

December 24, 2009, 5:00, 7:00, & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion Worship

“Away in a Manger”

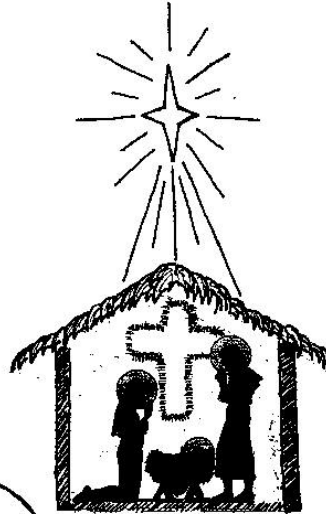
Gods gift to mankind wrapped in his love!

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given, and
he will be called wonderful
counselor, mighty God,
everlasting father, Prince
of peace.

Isaiah 9:2-7

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
son.

John 3:16



Look! There
he is just as the
angels have said.
Thanks be to God.

Robinson
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United Lutheran Mission Statement

*“United by the grace of God’s love, we come together to worship Him,
to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need.”*

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

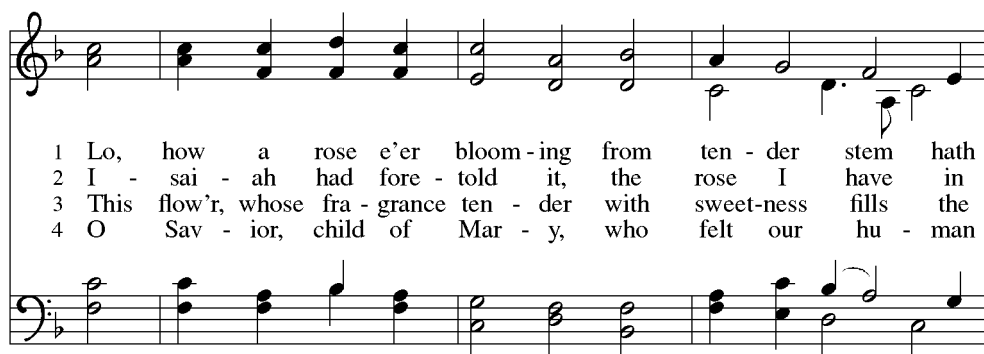
P Let us be honest with ourselves, our God, and with each other and confess our sins in order that we might receive the forgiveness of God and experience the joy of the community of Christ.

C **Lord, our God, we have sinned by what we have thought, said and done. We continue to pull away from You even though You love us with an everlasting love. Today in worship, we recognize our failures and our weaknesses. We confess our sins of omission and commission. We confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We come to You now, as brothers and sisters in Christ, who need Your power and forgiveness.**

P In the name of Jesus, the Christ, I speak His word to you: "I belong to you as you belong to me. I am one of you, I know you. I died and rose for you so that your sin might be forgiven. I feel what you feel and I love through your life. I forgive your wrongs and with that forgiveness give you power to change your condition as you live lives that are pleasing in my sight."

◆ HYMN

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth,
1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

◆ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- C The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.**
- P God who commanded the Light to shine out of the darkness, has shined into our hearts.
- C To give us the knowledge of the glory of God through the face of Jesus, our Savior.**

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◆ **THE PRAYER OF THE NIGHT**

- P Most Holy God, this is the night of all nights!
C The great light has come! Deep darkness no longer reigns! Joy beyond measure is here to stay!
 P Angels illuminated the night sky and sang this glorious news to the shepherds. Then they told the shepherds what sign to look for.
C Lord, we need to be told what signs to look for, too!
 P The mother of our Lord had the right idea. When she heard the report of the shepherds she pondered what it meant in her heart.
C Lord, help us to realize that the pace we maintain in life often erodes our ability to ponder, to reflect.
 P Restore our ability to pause and reflect. Show us where to look for signs of your grace. Teach us to act upon the faith we have.
C Amen

◆ **CONFESSION OF FAITH** (*Sung to the tune of "From Heaven Above"*)



All praise to you, e - ter - nal God! Now clothed in
 Once did the skies be - fore you bow; a vir - gins'
 A lit - tle child, you are our guest that wear - y



garb of flesh and blood You take a man - ger for your
 arms con - tain you now. While an - gels, who in you re -
 ones in you may rest. For lorn and low - ly is your



throne, while worlds on worlds are yo—ur's a - lone.
 joice, now lis - ten for your i - n - fant voice
 birth that we may rise to heav'n from earth

PART I

“Do You See What I See?”

- 1) **Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star,
Dancing in the night,
with a tail as big as a kite,
with a tail as big as a kite.**

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2:1-7*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

MESSAGE

“Do You See What I See?”

Pastor Myron

Meyer

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

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HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s

where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

City”

PART II

*“Do
Hear
I*

*You
What*

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin-ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

Hear?

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

voice as big as the sea.

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2:8-20*

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’ ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them

MESSAGE “Do You Hear What I Hear?”
Kerkemeyer

Pastor Frank

HYMN
Noel”

“The First

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
 Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

PART III

“Do You Know What I Know?”

- 3) Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm mighty king.
Do you know what I know?
A child, A child
Shivers in the cold;
Let us bring Him silver and gold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold.**

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet 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 Israel.”’ ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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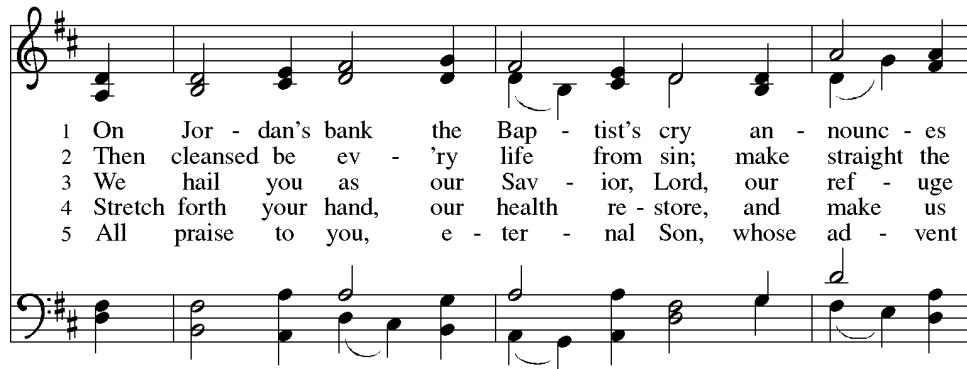
Pastor Myron

Meyer


HYMN

“We Three Kings of Orient

Are”



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

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for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

PART IV

“Listen to What I Say!”

- 1) **Said the night wind to the little lamb,
 Do you see what I see?
 Way up in the sky, little lamb,
 Do you see what I see?
 A star, a star,**

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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Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

**Dancing in the night,
 with a tail as big as a kite,
 with a tail as big as a kite.**

- 2) **Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
 Do you hear what I hear?
 Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy,
 Do you hear what I hear?
 A song, a song,**

**High above the tree,
with a voice as big as the sea,
with a voice as big as the sea.**

- 3) Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm mighty king.
Do you know what I know?
A child, A child
Shivers in the cold;
Let us bring Him silver and gold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold.**
- 4) Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people every where,
Listen to what I say!
The child; The Child,
Sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.**

SCRIPTURE *Mark 1:1-8*

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness “Prepare the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight”’, ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with* the Holy Spirit.’

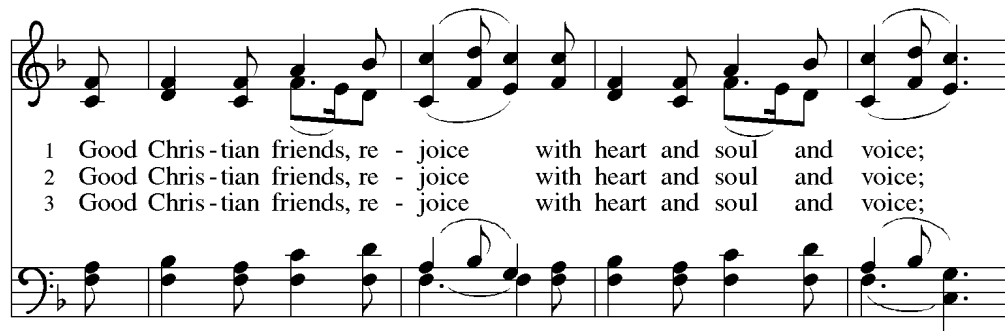
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“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s



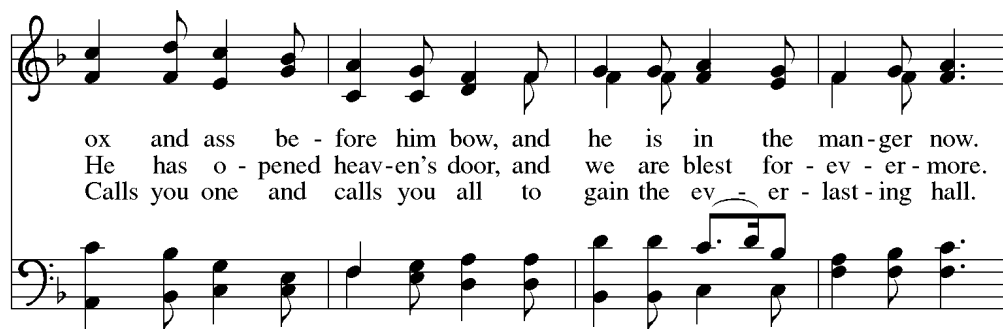
1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

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◆ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

◆ **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

(7:00) *“Christmas Medley”* (arr. Steven Curtis Chapman)

Lisa Von

Busch

(11:00) *“For the Sake of Our Brother”* (words & music by Paul O’Niell)

Judy



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with

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OFFERTORY HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on

come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our

soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
 Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMA, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

High

Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;
 1 I am so glad each Christ - mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
 2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
 3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
 4 I am so glad each Christ - mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
 5 And so I love each Christ - mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;

da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
 Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
 For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
 and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
 he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
 and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

Text: Marie Wexelsen, 1832–1911; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881–1959
 Music: JEG ER SÅ GLAD, Peder Knudsen, 1819–1863
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◆ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God,

C All that we are, all that we have is yours. O God in your goodness you have blessed us and entrusted us with these gifts. We offer and dedicate

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,

Hol - der 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.

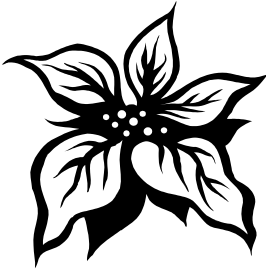
Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

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**gifts, ourselves and our whole lives to you, toward the care and healing
of all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

◆ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Sung to the tune of “Hark the Herald Angels
Sing”)

May the good Lord be with you



**POINSETTIAS ARE PROVIDED
BY THOSE LISTED BELOW,
“TO THE GLORY OF GOD” . . . and
AND AS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

<i>Mrs. Tom Novak</i>	<i>To honor my loved ones.</i>
<i>Larry & Carolyn Keil</i>	<i>In honor of Grandchildren Mykala, Levi, Ben, Sam Hannah, Sarah, and Isabella & John.</i>
<i>George & Jo Hill</i>	<i>In memory of George’s father, Arwood Hill</i>
<i>Steve, Susan , David & Stephanie Frack</i>	<i>In memory of parents, Arthur & Marjorie Borchert grandparents, and Duane Frack</i>
<i>John & Cindy Robinson</i>	<i>In honor of the beauty of the season and our grand children, Elena, Marisol, Mason, & Mara.</i>
<i>Marlyce Benjamin</i>	<i>In memory of Don</i>
<i>Myron Neemann</i>	<i>In memory of parents, Fred & Laurine Neemann</i>
<i>Harlan & Adelaide Low</i>	<i>In memory of Adelaide’s parents, Harvey & Erna vonSeggern</i>
<i>Harlan & Adelaide Low</i>	<i>In memory of Harlan’s parents, Charlie & Alpha Low</i>
<i>Bud & Janice Nelsen</i>	<i>In honor of children and grandchildren</i>
<i>Ernie & Debbie Thomas</i>	<i>In memory of parents, Ernie & Ella Thomas, Ilene Davis and Reuben & Rosella Adler</i>
<i>Randy & Kathy Tichota</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents, Jim Tichota and Robert and Darlene Bauer</i>
<i>Rich & Lou Litzinger</i>	<i>In memory of our parents</i>
<i>Frank Kerkemeyer</i>	<i>In memory of Franz Kerkemeyer</i>
<i>Melody Buck</i>	<i>In honor of brother and sister-in-law, Ken & Trish Buck</i>
<i>Lee Loschen</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>

<i>Ken & Dee Neeman</i>	<i>In honor of our grandchildren</i>
<i>Jim Landstrom</i>	<i>In memory of Delores</i>
<i>Ron & Jan Lubben</i>	<i>In memory of Andy Lubben, Dick & Clara Lubben, John & Cleo Epley & Rick Lubben</i>
<i>Jim Malone, Shannon Hanson Ashley Hanson</i>	<i>In memory of Ava Malone</i>
<i>Lloyd & Shirley Thomsen</i>	<i>In memory of Rickie Geitzenauer, Ardy Jacobsen and other loved ones.</i>
<i>Roberta Endorf</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones.</i>
<i>Kara Blobaum</i>	<i>In memory of Sue Simpson</i>
<i>Jim & JoAnn Shuey</i>	<i>In memory of our parents and daughter, Dynette</i>
<i>Marv & Cathy Jaques</i>	<i>In memory of Seth, Emily & Robert</i>
<i>Sharon Rippe</i>	<i>In honor of my family and in memory of my parents and parents-in-law.</i>
<i>Debra Wetzel</i>	<i>In honor of my children, Michael and Sarah</i>
<i>Charmain Satree</i>	<i>loved ones, are precious and their memory is everlasting. Blessings!</i>

Thank you to all who have contributed Poinsettias to enhance the beauty of the Sanctuary.
Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Day worship service

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided today, by *Paul & Luanne Schwartzkopf* to the Glory of God and to a glorious Christmas season.

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CELEBRATING THE ADVENT WREATH

Throughout the season of Advent, we have celebrated, as a time of preparation for the arrival of God's Son, into our hearts. During the four Sundays of Advent we have used the Advent Wreath. This wreath forms a circle. Circles have no end. Eternity is like the circle, and our life with God reflects this.

- ◆ On the First Sunday of Advent, November 29 . . . we lit the *Prophecy Candle*, which reminds us of the prophets who spoke of the coming of the Messiah.
- ◆ On the Second Sunday of Advent, December 2 . . . we lit the *Bethlehem Candle*. Micah spoke of the birth of God's Messiah 700 years before Jesus was actually born. As we lit the second candle, we were reminded that God is in control of every detail of our lives.
- ◆ On the Third Sunday of Advent, December 9 . . . we lit the *Shepherd's Candle*, which reminds us of the first witnesses who heard the **Good News**.
- ◆ On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 16 . . . we lit the *Angel's Candle*, which symbolizes the messengers of God, who came from heaven to announce the birth of our Lord and Savior.
- ◆ On this day, a fifth candle is lit. This candle, placed in the center of the circle, is the *Christ Candle*. It tells us that the One who is the light of our darkness has been born. We celebrate that light today, by sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion.