

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – 8:00 PM

St. Luke Worship Service

(in person and e-worship)



“How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n. . . “

—Carol, “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” by Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

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Merry Christmas! Welcome to this festival 8:00 P.M. St. Luke worship service on Christmas Eve 2025 – a holy night, we remember Christ. We celebrate Jesus' birth with readings, carols, hymns, and a Holy Communion Meal! May God lighten your world and brighten your hearts with peace and joy during this 12-day season of Christmas which runs through January 6, the Epiphany of our Lord. Join us at Christ's Table! If you are visiting or looking for a church home, we invite you to sign the Guest Book, complete a goldenrod Connections sheet and/or send us an email [stluke@thuntek.net], share your contact information, and give us the opportunity to welcome you, get to know you, and answer your questions. If you need assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher or greeter. This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Please ask how you can share your prayer concerns with us.

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this evening. This is Christ's Holy Table. All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Friends and strangers, all are welcome at the banquet of the Savior. At St. Luke all who desire to receive the real Presence of Jesus Christ through this Holy Sacrament are most welcome regardless of age or faith or denomination. Christ gave, and gives himself for all. Receive the bread/host into your open, flat palm. Eat it. Then go left or right to receive from the server the wine/juice in a cup prepared for you. Holy Communion this evening will be followed by a candlelight service, "Silent Night." All are welcome to receive the gifts of God. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the minister with bread, with crossed arms, to receive a blessing in prayer and the sign of the Cross.

***Jesus Christ, the Messiah from Bethlehem, is the light of the world.** The light no darkness can overcome. He is that Light that shines in the darkest places. The Grace of God has appeared. The Prince of Peace in a warring, violent, dark world. Tonight, we celebrate all these themes, knowing our need for the Church's gospel, truth, teaching, and divine Word. Our Christmas Eve liturgies juxtapose the old names for the Messiah/ king, Ruler, lord and the name, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. The old hopes are fulfilled. Bible Readings, often read at the enthronement of a king from Judah, are made to speak anew about Jesus our King. In faith in Him, all our burdens are carried, and our warring madness (garments rolled in blood) finds peace. The Gospel tells of the rule of the emperor Augustus in Rome and the local rule of the tyrant king of Judea, Herod. But this Child has his birth among the poor and outcast, the hungry and needy, the weak and vulnerable. He is welcomed by outcast unclean shepherds and foreign Magi kings & searching Inquirers. In contrast to the claims of Caesar Augustus, a far more profound Ruler from Bethlehem for all the world belongs to King Jesus of Nazareth. In the end, Jesus rules from his Cross to bring peace and joy in his death and resurrection victory, what Paul describes as a most powerful gospel word. The story says that there was no room in the Inn or Guestroom of Joseph's family. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we rightly welcome Jesus and be nourished by the Meal we keep in his name. Let us rightly labor for peace, justice, mercy, truth and love in his most holy Name. – Pr. Brad Brauer*

Christmas Selections by J. S. Bach
Der Tag der is so Freudenreich
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
In Dulci Jubilo
In dir is Freude

JoAnn Rice, organ

Invocation and Call to Worship

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Holy God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
at the birth of time your Word brought light into the world,
and throughout the ages, you proclaim newness of life.
For your wondrous Word, we thank you, O God.
We thank you, O God.

In the fullness of time, your Word leapt from heaven into a Virgin's Womb to become flesh,
to shine in our world's darkness,
to speak to all peoples,
and to welcome us as members of your divine family.
For your loving Word, we adore you, O God.
We adore you, O God.

Grant us now the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that held, nourished, and protected by your Word,
we may live as your adopted children,
carrying your goodness throughout a needy, dark world.
For your powerful Word, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

All glory be to you, O Holy God, Creator, Savior/Word of God, and Life-giving Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The 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



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion and gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

All powerful and unseen God. You came to us in the Christmas Child, Jesus of Bethlehem. The news of his birth among us and his light have brightened our weary hearts with peace and joy. Call us out of every darkness and empower us to proclaim with loving words and caring deeds the good news of the birth of your Son, Jesus the Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
(kingly) authority rests upon his shoulders; and *he* is named
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting, Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of king David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm-Praises (Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;
tell of our salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations,
the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

Carol ELW 294, verses 1 & 2

In the Bleak Midwinter



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

Epistle Reading:

The Letter of Saint Paul to Titus 1:1-4 and 3:3-7

1:1 From Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect people and their knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with all godliness, ²in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began — ³in due time God revealed the word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior, . . . ⁴To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share: *"Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."*

Christmas Gospel Acclamation

Tune: "Once in Royal David's City" (IRBY)

Al - le - lu - ia to Our Sa - vior, Who was born this Christ-mas night.

God is with us, Lord Im-man-u - el, He who makes our dark-ness bright.

Hope, peace, joy, and love for us all. Through Your Word, we hear Your call.

Christmas Gospel Reading (Year A) from Matthew . . .

Matthew 1:16- 2:6

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew, beginning with the first chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord!

1 *An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. . . (Verses 2-18 end with) . . . ¹⁶and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the "Messiah." ¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to king David are fourteen generations; and from king David to the exile to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the coming of the Messiah, fourteen generations. ¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way . . . When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, thou son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him "Jesus," for 'he will save his people from their sins.'" ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet (Isaiah): ²³"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," --which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife ²⁵but (did not live) with her until after she had given birth to a son, and Joseph named him, "Jesus." **2:1** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king*

of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.”³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him,⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, “*In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet (Micah):* ⁶ ‘*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.*’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Carol ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.

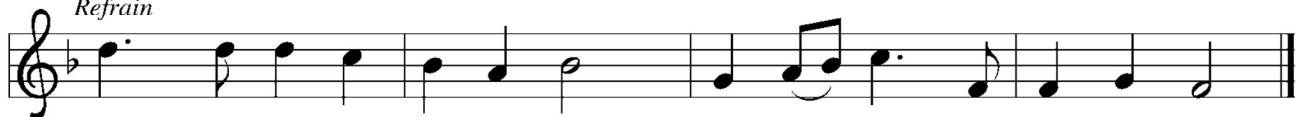


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king!”

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

Hymn ELW 279

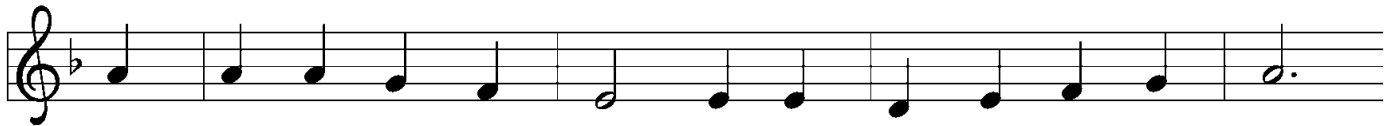
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

Prayers of the People

Each bid or prayer ends with:

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (traditional form)

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.

We Share the Peace of Christ

When the time was right, God sent the Only Son, Jesus to be our Redeemer. Through the blood of his Cross he has reconciled all people to God's heart of love. God invites us to be reconciled to each other and share in the Peace that Christ brought.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace and remember our siblings scattered across Albuquerque and throughout the world.

Offertory Invitation

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

Our Offerings are received as the Lord's Table is prepared *(be seated)*

*We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through the Church here and beyond these 4 walls. Place your offerings in the basket in the aisle. You may also send gifts directly to **St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA** via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>. You are also invited to give, in addition, to our December Bucket of Change recipient and its ministry. The Bucket of Change recipient for **December** is our **ELCA World Hunger Program** [website: ELCA.org/hunger] Working with and through congregations in the U.S.A. 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger reaches communities in need.*

Offering Meditation Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Offertory Prayer (in dialogue) . . . *please stand*

O Lord, our Creator God, Maker and Owner of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with gifts upon gifts:
ourselves, our time, our talents, and our possessions.

With them we offer ourselves to your mission

and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made.

From these blessings we set the Table of your Son with bread and wine,
signs of Jesus' life and death.

Feed us now with his presence from the loaf of life we break and the Cup of salvation we receive.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *(This eucharistic prayer echoes Luke 2, John 1, and the psalms appointed for Christmas: 96, 97, and 98. Given the proximity of Christmas to the Northern Hemisphere's winter solstice, it also prays for the coming of spring.)*

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

(Preface) It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You comforted your ancient people with the promise of a Redeemer. Answering the prayers of thousands of generations, you sent a Redeemer, Jesus your own Beloved Son, to be born of a woman in human flesh as the Messiah in order to save us from the powers of sin and death. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the angels and archangels, with all the Hebrew people, with Luke and Matthew, John and Isaiah, with all the Prophets, with Titus and Paul, and with all the company of heaven, singing together . . .

(Sanctus, Tune - "Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One. God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes. Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

(Prayer and Narrative Words of Institution, continues . . .)

We sing a new song to you, O God of our salvation,
for you have done marvelous things. Since the beginning of time, you have spoken your Word,
and your light shines in our darkness. Glory to you, O God:

Glory to you, O God.

Your Son rules as King in truth and justice, victorious and merciful is he!

We praise your majesty, hidden, lying in a manger, Jesus Christ, born of Mary and lauded by angels.

Welcomed by shepherds, bowed to by Magi. Glory to you, O God:

Glory to you, O God.

(In the 33rd year of his adult life, when the Child grew into manhood, having been betrayed by friends, rejected by the elders, condemned and tried unjustly, Jesus stretched out his arms in death upon the cross +, and offered himself, in obedience to God's will, a perfect sacrifice as the Suffering Servant, the Lamb of Sacrifice, and a Ransom to deliver the whole world.)

We remember now, at this Table, the events that took place after the Bethlehem Child, Jesus, had grown up into full adulthood to fulfill his saving mission.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Prayer continues . . .

Send your Spirit on us and on this meal of wonder.

In this bread, give us the body of Christ.

With this cup, reveal the grace of your risen Son.

Make known to the whole earth your steadfast love.

Glory to you, O God:

Glory to you, O God.

In these dark days, bring the dawn of your righteousness to birth.

Hold the living and the dead in your hands.

In your good time, awaken the sleeping animals,

and revive the dormant plants with your life-giving Spirit.

Glory to you, O God:

Glory to you, O God.

With trumpets and horns and harps,

with the faithful on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we sing to your splendor, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

O God Most High, Light of the earth, and Judge of the world,

today and forever.

Amen and Amen.

Invitation to Communion

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift who is Jesus.

Come to the Lord's Table of mercy prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed. . . . "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come and receive them. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All is now ready.

The Distribution of Communion



You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing prayer and sign of the Cross.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God - Tune: "Still, Still, Still"

Lamb of God, you take a - way our sin. Lord, have mer-cy
on us, and may your peace be with us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way our sin.

Communion Blessing *(after all have communed, stand as you are able)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which you have now received, together with his blessing, strengthen your faith, keep us in the one Faith we have confessed, and bring you to eternal Life.

Depart from the Lord's Table in peace and in joy. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Incarnate God, you are among us in your Word, in Scripture story, and in Person at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, and to share that love with others. We ask this prayer through the Christ born anew in us this night. We pray in his most holy name.

Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING & HYMN (WE ARE SEATED)

A Reading from John 1 is heard. The Christ Candle shines central in our midst . . .

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John. . . "In the beginning was the Word [. . .]" then:
"Jesus Christ is the light of the world: **A light no darkness can overcome.**


Hymn

Silent Night


The candles will be lighted row by row as the ushers walk down the center aisle. Once you receive the flame from a lighted upright candle, pass it on to your neighbor in the pew, being sure to **tip only an UNLIGHTED candle and to keep the lighted candle upright.** During the last verse of ELW 281 Silent Night, we will raise our candles high. Please remain SEATED.



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

Prayer for the Light

Let us pray. 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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *(Please extinguish all candles.)*

SENDING

Glory to God in the Highest:

And on earth, peace, goodwill to all.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Prayer & Pastoral Blessing

Now may the Peace of God, announced to the shepherds by the angels, which exceeds all we can understand, keep our hearts and our minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ + our Lord), and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 267

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



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

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Dismissal

Christ your Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carol of the Bells
Arranged by Jason Krug
The Bells of St. Luke

Scripture Readings for Second Sunday of Christmas: Lessons & Carols on Dec. 28, at 10:30 AM**

Genesis 3:1-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:39-56; Luke 1:57-80; Luke 2:1-20;
Matthew 2:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-18

**No worship service on Saturday, Dec. 27, and Sunday, Dec. 28 at 8:15 AM

Participating in Today's Worship
The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor
Music Coordinator: Danielle Cordova
Special Music: JoAnn Rice, The Bells of St. Luke, St. Luke Sanctuary Choir
Reader: Rebecca Weatherford
Crucifer: Norman Stahulak Acolyte: Colin Aaker
Video Engineer: Pamela Franco
Sound: Andy Hochstein
Communion Assistants: Karen Carlson, Kaye Martin, Marina Mauney
Ushers: Shirley Smith
Sacristy Care: Shirley Smith

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