



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ROOTED AND GROWING

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

December 24, 2025 1:00 pm

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An\* indicates to please stand if you are able  
**Bold** print indicates congregational responses

**PRELUDE**

**“Gesù Bambino”**

**Pietro A. Yon**

**Susan Cardwell, Soprano**

**“Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella”**

**Gwyneth Walker**

**Donna Boland, Soprano**

**“I Wonder As I Wander”**

**John Jacob Niles**

**Lee Zelewicz, Baritone**

**“What Sweeter Music”**

**Mary Lynn Lightfoot**

**Donna Boland, Soprano and Lee Zelewicz, Baritone**

**“This Holy Christmas Night”**

**Lloyd Larson**

**Katherine Martin, Soprano**

**WELCOME**

**\*GATHERING CAROL**

**#283 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**Verse 1 - 3**

**\*GREETING**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
**In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**  
 May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE**

**#292 "Love Has Come"**

**Verse 1**



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the True Light: Jesus. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of the Prince of Peace, and on the last day awaken to the brightness of his glory. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*CAROL

#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!”  
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.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

## SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

#### *Stanza*

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born.  
And God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

### \*GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to St. Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

## SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

**\*NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **\*CHRISTMAS PEACE**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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## **\*OFFERING CAROL**

### **“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!

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Dearest Jesus,

**As we gather this Christmas Eve, we are reminded that You are God's promise of love to the world. Bless the gifts we present, that the ministry of this church may glorify Your name and serve the world You love. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some ties. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

....We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of music in G major. The melody is more varied than the first hymn, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed....Do this in remembrance of me.  
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## \*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.**

## 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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward as directed by the ushers. Take a cup from the trays, and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism and Holy Communion please contact the pastoral staff at St. Paul. Those that would like to receive prayer, please remain at the altar.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

**"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"** words by Christina Rossetti  
Susan Cardwell, Soprano music by Harold Darke

**"Come to Me"** Dan Forrest  
Lee Zelewicz, Baritone

**"Ave Maria"** Charles Gounod  
Donna Boland, Soprano

## \*CHRISTMAS READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

John 1:1-18

## \*CAROL

### #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 your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## \*CHRISTMAS BLESSING



**\*SENDING CAROL**

**#267 “Joy to the World”**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 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, repeat the sounding joy.
- 4 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, wonders of his love.

**\* SENDING IN PEACE**

Go in the peace of Christ and share the Good News! **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

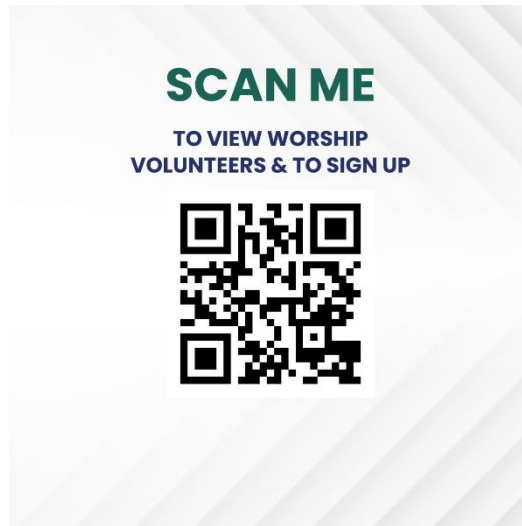
**“Joy to the World”**

**arr. by G. Peterson**

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*Special thanks to our soloists for our worship today: Donna Boland, Susan Cardwell, Katherine Martin, and Lee Zelewicz. Thank you for your gifts of music.*

**The Communion Bread** is given to the glory of God by Joanne Strunck.



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