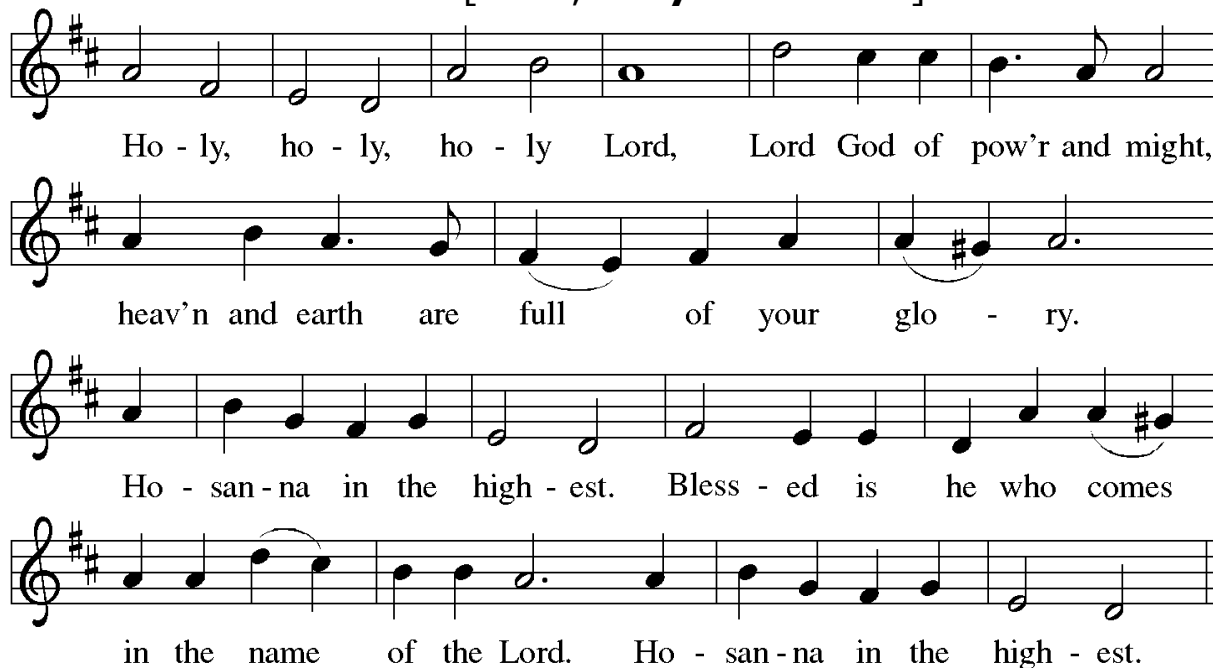
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father through Christ our Lord.

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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### *Eucharistic Acclamation*

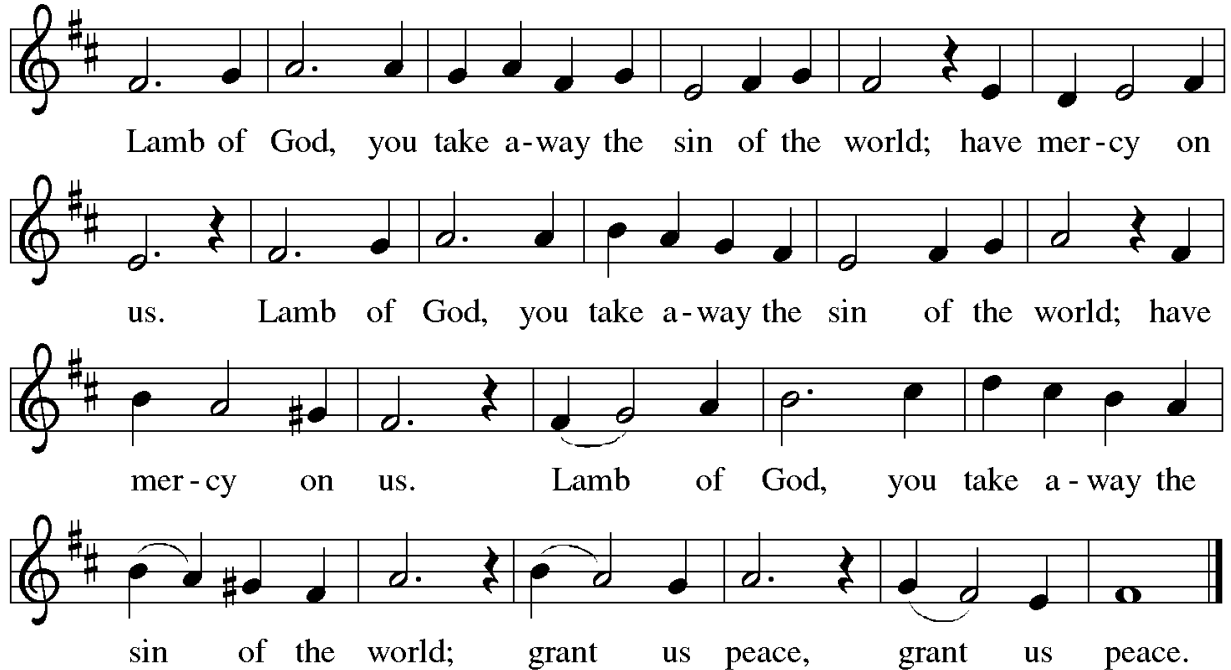


We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we  
 break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

"Eucharistic Acclamation" from *SANTO, A Bilingual Mass* music adapted from an Argentinian folk melody by Martyr Haugen © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc.

- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, 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**

## Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb Of God]



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## Holy Communion

**In-Person:** We communion at the Altar.  
Ushers will guide

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home,  
commune with those in attendance at the same time.  
We encourage you to communion each other and bless children  
who have not received First Communion Consider giving this  
blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

- (4) ***O Holy Night*** Adolphe Adam  
***Ave Maria*** Franz Schubert Michaelann Wood, solo
- (6) ***O Come Little Children*** German Carol  
***What Child Is This?*** English Carol Harps
- (8) ***O Holy Night*** Adolphe Adam  
***Ave Maria*** Franz Schubert Lynzy Slezak, solo

*Songs that may be sung during distribution of Holy Communion:*

***What Child Is This? (#296)***

- 1     What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is  
      sleeping?  
      Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds  
      watch are keeping?  
      This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and  
      angels sing;  
      Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 2     Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are  
      feeding?  
      Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is  
      pleading.  
      Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for  
      me, for you;  
      Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3     So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king,  
      to own him.  
      The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone  
      him.  
      Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
      Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

***Away in a Manger (#277)***

1. Away in a manger no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus  
   laid down his sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked  
   down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus,  
   no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from  
   the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord, Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me  
   forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in  
   your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you  
   there.

**Lighting Candles** *Pastors light the ushers' candles. They light the candle of the first person in each row, who then shares their light with the one seated next to them.*

***Tip unlighted candle to a lit one.***

### **Silent Night (#281)**

- 1 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.
- 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

### **Benediction**

#### **Recessional *Joy to the World* (#267)**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
  - 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
  - 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
  - 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.
- A Go in Peace, Serve the Lord    **C    Thanks be to God!**

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	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Margi Mountcastle	Ginger Bowden	Sharon Dobbs
<b>Ushers</b>	Lori & Richard Saxen Linda & Joe Hardaway	Jon Jorgenson Roy Reichenbach Dale Schultz Dale Abram	Cat Andejaski Kyrie Melton Hannah Melton Paul Dobbs

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**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**Worship Service**  
**ONE Service at 10 am**  
**Sunday, December 31**  
**Also livestreamed online**

<i>Keyboards</i>	Debbie Villavicencio
<i>Harp</i>	Cate Cushing, Clare Cushing, Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios, Sasha Rios
<i>Handbells</i>	Mary Keller, Laura Anderson, Merry Lyn Bagwell, Christy Gibson, Theresa Jorgenson, Mary Lakota, Debra Machos, Cindy Mraz, Mary Reichenbach, Karen Schultz, Pam Wright
<i>Violin</i>	Mark Daniels, Christian Haley, Karen Moxley.
<i>Viola</i>	Nathaniel Wheeler
<i>String Bass</i>	Zach Larsen
<i>Flute/Piccolo</i>	Toni Tharp
<i>Trumpet</i>	Jack Gage, Jacob Groening, Lilly Proctor
<i>F Horn</i>	Katie Graeber, Sam Graeber, Jovi Henderson, Debra Machos
<i>Euphonium</i>	Abbi DeFanti
<i>Trombone</i>	Jack Graeber, Robert Morris
<i>Bass Trombone</i>	Paul Slezak
<i>Tuba</i>	John Michael Slezak
<i>Percussion</i>	Johnny Naw
<i>Soprano</i>	Susan DeFanti, Sandy Kammerdiener, Amanda Rothe, Lynzy Slezak, Michaelann Wood
<i>Alto</i>	Pam Eddis-Klein, Maureen Lester, Karen Moxley, Pam Raabe, Toni Tharp
<i>Tenor</i>	Brent Anderson, Don Holmes, Jim Raabe, Jason Rasmussen, Zachary Williams
<i>Bari/Bass</i>	Paul Bartells, David Hoffman, Paul Keller, Pete Moxley, Mickey Nowell, Paul Slezak

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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**Tusen tack ! (A thousand thanks) to the hundreds who  
volunteer throughout the year to serve as Musician, Artist,  
Altar Guild, Tech, Acolyte/Crucifer/Torch Bearer,  
Usher/Greeter, Assisting Minister,  
Lector, Communion Assistant**

**Blessed ChristMass !**

**✠ Viktor Andersson Director of Worship & Music**