



**The Nativity of Our Lord,
Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday, December 24th, 2025
9:00 pm**

Advent Lutheran Church

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Prelude

Variations on a Basque Noel; Carson Cooman
Vincent M. Ryan, organ

The Swan; Camille Saint-Saëns
Wade Dahlgren, trombone

Recueil de Noels (No. 2); Claude Balbastre
Matthew Balaban, organ

The Holly and the Ivy; arr. R. Shepherd
Chancel Choir

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear; arr. Franklin Ashdown
Hannah Fisher, violin

Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King; Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir; Bill Kesack, tenor

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear; arr. Lee Afdahl
Wade Dahlgren, trombone

He Came Down/ Go Tell It; Bradley Sowash
Jeremy Evans, trumpet; Eddie Fisher, alto saxophone

O Holy Night; Adolph Adam
Chancel Choir; Bill Kesack, tenor

GATHERING

Welcome & Christmas Greeting



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yourself and connect
with us.

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,

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.

***Call to Worship**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

A: In the stillness of this night we come to the cradle of the Christ Child.

C: We come to see what angels announced and shepherds proclaimed.

A: We worship the Word that has been from the beginning.

C: That Word became flesh, a child in a Bethlehem manger.

P: For us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.

C: And his name is Emmanuel, meaning God with us.

P: This child is to be a light to the nations.

C: The Mighty God, and Prince of Peace.

A: Look with your hearts and see this child, born in a manger. Open your hearts and let the light of Christmas shine in you.

C: Come, holy child of hope, into our lives this night.

*Prayer of the Day

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

C: 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.

WORD

Before each reading we'll hear a short introductory message. After each reading, we will respond:

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

First Reading : Isaiah 9:2-7

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Hymn # 282

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be -neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has -t'ning on, by proph -ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Second Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Away in a Manager

Hymn #278

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

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

*Third Reading: Luke 2:8-14

**Angels We Have Heard on High*

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.

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:15-20

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn# 279

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!

***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 worshiped 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.**



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code to give an
offering.

***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.

Offering: Bethlehem, the House of Bread; Keithahn/Horman

Chancel Choir

At the conclusion of each stanza, the congregation is invited to sing the brief refrain:

"Bethlehem, the house of Bread."

***Offertory Prayer**

A: God with us: 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.

C: Amen.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

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

*The Sanctus [tune: *As with Gladness Men of Old*]

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts, by all adored;
 Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!
 With the heav'nly host we sing highest praises to our king.

Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame be to him who, in God's name.

Comes to earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail! Hosanna! Praises be to the Lord eternally!

*Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life,...

...shining with the light of your son.

C: Amen.

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 instinct (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.

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

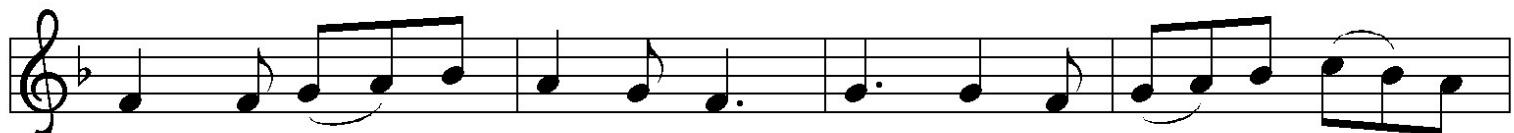
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.

Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional



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 Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

***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.

***Prayers**

***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.

(Vs 1 German; Vs 1-3 English)

The ushers will come down the center aisle and light the candles of the people next to the aisle. Candles are lit in Silence. Pass the light down the pew by **tipping your unlit candle** to catch the flame from your neighbor's lighted candle. (Please do not tip lighted candles)

"Silent Night, Holy Night" (Vs 1 German; Vs 1-3 English)

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.

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, ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

*Recessional Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn # 270

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves. The score is divided into four sections, each starting with a new staff. The first section begins with a single melodic line on the top staff, followed by a harmonic line on the bottom staff. The second section begins with a harmonic line on the top staff, followed by a melodic line on the bottom staff. The third section begins with a melodic line on the top staff, followed by a harmonic line on the bottom staff. The fourth section begins with a harmonic line on the top staff, followed by a melodic line on the bottom staff. The lyrics are as follows:

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!"

***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: *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*; Camille Saint-Saëns

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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).
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December 24, 2025 Christmas Acknowledgements

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Nine O'Clock

Chancel Choir

Soprano Judi Green
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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 Sixer and William Forwood

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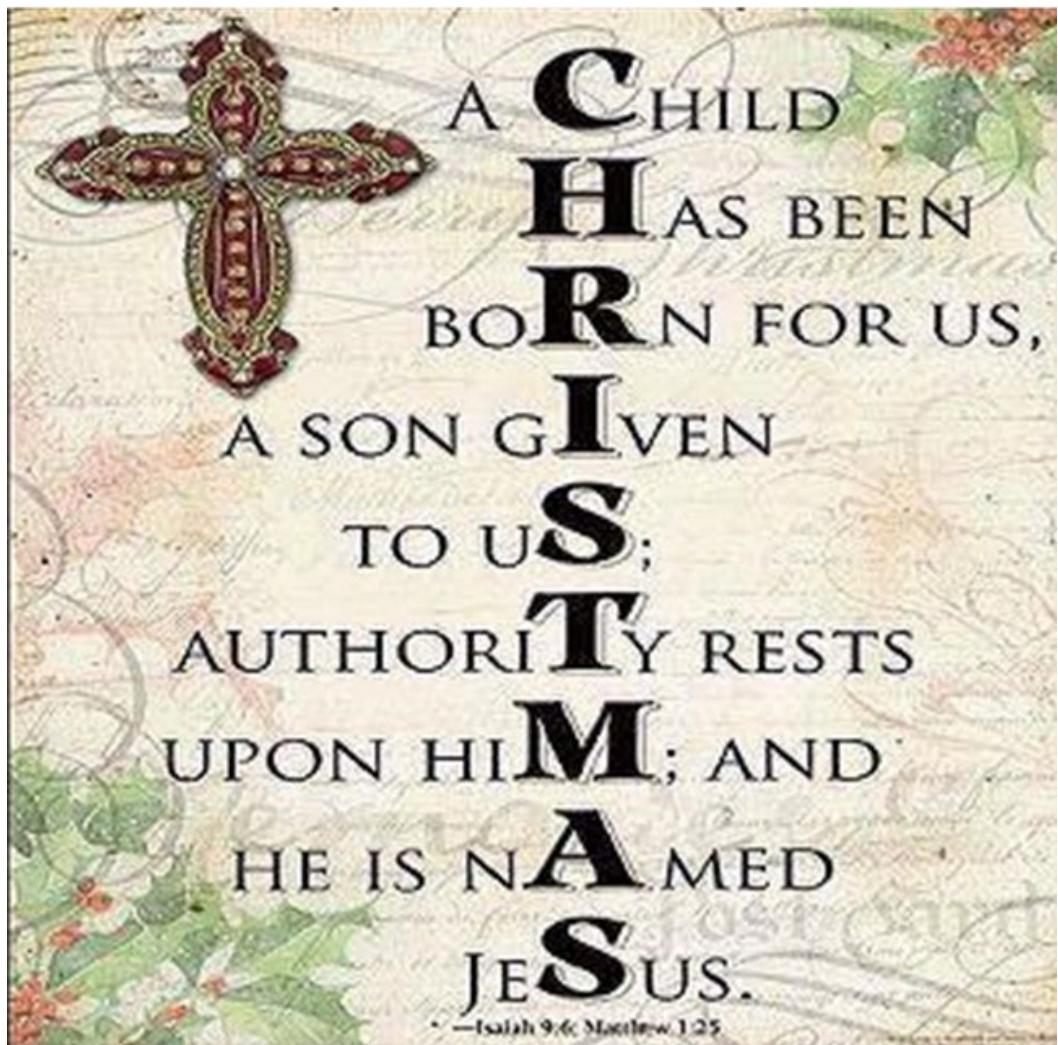
Richard and Gail Wightman, in loving memory of loved ones.

Kim Ribelin, in memory of Rob.

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You are invited to join us on Christmas
Day for a casual worship at 9:30 am –
PJ's OK!

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