

**Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin** 

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### PRELUDE-SING ALONG

HYMN#283"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"HYMN#279"O Little Town of Bethlehem"HYMN#289"Angels We Have Heard on High"HYMN#277"Away in a Manger"HYMN#290"Go Tell it On the Mountain"

6:00 p.m.

"In The Bleak Mid-Winter" arranged by James Curnow Wendy Sachs-Oboe

### **PEALING OF THE BELLS**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #282**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Pastor: This is the call to worship for Christmas Eve. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

Pastor: On this holy night, we gather to call you the Prince of Peace.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: You Lord Jesus, are the Savior of the Nations.

All: We praise you!

Pastor: Oh come, you faithful people, to worship the Lord of Lords.

All: We are here to give you thanks and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **GREETING**

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

And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<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, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <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. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 96

**Read Responsively** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.
- <sup>13</sup> You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

### **SECOND READING**

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from Titus.

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Setting 5



### **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:1-20

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

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph 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. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And 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. 8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" 15 When 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."

<sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

**SERMON** Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY: THE ANNUNCIATION & MAGNIFICAT

### **ANNUNCIATION SUNG BY:**

4:00 p.m. Sung by Wendy Sachs

6:00 p.m. Sung by Wendy Sachs & David Dagenais

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

### **MAGNIFICAT SUNG BY CONGREGATION**

"My Soul Proclaims your Greatness"

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, receive our prayer.

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG**

**6:00 p.m.** "All Is Well" by Michael W. Smith Duet: Wendy Sachs & David Dagenais

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight.

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.

Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

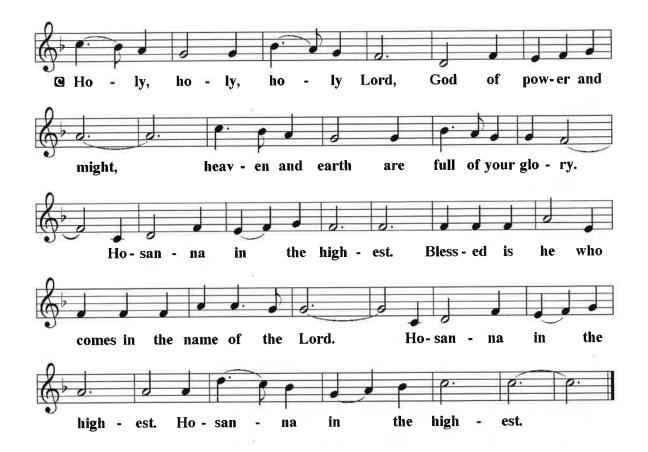
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **PREFACE**

### **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

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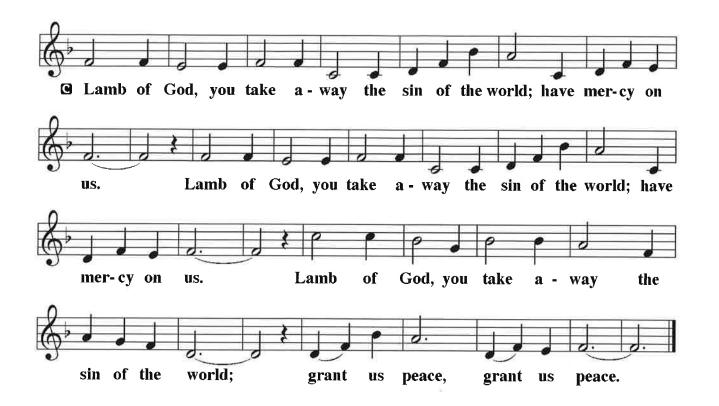
### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

### COMMUNION

### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

**4:00 p.m.** "I Wonder as I Wander" - Yuliya Smead, violin **6:00 p.m.** "The Snow Lay on The Ground" Wendy Sachs & David Dagenais

**COMMUNION HYMN #272** 

"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

**COMMUNION HYMN#276** 

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

### **TABLE BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

The God of love,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

Amen.

### **SENDING HYMN #281**

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"
German verse & 3 other verses

### **DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance — thanks be to God!

### **POSTLUDE**

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Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30am-2pm. Closed Friday. The office will be closed the following holidays, Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 31 & Wednesday, Jan. 1. zion@zionappleton.org • www.zionappleton.org For Pastoral emergencies contact the office.

### Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

### **Announcements**

All 2024 donations need to be received by December 31, 2024.

Take a candy cane ornament from our Giving Tree at the back of church, buy the food item listed and return it under the Giving Tree next week during service. The food collected will be used to fill Zion's Blessing Box and given to St. Joe's Food Pantry. There are also envelopes for monetary donations to St. Joe's Food Pantry & the Blessing Box. The Giving Tree will remain active through Epiphany (Sun, Jan 5).

If you purchased a poinsettia, you may pick it up from the sanctuary anytime after the 6 pm service on Christmas Eve. Please do not choose one of the artificial poinsettias. Thank you for your generosity.

Luke 3 verse 11 reminds us to give a coat to anyone who doesn't have one. We are collecting coats through Dec 29th for Pillars Resource Center located at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Appleton. Please place your gently used winter coats in the red bins in the back of the sanctuary.

Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Isa 9:2-7, Ps 96	Office Closed
Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14[15-20]	Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
Worship Service 4:00 pm String Quartet	Assisting Minister 4:00pm service: Grace Van Eyck
Worship Service 6:00 pm	Assisting Minister 6:00pm service: Tommy Meltz
	Acolyte 4:00pm service: Charlee Weiland
	Acolyte 6:00pm service: Freya Draheim
	Musician 4:00pm service: Heather Watney
	Musician 6:00pm service: Jim Schley
	Opens: Gene Wiese
	Closes: Jim Schley
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day
	Office Closed
	No Worship Services
Sunday, December 29	1st Sunday of Christmas
1 Sam 2:18-20, 26; Ps 148	Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer
Col 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52	Assisting Minister: Tommy Meltz
Coffee Hour	Reader: Jo Schiedermeyer
No Choir Rehearsal	Acolyte: Lily Gruselle
Worship Service 9:00 am	Musician: Jim Schley
followed by	Opens: Greg Pettigrew
Coffee Hour	Closes: Tammy Mossholder



### O, Come, All Ye Faithful



Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

### O Little Town of Bethlehem



Beth - le - hem, how thee lie! still we lit - tle town of see 0 gath - ered all bove For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, a the won - drous gift giv'n! si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly is Beth - le - hem, de - scend to ho - ly child of 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. bless - ings hu - man hearts the his heav'n. God im - parts to of So born in to - day. out our sin, and en - ter in. be us cast



shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light. thy dark streets yet pro - claim the ho - ly birth, morn-ing stars, geth - er  $\mathbf{O}$ to com - ing; but, this world of sin. No ear may hear his in hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; We



hopes and fears of all the years are thee to - night. The met in God the king, and the earth! peace to all prais - es sing to and where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in. a - bide with us, Lord Im - man - u - el! our oh, come to us,

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

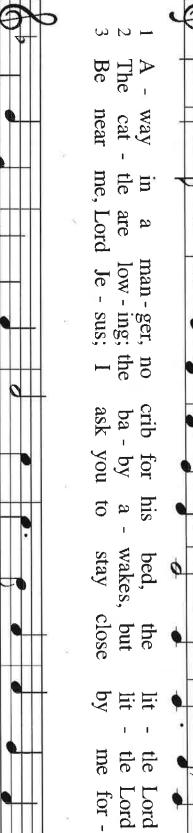
### Angels We Have Heard on High



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864 Music: GLORIA, French carol

## Away in a Manger





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

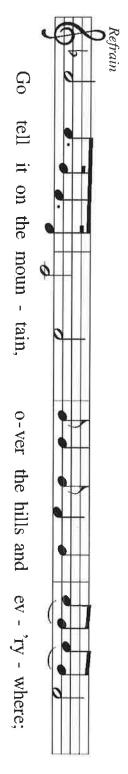


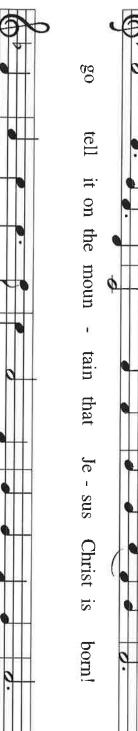
your ten - der down from the down where he lay, sky care and and the stay fit by my us for tle Lord heav-en, cra - dle Je - sus a -till to morn-ing sleep on live with you the is there. hay. nigh.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

# Go Tell It on the Mountain



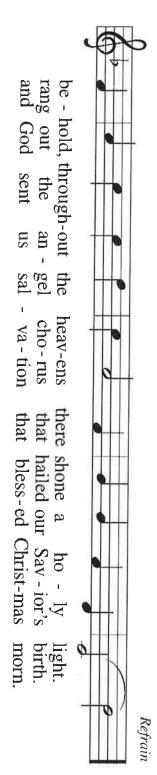


The shep-herds feared and trem-bled Down in a lone - ly man - ger While shep-herds kept their watch-ing when, o'er si - lent flocks by lo, 'a - bove the

night, earth

born;

lone - ly man - ger hum-ble Christ was



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt. Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

### It Came upon the Midnight Clear



- 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,



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

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



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

### Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



- 1 In fant ho ly, in fant low ly, for his bed a cat tle stall;
- 2 Flocks were sleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the child is Lord of all. saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift-ly wing-ing, an - gels sing-ing, bells are ring-ing, tid - ings bring-ing: Thus re-joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor-row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt. Music: W ZŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

## Silent Night, Holy Night! Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!



Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885

Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787-1863