

**The Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**3:00pm**

**Advent Lutheran Church**

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### **Prelude**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!; arr. V. Ryan

Variations on a Basque Noel; Carson Cooman

Jesus What A Wonderful Child; Spiritual  
*Sarah Stratton, trumpet*

Away in a Manger; arr. V. Ryan  
*Lindsay Detwiler, organ*

Children Go Where I Send Thee; Spiritual  
*Shannon and Caetlyn Stover*

Do you Hear What I Hear; arr. Simeone  
*Ava Detwiler, voice; Lindsay Detwiler, piano*

## GATHERING

### Welcome & Christmas Greeting



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to introduce yourself  
and connect with us.

**\*Processional Hymn**  
*(Music on next page)*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn # 283

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Dialog**

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

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

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

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only Son**

A: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

**C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

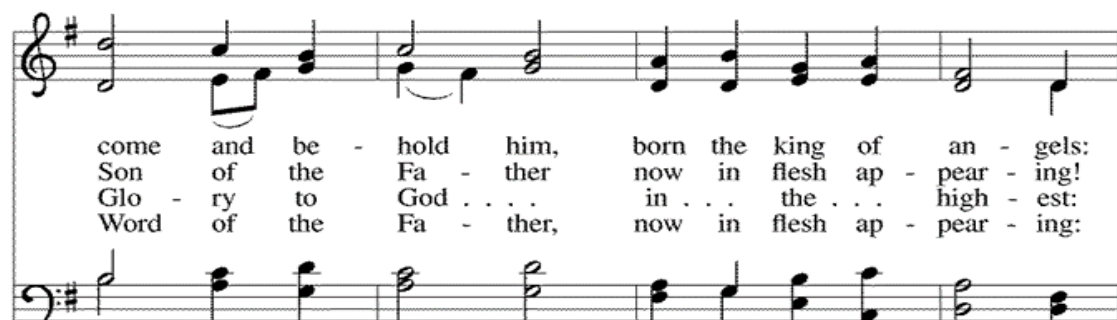
*(Please be seated)*



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!

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## First Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

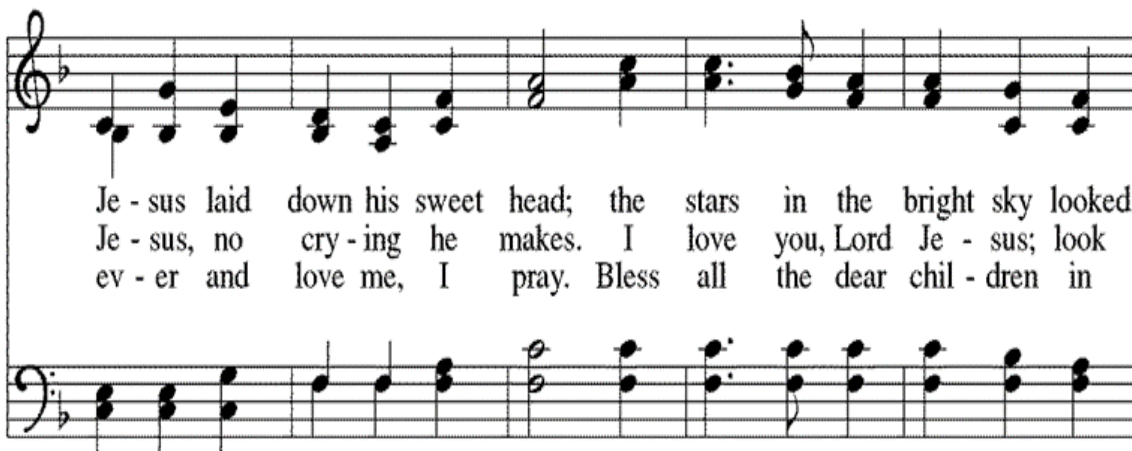
Hymn:

*Away in a Manger*

Hymn # 277



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

## Second Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

\*Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
(Vs. 1,3 & refrain = all; Vs. 2 = high voices)

Hymn #289

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.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

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

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the fourth verse and the beginning of the refrain. The third system contains the rest of the refrain and the final verse. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal parts. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, and the refrain is indicated by a bracket and the word 'Refrain'.

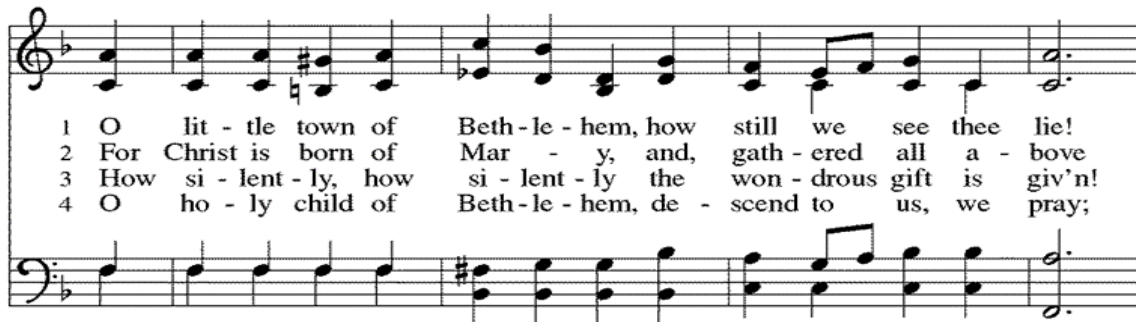
### Third Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

Hymn:

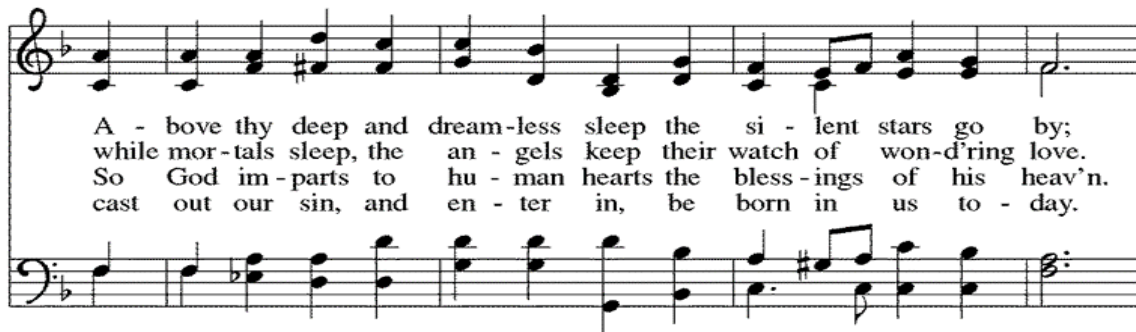
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn #279

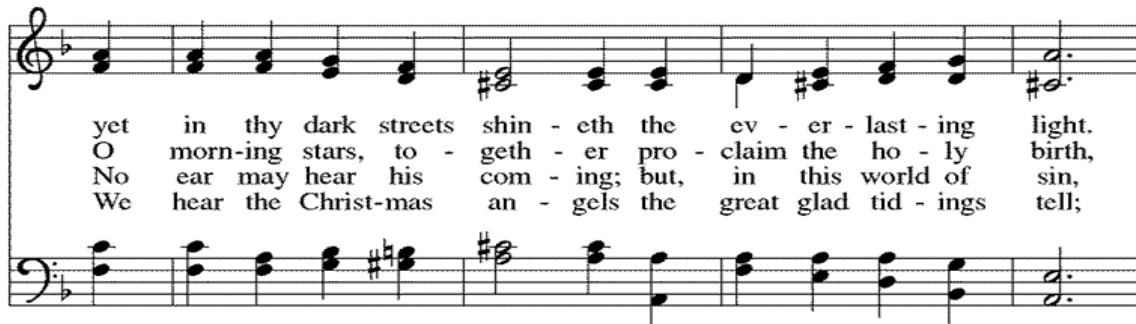
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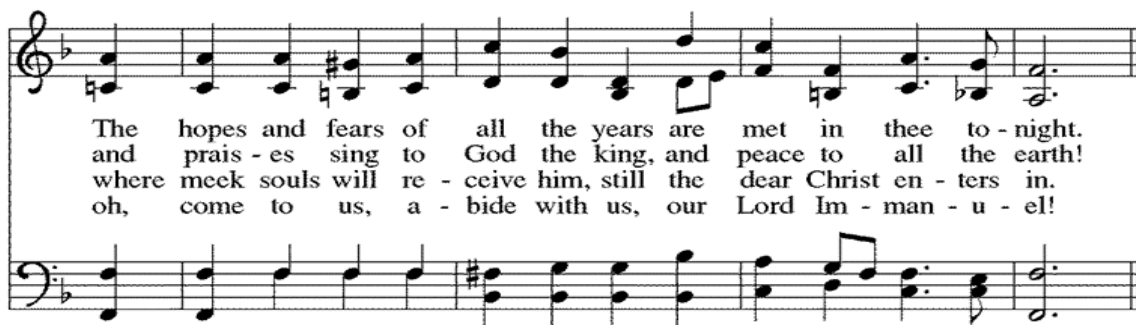
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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!



## Fourth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn:

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

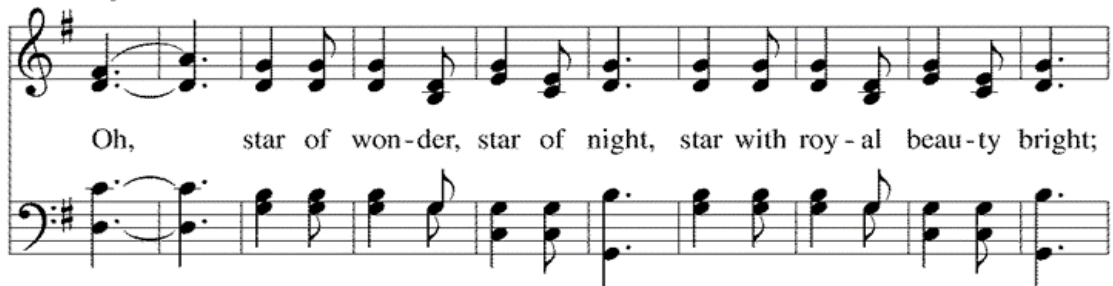


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of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

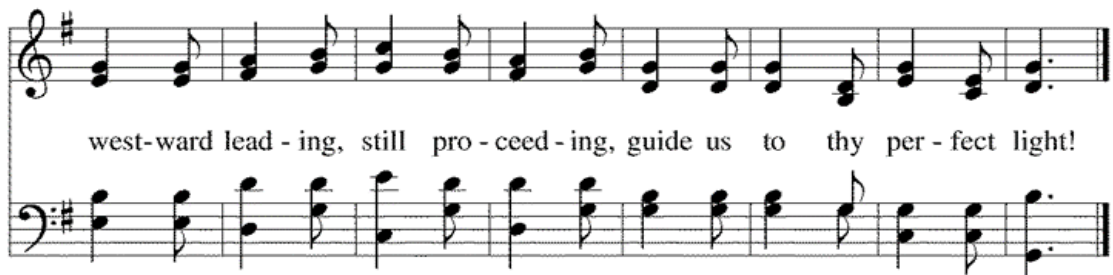


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold 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!

Christmas Message for the Children

Pastor Mark



\*Hymn:

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Hymn# 281

Vs. 1 German ALL , Vs 1-3 English ALL



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.

**\*Christmas Creed:**

**C:** I believe in God, the creator of all, who at Christmas sent us Jesus.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son. He came on Christmas so that we could see God living among us. He showed us how God's kingdom would be. He died on the Cross for us. On Easter, he rose from the dead. Jesus went to heaven, but he is still present for us.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who connects us with God's promises and with one another in the Church.

**\*Christmas Prayer**

**\*Sharing the Christmas Peace**

**P:** The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.



You may scan this code to give an offering.

**\*Offering**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymn # 290

*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.

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. God with us:

**C: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*P: Those of you worshipping with us online are invited to share in communion with us. I invite you to have your bread and your wine or grape juice before you as we gather to receive communion. What we share is not a private ceremony, but an act of worship within this community gathered by a God who transcends time and space. It is “for you” – Christ promises to be there for you. Trust that. And this sacrament is also for all people; we celebrate in the assembly. We are one community in worship.*

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise, especially on this night. We are reminded that the same Christ, promised in scripture, born in Bethlehem, promises to be with us here, now; in, with, and under the bread and wine. Here we experience Emmanuel – God with us.

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*Lord’s Prayer**

**C: 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.**

P: The Word is revealed in a manger, and in simple bread and wine. Come meet Christ in this meal. Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are forgiven.

## Lamb of God (tune: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion

*Christ invites us to his table. We welcome all who wish to receive the Lord's Supper. As Lutherans, we believe in the real presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine; for those with other understandings, we trust that God's grace is bigger than our differences. Those who have not received communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*At the ushers' direction, come forward using the center aisle. A piece of bread will be placed into your open hand. You may intinct (dip) it into the large chalice of wine or the small chalice of grape juice. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*

*Instead of the bread and wine, you may pick up one of the sealed wafer/grape juice packets or a sealed gluten free wafer and hear the words of promise before returning to your seat to open it.*

## Communion Hymns

*Joy to the World (music pg 12)*

Hymn # 267

*The First Noel (music pg 13)*

Hymn # 300

## \*Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in God's grace. **C: Amen**

## \*Post Communion Prayer

A: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

# 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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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

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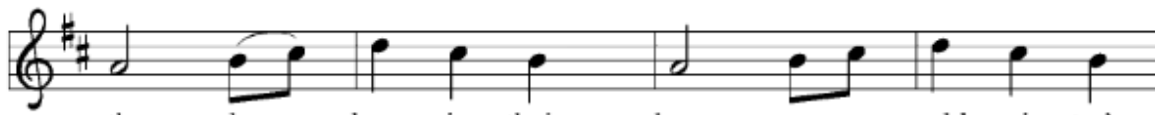
# *The First Noel*



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 . .



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.

Text: English traditional  
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

## SENDING

### \*Benediction

P: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father,  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### \*Recessional Hymn:

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Music on pg. 15)*

Hymn # 270

### \*Dismissal

A: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: Peace to God's people on earth!**

A: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *In Dulci Jubilo*; J.S. Bach

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Special thanks to all of our musicians for Christmas.

Please join us!

**Tuesday January 6, 2026, 12:00pm** - Doppelflöte (Melissa Freilich, flute & Vincent M. Ryan, organ). Center for Arts and Culture, 125 W Main St, North Wales, PA.

**Ministers** - All the People of Advent

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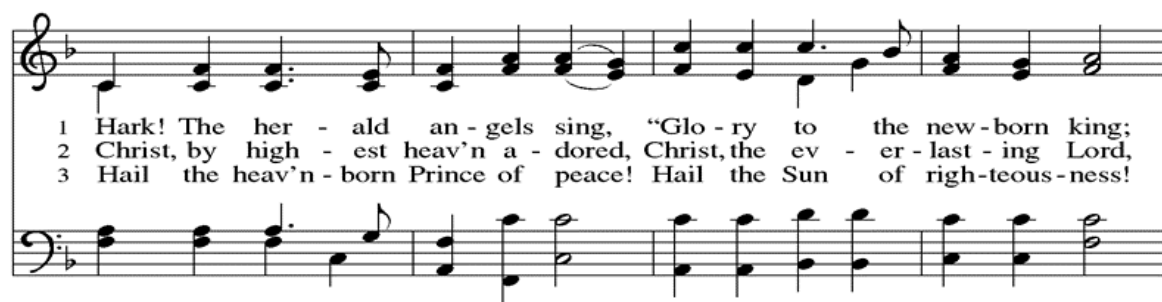
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**Lay Eucharist Ministers** – Joan Kelley, Carrie Ryan, Diana Shearer, Erica Heck, Betty Keck, Diana McClure, Amy Coll, Jo Gilbert



# 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

**Advent Lutheran Church  
2025 Christmas Musicians**

Rev. Mark Singh-Hueter, Pastor  
Vincent M. Ryan, Minister of Music

**Three O’Clock**

*Violin*        Skylar Bergey, Allison Farrell

*Cello*         Miles Nace

*Flute*         Kathy Farrell

*Trumpet*      Sarah Stratton

*Piano*         Ava Detwiler, Lindsay Detwiler

*Percussion*   Harry Stover

*Voice*         Ava Detwiler, Caetlyn Stover, Shannon Stover

**Readers**      Zoey Bergey, Charlotte Douglas, Gwen Miller, Wyatt Bergey, Ethan Heck

**Baby Jesus**   Ainsley Boyer

**Mary**          Margaret Boyer

**Pageant Coordinator**    Morgan Carosi

***Tomorrow morning you are invited to join us on Christmas Day for a casual worship at 9:30am.***

**&**

***Please join us on Sunday, December 28 at 9:30am for Joyous Lessons and Carols.***



## **Poinsettias Dedicated By...**

**Steve and Jean Godsall Myers**, in honor of our grandkids – Audrey, Susie, Charlie and Eva;  
in memory of our parents – Robert, Emily, Jack, Audrey and Chuck.

**Don & Doretta Roessler**, in memory of loved ones.

**Joe & Joan Kelley**, in memory of loved ones.

**Deane & Rod Werley**, in memory of loved ones

**Jim Keenan**, in memory of Sally

**Linda & Keith Alderfer**, in memory of loved ones.

**Ron Moritz**, in memory of Sharon Moritz and Barbara Moritz.

**Mark & Merlyn Singh-Heuter**, in memory of loved ones and Happy Birthday Jesus!

**Jo Ann Gilbert**, in memory of Anna & Paul Benner and Travis Marc Gilbert.

**Jo & Stan Wilhelmson**, in honor of leadership at Advent.

**Betsy Smith**, celebrating the reason for the season.

**Dean Shollenberger**, in memory of Rachelle Shollenberger.

**Rich Lantz**, in memory of Mary Kay.

**David & Robin Lutcher**, in memory of Bob & Jeanette Lutcher and in memory of Ron, Shirley  
and Craige Diaz

**The Forwood Family**, in memory of Wanda Saxer and William Forwood

**Coll Family**, in honor of Edward A. Fedok and Daniel R. Coll

**Richard and Gail Wightman**, in loving memory of loved ones.

**Kim Ribelin**, in memory of Rob.

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