



**CHRISTMAS EVE 2023**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VESTAVIA HILLS**  
**FESTIVAL SERVICE**  
**7:30 p.m.**

*The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills*  
**Festival of Christmas Eve Worship**  
**December 24, 2023**  
**MUSICAL PRELUDE**  
**7:00 p.m.**



String Quartet                                    **“For unto Us a Child Is Born”**                                    arr. L. Golofeev

Flute Duet    **“Coventry Carol”**                                    arr. N. Chamberlain

Choir Anthem                                      **“Come, Follow That Star”**                                    D. Besig/N. Price

*There’s a star in the east and we must follow, a star in the east and we must follow.  
There’s a star in the east and we must follow if we want to find the love of the tiny child.  
Follow that star. Come, follow that star.*

*There’s a star in the east and we must follow, a star in the east and we must follow.  
There’s a star in the east and we must follow if we want to find the love of the tiny child.  
Sent from heaven above, He will change the world with His love!  
We must find Him. We must follow that star.*

*Kings and trav’lers come from afar. Filled with hope and wonder they are.  
Seeking ever, doubting never, led by that shining star.  
O star of wonder, star so bright, guide us through the dark of night.  
Now we seek Him, soon to greet Him, tiny child of truth and light.*

*There’s a star in the east and we must follow. Follow that star.  
There’s a star in the east and we must follow. Follow that star.  
There’s a star in the east and we must follow if we want to find the love of the tiny, holy child.  
Come, follow that star. Come, follow that star. Come follow that star.*

Oboe Solo

**“Gabriel’s Message”**

arr. M. McGurty

*Oboist: Daniel Phillips*

Choir Anthem

**“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”**

arr. L. Shackley

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
Remember, Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we had gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our heav’nly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you afright.  
This day is born a Savior, a blessed, holy sight.  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy Child of Christmas shall fill our hearts with grace:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.  
Comfort and joy! Comfort and joy! Comfort and joy!*

Vocal Solo

**“The Angels’ Lullaby”**

L. Spevacek

*Soloist: Emma Lembke*

*In a city, a holy city, came news of comfort and great joy.  
The virgin Mary had borne a Savior, the Christ Child, a tiny boy.  
They called him Jesu, Christe Jesu, Christe Jesu, and Emmanuel,  
Jesu, Christe Jesu, and Emmanuel.*

*Then came wise men to the stable, and as they were passing by,  
They heard the angels gently singing, singing a lullaby.  
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Dominum.  
Venite adoremus, adoremus Dominum.*

*Then the wise men and all the shepherds and all the people standing by,  
Joined their praises to God by singing, singing this lullaby.  
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum.  
Venite adoremus, adoremus Dominum.*

*Since that baby left the stable, music fills the empty sky.  
It is the music, the gentle music, the angels’ lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.*

Handbell Choir

**“Sing We Now of Christmas”**

arr. L. Scholes

Choir Anthem

**“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”**

arr. R.E. Schram

*See amid the winter’s snow, born for us on Earth below;  
See, a tender babe appears, promised from eternal years.  
Rise and sing this joyful morn, for a precious child is born!  
Lift your heart and raise your voice, with the earth and sky, rejoice!  
Say, you happy shepherds, say, what’s your joyful news today?  
Why’ve you left your drowsy sheep on the lonely mountain steep?  
As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light.  
Angels sang of peace on Earth, told us of the baby’s birth.  
So, rise and sing this joyful morn, for a precious child is born!  
Lift your heart and raise your voice, with the earth and sky, rejoice!  
Rise and sing this joyful morn, for a precious child is born!  
Lift your heart and raise your voice, with the earth and sky, rejoice!  
Lift your voice, rejoice! Lift your voice, rejoice!  
Lift your heart and raise your voice, with the earth and sky, rejoice! Rejoice!*

String Quartet

**“The First Noel”**

arr. M. Tyree

Choir Anthem

**“Joy Has Dawned”**

arr. M. Ijames

*Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation;  
God’s salvation now unfurled, hope for ev’ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory;  
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.  
Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,  
As the mighty Prince of life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother’s breast, vuln’rable and helpless.  
Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy a story,  
Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us;  
Myrrh, His death will make away and by His blood, by His blood He’ll win us.  
Son of Adam, Son of Heav’n, given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion!  
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious myst’ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist’ry!  
Joy has come!*

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

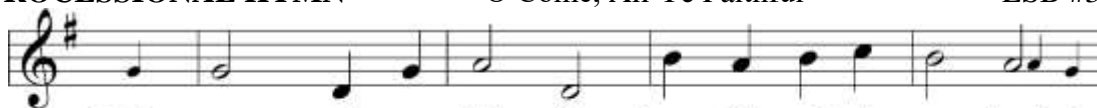
Reading of Isaiah 9

*“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing justice and righteousness from time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LSB #379



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!

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.** *John 1:1 &14*

Pastor: In the still of the night, when all was dark and silent

People: **the Light of the World was born in Bethlehem.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we draw near to the newborn Christ child on this night, we enter into the presence of holiness. Gathered around His manger, looking through faith upon His face, we are unworthy guests. Yet His very presence in our world testifies to God's love for us. He earnestly desires to bring an end to our struggles with sin that offends and opposes His Word. In His grace He grants us forgiveness of our sin. Confident in the love God has shown toward us through Christ Jesus, we confess our grievous faults before God and one another.

People: **Father, we humbly bow before You on this night filled with awe at Your great love for us. We know we are unworthy of such love because of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Yet in the midst of our failings and desperate need, You have given us the gift of Your only Son as our infant Savior. We give You thanks for sending the Christ Child into our world demonstrating Your perfect love in action, as Jesus lived for us. Forgive our sin this night and fill us with the everlasting peace only You can give as we continue to live in the reality of being both saint and sinner dependent upon this Jesus who was laid to rest in the manger and shed His blood on the cross. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Standing in the presence of our Holy God, I announce His peace to you!  
The separation between God and man, woman, and child has been healed by Jesus Christ. He was born in our midst to give us Christmas peace. He died and rose to give us eternal peace.

Bearing this news of God, I therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Christ child, announce God's grace to you and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**People:** Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

## HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*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!*

*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!*

*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 CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-12

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



## CHOIR ANTHEM

“Glory Be to God”

J.M. Martin/M. Colson

*While shepherds kept their watch on their silent flocks by night,  
An angel choir came winging and covered them with light.  
The air was filled with music as they soared across the sky.  
With golden voice and joyful noise, they shouted praise on high!  
The heavens rang. The angels sang. The song went forth, Jesus Christ is born.*

*The shepherds were amazed as they went without delay.  
They saw the child in Bethlehem, asleep upon the hay.  
They bowed in silent wonder as they fell before the King.  
With quiet songs and spirits strong, they gave an offering.  
The heavens rang. The angels sang. The song went forth, Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.*

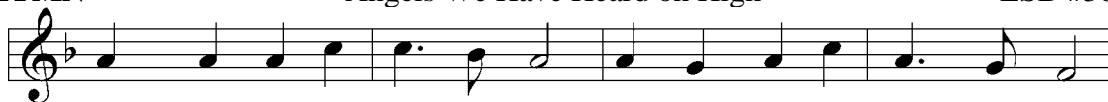
*All glory be to God. Let all glory be to God!  
All glory be to God. Let all glory be to God.*

*Let all the earth declare the news, and ev'ry land proclaim.  
From ev'ry heart, let music start and praise His holy name.  
The heavens rang. The angels sang. The song went forth, Jesus Christ is born.  
The heavens rang. The angels sang. The song went forth, Jesus Christ is born!  
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!*

## THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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;



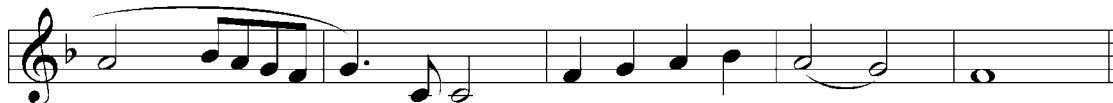
And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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## THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-20

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said unto to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**HYMN**

“Peace Came to Earth”

K. Scott

*Peace came to earth at last that chosen night  
When angels clove the sky with song and light  
And God embodied love and sheathed His might  
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!  
Who could but sing: Immanuel!*

*And who could be the same for having held  
The infant in their arms, and later felt  
The wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled  
Who could but sigh: Immanuel!  
Who could but shout: Immanuel!*

*You show the Father none has ever seen,  
In flesh and blood You bore our griefs and pain,  
In bread and wine You visit us again  
Who could but see: Immanuel!  
Who could but thrill: Immanuel!*

Congregation joins in singing:  
***How else could I have known You, O my God!  
How else could I have loved You, O my God!  
How else could I embrace You, O my God!  
Who could but pray: Immanuel!  
Who could but praise Immanuel!***

*Immanuel! Immanuel!*

**SERMON**

“You, Me, and the Christmas Tree”

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

**OFFERING**

**CHOIR VOLUNTARY**

“Fullness of Grace”

arr. J. Koerts

*Fullness of grace in man’s human frailty; this is the wonder of Jesus.  
Laying aside His power and glory, humbly He entered our world.  
He chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth.  
Born in a stable cold and rejected; here lies the hope of the world.*

*Fullness of grace, the love of the Father, shown in the face of Jesus;  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road:  
Christ the holy innocent took our sin and punishment.  
Fullness of God, despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world.*

*Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for; promise of God in Jesus.  
Through His obedience we are forgiven, op'ning the flood gates of heav'n.  
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable; God's gift in love to the world.  
God's gift in love to the world.*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on Your creation and sent Your Son to live among us and die for the sins of the world so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. As You sent the joyful message of His birth to the shepherds, You sent it to us also. We thank You for the gift of forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus Christ. Send us out into our world, guided by Your Holy Spirit to tell what we have seen, heard, and received as He comes to us in His body and blood.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**Pastor:** 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."

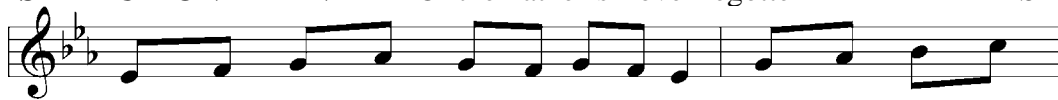
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We invite all baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and who recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine to join us at the Communion table. The distribution will be in two continuous lines down the center aisle. The practice of our congregation is to place the bread into the extended hand of the communicant. The wine is offered in individual cups. Please take one from the tray as it is offered by the Elder. (The cups in the center of the tray are filled with non-alcoholic wine, in consideration of persons who for medical or personal reasons should not drink wine.) The empty cup can be placed in the basket along the side aisle as you return to your seat. Also, children who have not received Communion instruction are invited to come forward, fold their hands and receive a blessing.



1 Of the Fa - ther’s love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav’n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow’rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world’s Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - ’ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,  
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

*~Distribution Hymns continue on the following page~*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN****“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”**

LSB #374



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.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

Pastor: As the light of these candles illumines our faces, it reminds us of Christ, our light, the child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice! The Light of the World has come. That light transforms us with the brightness of His glory.



*(Choir members will pass the light to the first person in each pew,  
who will then pass it on to others in that pew.  
Please pass the light by tipping the unlit candles into the lit candles.)*

**HYMN**

**“Silent Night”**

LSB #363

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant

vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

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

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

# CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord is your light. He is your life and salvation.

People: **Thanks be to Christ, our light.**

Pastor: 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 His favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

+ *The candles are extinguished.* +

## HYMN

“Joy to the World”

LSB #387 (vv. 1-2,4)



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 -  
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  
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  
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.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

**POSTLUDE**

“Joy to the World”  
“Hallelujah Chorus”

arr. N. Palmer  
arr. C. Custer



**Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary:**

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| Carol Barber       | Alma & John Gaertner | Linda & John Schoen  |
| Sandy Dacheaux     | Wendy & Todd Pickard | Leigh & Mark Walter  |
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Floral arrangements are given to the Glory of God by JoAnn & John Kneysberg in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and by Suzana Mgeni



**Join us tomorrow, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.  
for Christmas Day Worship**



A special 'Thank You' to all of our musicians for sharing their many talents!

**Musicians**

Organ/Choir Director: Ruth Johnson  
Piano: Kendra Quandt-Coffee, Ruth Johnson  
Violin: Pei-Ju Wu, Troy Bast  
Viola: Michael Fernandez  
Cello: Payton Ahlemeyer  
Trumpet: Sam Ardovino, Amy Ardovino  
Trombone: Trae Stroud  
French Horn: Brianna Tellis  
Soprano Saxophone: Lori Ardovino  
Flutes: Melissa Phillips, Grace Pickard  
Clarinet: Lori Ardovino, Gloria Phillips  
Percussion: Mary Lembke, Mary Frances Lembke, Jonathan Stroud

**LCVH Adult Choir**

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| Suzana Mgeni     | Keith Johnson  | Jaki Ahlemeyer         |
| Laura Patterson  | Darrell Lauppe | Catherine Gaertner     |
| Cherry Fishburne | Jim Patterson  | Polly Gregali          |
| Marlys Kuehnert  | John Gaertner  | Scott Strand           |
| Ellen Seltz      | Trent Decker   | Sarah Gaertner         |
| Janelle Sierra   | Robin Wilhelm  | Mark Kuehnert          |
| Emma Lembke      | Clarine Strand | Jonathan Stroud        |
| Julie Decker     | Jennifer Craig | Camp Wilhelm           |
| Debbie Riha      |                | Vicar Matthew Vathauer |

**LCVH Handbell Choir**

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|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Wendy Pickard | Mary Grace Whittington | Debbie Riha   |
| Todd Pickard  | Adeline Mwakabumbila   | Mary Lembke   |
| Julie Decker  | Melissa Phillips       | Keith Johnson |
|               | JoAnn Kneynsberg       |               |