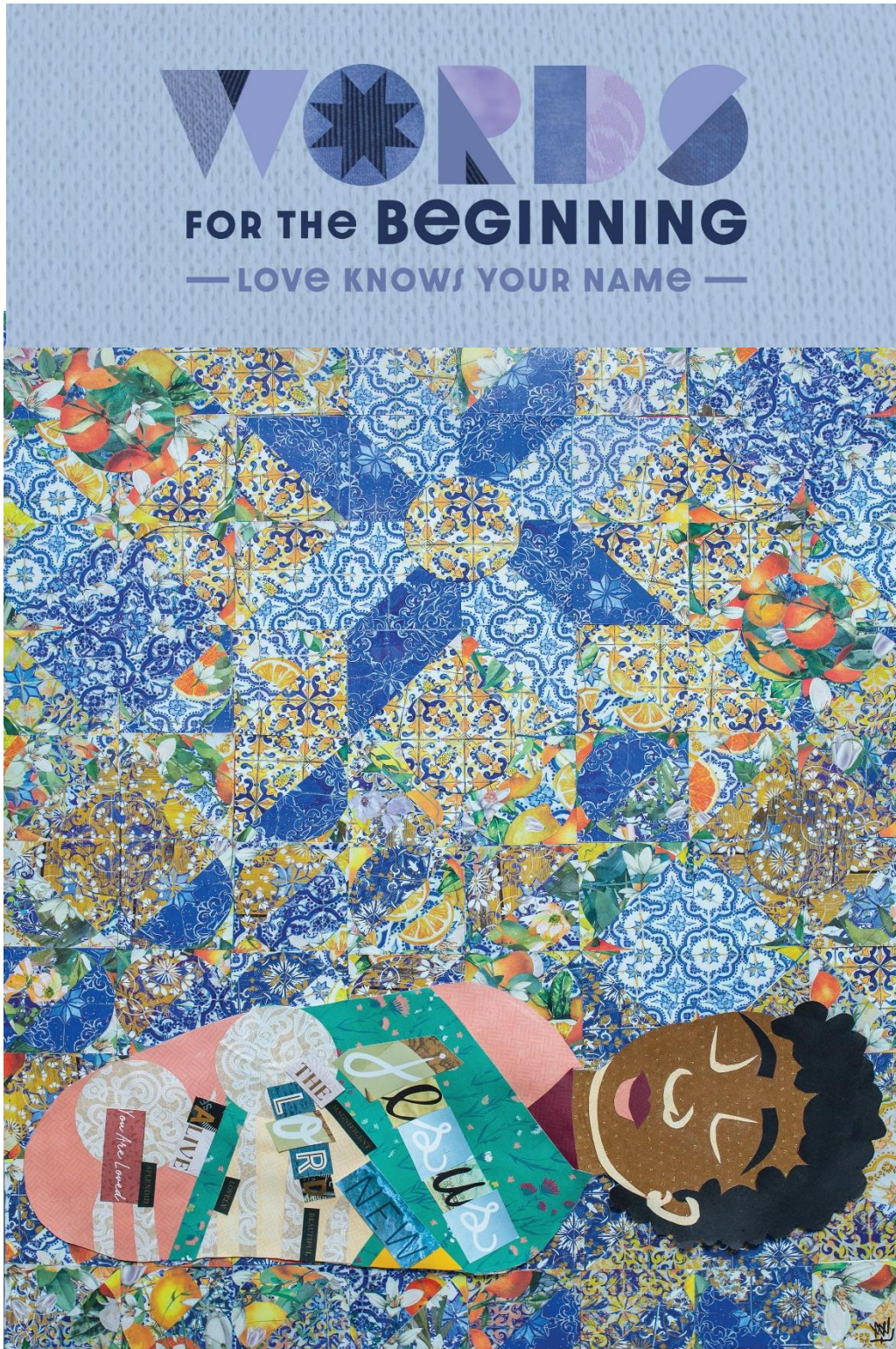


# Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM



# WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **It is a joy to welcome our visitors!** Please sign the guest book in the Communication Center at the rear of the church, to the right as you exit, and take a Welcome Packet which is filled with information about Harrold Zion. Please introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave worship. We hope you return soon! Follow us on social media!
- **Children's bags** are available in the Narthex.
- **There is a prayer request book** on a podium in the Welcome Center. Please write name(s) in the book prior to the service to have names included in the prayers.
- **Large print bulletins** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **Hearing devices** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **Receiving Holy Communion** - We believe the body and blood of Christ to be present in the bread and wine. All who are baptized are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Non-communicating children may come forward for a blessing. If you desire communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers so that you may receive communion there.

**GATHERING** – *We are brought together to remember who and whose we are.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude: Angels We Have Heard on High Broughton

The Call to Worship *You are invited to stand.*

In the name of the Father and of †the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given! **Alleluia!**

Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord! **The word became flesh and dwelled among us.**

And we beheld His glory, full of grace and truth. We praise you God for your gifts of forgiveness, love, peace, joy, and all blessings more than we can count or deserve.

**Thanks be to God for His precious gift!**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to all.**

The Entrance Hymn #283      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

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

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*

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

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*

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **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 be seated.*

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:      *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.

Children are invited to come forward for the reading of the Christmas Story  
from the Spark Story Bible (from Luke 2:1-20)

“We have to go to Bethlehem,” Joseph told Mary. “Emperor Augustus has ordered that all of the people need to be counted.” “But Joseph,” Mary said, “what about our baby? He will be born soon.” “We’ll go slowly, Mary. Bethlehem will be crowded so we need to leave now.” So, Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem, the City of David, to be counted along with all of the other people. It was cold when they arrived. Joseph knocked on many doors looking for a room, but everyone said no. Finally, an innkeeper answered his door. “I have no room,” the innkeeper said. “But you can stay in the little stable in the back. It’s warm, and the hay is fresh.” “Joseph,” Mary said. “I think it’s time for the baby to be born.” That night Mary gave birth to Jesus. She laid him in a manger. The animals kept them warm as they waited for morning.

Outside of Bethlehem, shepherds watched their sheep on the hills. Suddenly, an angel appeared. The shepherds looked up at the bright night sky. "Don't be afraid," the angel said. "I bring wonderful news. The child God promised was born tonight." The shepherds listened in amazement. The twinkling stars seemed to echo each of the angel's words. The angel continued, "Go to Bethlehem! You will find the child lying in a bed of hay!" Suddenly, many angels filled the heavens. They sang together, "Glory to God in the highest. And peace to all people on earth" "Let's hurry!" one shepherd said. "The angel said the child was born tonight!" "But what about the sheep?" another shepherd asked. "Let the angel watch them!" the youngest shepherd said. "Yes! Let the angels watch them!" The shepherds happily hurried into Bethlehem. The angel was right. The shepherds found the baby, Jesus, asleep on a bed of hay. They told Mary and Joseph all the angel had said "The angel said the baby is the Messiah- the promised one. He is the one we have waited for," they explained. "But this is a stable. Would God be born here among the animals?" "Moo-o-o-o," said the cow. "Baa-a-a-a," said the sheep. "Coo-o-o," said the dove. Mary smiled. She knew- that Jesus was Immanuel- God with us. Later the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for all they had seen and heard. Jesus was born!

### Children's Message

with singing Happy Birthday to Jesus

### Message

#### Hymn #270     *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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!"

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*

Prayers of Intercession

(petitions)...Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

(prayer concludes)...**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

**MEAL** – *We are built up and nourished to be the body of Christ in the world.*

Offertory #279      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

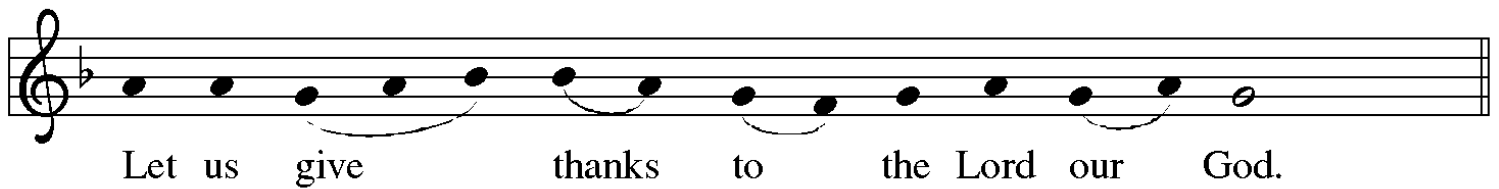
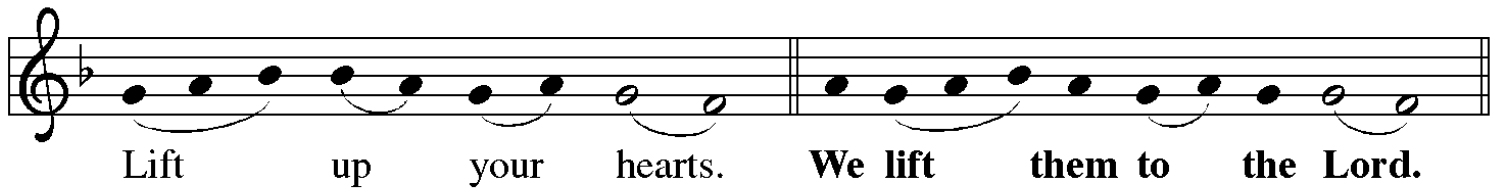
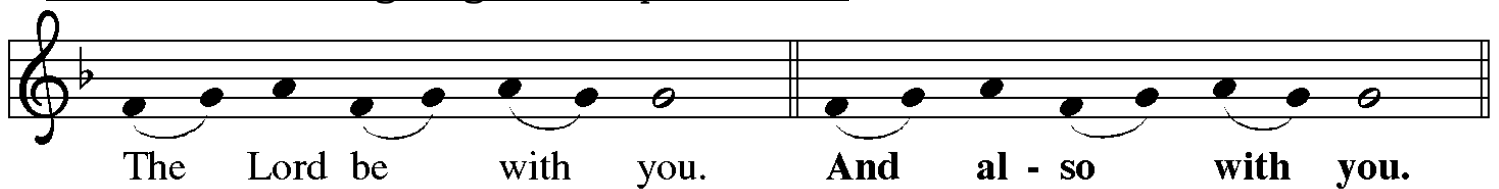
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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!

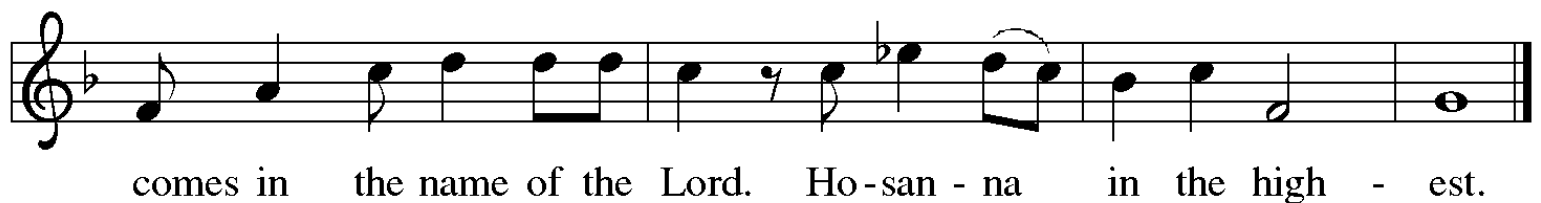
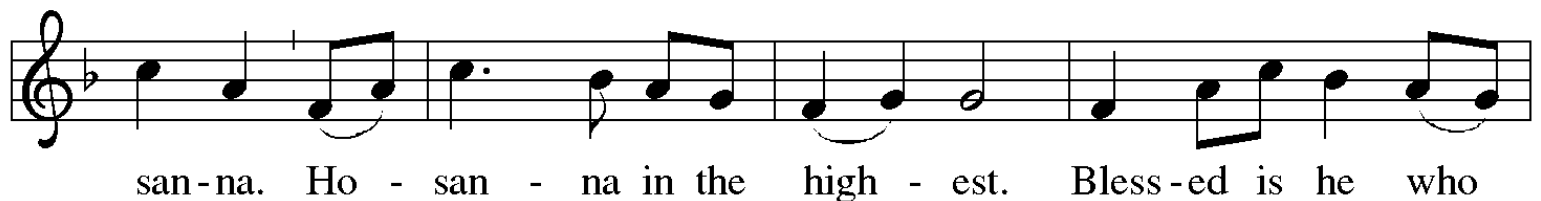
Offering prayer

Let us pray together. **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface



It is indeed right and salutary...join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer – ELW III

Holy One,...the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The 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.**

Breaking the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, one and all.

*Please be seated.*

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.



*The proclamation is shared for those communing in their place with an all-in-one kit.*

*Sharing the elements:*

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

*Each person may respond:*

**Amen.**

*The leaders share Holy Communion.*

*The assembly is invited to come forward by the direction of the ushers by the center aisle and receive Holy communion, then return via the side aisle. Gluten free wafers are available and grape juice is in the center of the tray.*

Please join us in singing the following Communion hymns:

*#289 Angels We Have Heard on High*

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

Refrain    Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
              gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

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

*#296        What Child Is This*

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!

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!

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!

#275 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

#276 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

**SENDING** – *We are set out to share hope and make disciples.*

Post-Communion Blessing      *The assembly is invited to stand.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. **God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please only tilt the unlit candle to prevent wax from dripping.*

Hymn and Candlelighting      #277      *Away in a Manger*

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.

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.

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.

*After all have a lit candle:*

Reading of the Gospel of John 1:1-5

<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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Hymn #281 *Silent Night*

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.

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!

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 thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Closing Prayer

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, born of Mary.

**May the light of Christ lead us as we carry the good news into the world! Amen.**

*You may extinguish your candles.*

Blessing

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit  
send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #267 *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing.

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 the sounding joy.

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 the curse is found.

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 of his love.

## Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude *Christmas Postlude* Stickle

*Please place candles in the bin as you exit the church.*

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## **WE THANK THIS EVENING'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Lector: 4 pm TBD

Acolytes: 4 pm Madison Hoffman

Communion Assistants: 4 pm Chad Altman

**THE ETERNAL CANDLE** is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of In Honor of my husband Denny by Karen Henry

**THE BULLETIN** is dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Our Family with all of our love, Karen & Denny Henry.

**The poinsettias are presented to the glory of God and are placed as follows:**

Andy, Jen & Heidi Koehl In Memory of Loved Ones

Denny & Sue Ernette In Memory of Our Parents

Lori & Rich Farrell In Honor of Our Families

Norman & Linda Bono In honor of our Children and Grandchildren,

In Memory of Ralph & Alice Bono & Jack & Barbara Beluh

Faye Campbell In Memory of Richard Campbell, Ken Wilkinson & Julia  
and Tom Kidd

Glen & Marilyn Nickodemus In Honor of Michelle & Denise

Judy Miller In Memory of Rick Miller

Mary Lou & John Millward	In Memory of All of our Loved Ones
Toni Fait & Family	In memory of Lloyd Fait
Barb Appleby	In Honor of My Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren & In Memory of Loved Ones
Dale Mertz	In memory of My Wife, Judy
Cindy & Mel Veverka	Thankful for Our Blessings
Donna & Family	In Memory of Merle Mull
Fred & Sandy Umbaugh	In Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren
Heather Rigoni & Gunar	In Memory of Shelby Sisco
Paul, Mandy, Ella & Isaac	In Memory of Our Mother Elizabeth Schadle & Our Mother Wanda Kanouff
Rob & Jennifer Hepler	In Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren
Wayne & Doris Kebe	In Honor of Our Family
Curtis & Rita Heasley	In Honor of Our Family
Frank & Marilyn Rassmann	In Honor of Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild, Adaline and In Memory of parents Harold & Lorraine Johnson and William & Louise Rassman
Dennis Barnett	In Memory of Helen & Albert Barnett, Debbie Barnett
Mary Ann Brown	In Memory of my Beloved Husband, Melvin D. Brown
Bob & Susie Eicher	In Honor of Children & Grandchildren, In Memory of Loved Ones
John & Donna Dorsey	In Memory of John Dorsey Sr & Jerry Dorsey Karen,

Brian & Rachel Fritz

In Memory of Gene Fritz

Jerry Starenchak

In Honor of Children and Grandchildren

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**

**Altar Flowers:** January 11, 12 (2 vases)

**Roses:** January 4, 5 (2 Roses) January 11,12 (2 Roses)

**Candle:** December 28,29, January 4,5

**Bulletin:** December 28,29, January 4,5

***To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center***

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Saturday, December 28 at 5:00 PM  
& Sunday December 29  
at 8 & 10:30am

Lessons and Carols

Communion will be celebrated.

Epiphany -the Visit of the Magi  
celebrated on January 4 at 5pm  
and January 5 at 8 & 10:30

Regular worship services in 2025

Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 AM