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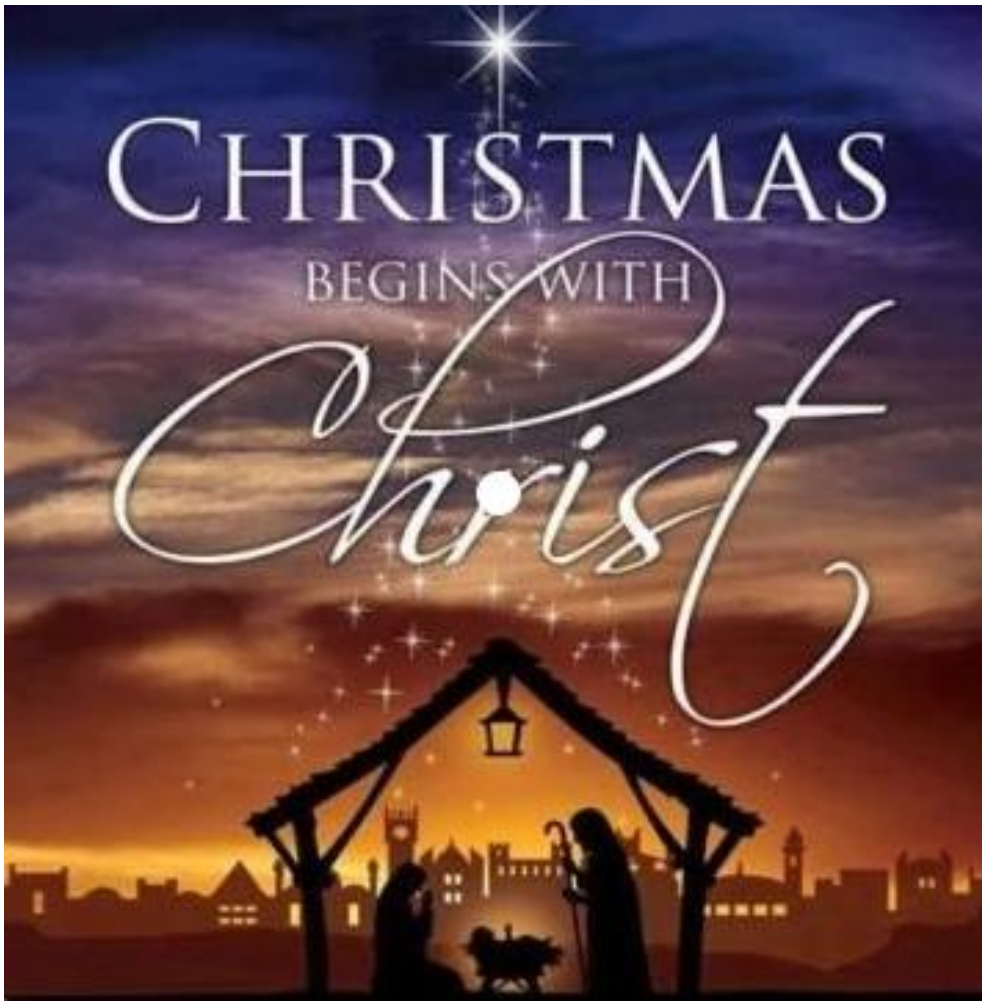
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**The Nativity of Our LORD**

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Immanuel is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe that the Bible is God's very own Word. It is inerrant, infallible, and Authoritative for life and faith. It offers everyone forgiveness of Sin and Life Everlasting through Jesus Christ. It is He of whom the Scriptures testify. Because it is a living Word, God Himself will be the one speaking to you today through Word and Sacrament.

Welcome to all our GUESTS AND VISITORS. It is our pleasure and honor to have you worship with us this morning. If you do not have a regular place of worship – WELCOME HOME! Please fill out a Welcome card, found in the slot on the chair back in front of you and give it to an Usher or the Pastor.

**ABOUT COMMUNION:** The Lord Jesus invites all to receive Him in Holy Communion who rightly believe from Scripture that they are indeed helpless in their sinful condition, that they can do nothing to earn or deserve God's forgiveness, but that in the consecrated bread and wine they receive the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for them, for the forgiveness of their sins. If this is your profession of faith, JESUS INVITES YOU to HIS TABLE to RECEIVE HIM!

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

## A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

12/25/2025

### PRELUDE

### PASTOR'S WELCOME

### Opening Carol - 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

#### *Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

*Please stand*

## **Invocation**

*Matthew 28:19*

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

**C Amen.**

## **Exhortation**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord

*Psalm 124:8*

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

## **Confession & Absolution**

*1 John 1:8-9*

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

P Throughout the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Today, we light the Christ candle to proclaim the birth of the Savior of the world.

P Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

**C We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

P Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

**C We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rest.**

P Jesus Christ is the source of all joy.

**C We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rejoice.**

P Jesus Christ is the Lord of love.

**C We wait for the Lord, and in His Word His love finds us.**

P Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

**C Today we celebrate His birth, the Living Word has come.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you,

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated*


## LESSON ONE - *Genesis 3:9-15* Reader – Rob Yancey

9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol - 385 From East to West



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and  
3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our  
in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -  
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.  
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.  
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.

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## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord of mercy, despite our sinfulness, you never stopped loving us. Fill our hearts with your mercy, that we may forgive others.

C **Amen.**

## LESSON TWO - *Jeremiah 23:5-8* Reader - **Pastor George McGuire**

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' 7 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'<sup>8</sup> but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he<sup>1</sup> had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CAROL - 376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

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## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord, You, promised that Your reign would bring the justice that would never end. Give us grace to wait for Your Justice.

C **Amen.**

## LESSON THREE - *Isaiah 11:1-10* Reader - *Valerie Nottingham*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with



equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### CAROL - 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



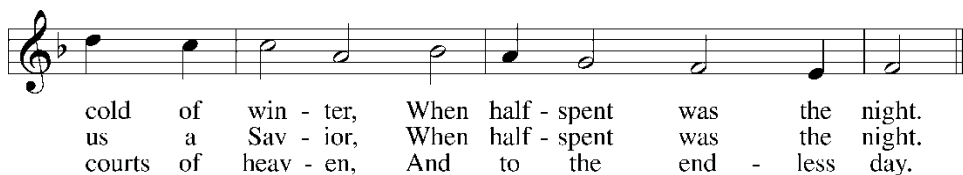
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



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## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord, we wait for the day of Your peace. May we be emissaries of Your peace in this hostile world.

C Amen.

## LESSON FOUR - *Isaiah 9: 1-6* Reader – Sean Curnyn

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You 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. <sup>4</sup> For 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. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CAROL - 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
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!

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## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

God, You, are always with us. May we trust in Your presence and share it with those around us.

**C Amen.**

## LESSON FIVE - *Luke 1:26-38* Reader – *Karen Rambo*

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

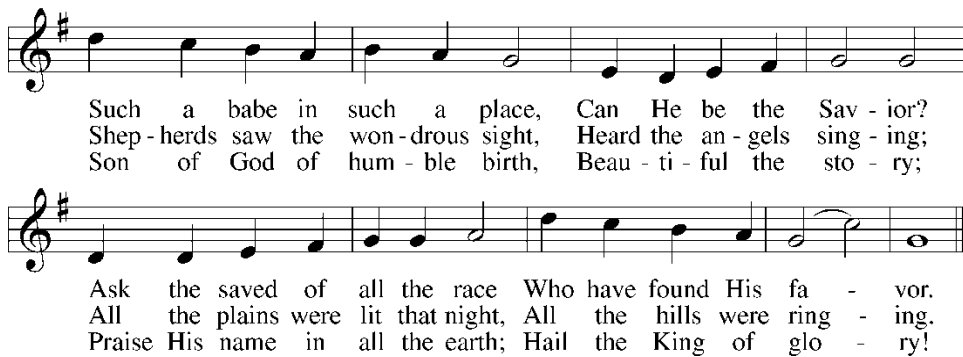
### Carol - 374 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



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## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord, You, asked Joseph and Mary to trust in You. May we come to share in their trust and always rely on you as well.

C Amen.

## LESSON SIX - *Luke 2:1-14* Reader – Rick Rambo

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths

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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Carol - 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



- 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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### PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord, You, came to us in humility and vulnerability. May we always show loving care to those around us, especially those most in need.

**C Amen.**

## LESSON SEVEN - *Matthew 2:1-6* Reader – *Pastor George McGuire*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

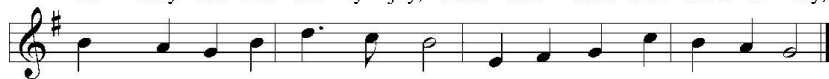
### CAROL - 397 As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.

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## **PRAYER**

P Let us pray,

Lord, You, are the giver of all good gifts. May we always remember to share our gifts with others for the glory of Your name.

**C Amen.**

## **LESSON EIGHT - *John 1:1-14* Reader – Steve Kron**

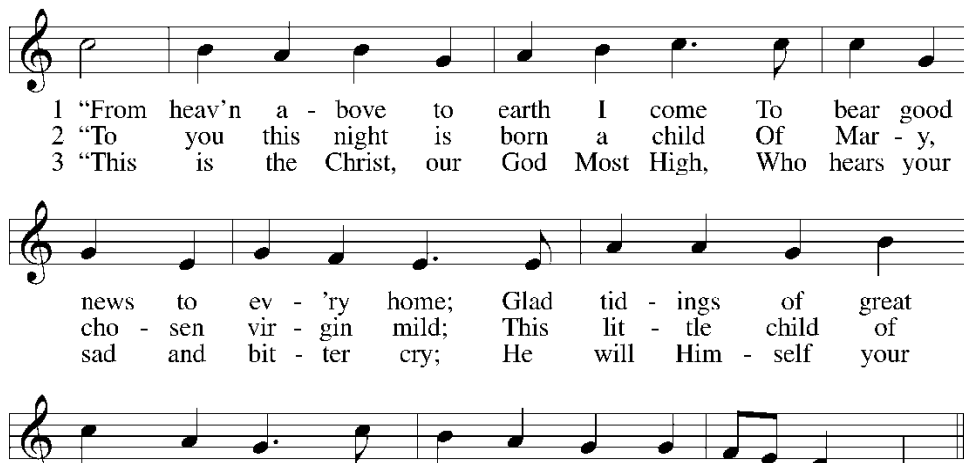
<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



## CAROL - 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



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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## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

God of power and might, You are beyond all time and space. May we never fail to recognize your majesty and give praise to You in all we do.

C Amen.

## OFFERING - PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE NEW BORN KING

*Please stand*

### LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, And lead us not  
into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **Response**

*John 1:29, Matthew 8:8*

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are fed at His Supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please be seated*

**Distribution:** *At the Altar*

## **Communion with the Fellowship Cups**

### **LESSON NINE Matthew 28:16-20 Reader – Matt Wilson**


16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

A This is the Word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

## CAROL 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



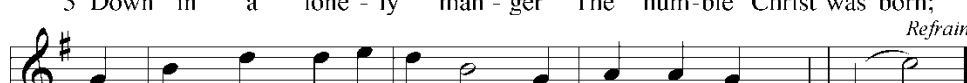
Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
 Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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*Please stand*

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

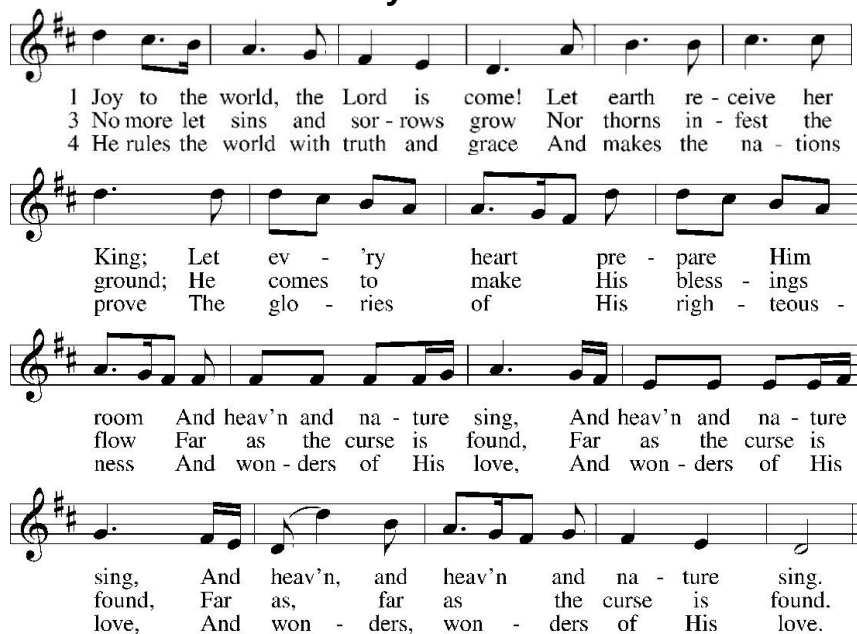
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING CAROL - 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 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  
 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  
 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.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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