

**WELCOME!**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**



*Merry Christmas*

**Nativity of Our Lord**  
**December 24, 2024**

- \* = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude –*by Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# • Lighting The Advent Wreath

**R:** Emmanuel is here with us!

**C:** We light the 1st candle of hope fulfilled. *(Light 1<sup>st</sup> Candle)*

**C:** We light the 2nd candle for love incarnate. *(Light 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle)*

**C:** We light the 3rd candle with joy at your coming. *(Light 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle)*

- **Lighting The Advent Wreath**

**C: We light the 4<sup>th</sup> candle for peace on earth. *(Light 4<sup>th</sup> Candle)***

**C: We light the Christ candle in a proclamation of God with us!**

**Thanks be to God!**

***(Light 5<sup>th</sup> Candle)***



# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God  
and one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**P: Gracious God,**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We confess to you and to our siblings in Christ that we have made decisions which have caused harm to you and our neighbors. We have put our selfish desires ahead of the needs of others. We have sought comfort in worldly things and forgotten you.**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: For these and for all the ways in which we have fallen short, forgive us. Lead us back into a right relationship with you, our neighbors, and all of creation.**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Beloved of God, I bring you good news of great joy for all people, for in Jesus Christ, all things are made new. For his sake, God forgives us all our sin and calls us into abundant life. Receive this gift with joy, ✝ in Jesus' name.

**C:** Amen.



# \*Gathering Song

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LBW 45



**1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the king of angels:**

*Refrain*

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

**Christ the Lord!**

**2 The highest, most holy,  
light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin,  
a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
now in flesh appearing!**



*Refrain*

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

**Christ the Lord!**

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens  
of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest:**

***Refrain***

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ the Lord!**

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:**



*Refrain*

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

**Christ the Lord!**

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: 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.**

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray... Almighty God, as we hear the story of our Savior's birth, we are filled with wonder and awe. Thank you for the gift of your Son, born in a manger. In our daily lives, help us remember the profound joy of this story. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C:** Amen

# • **Scripture Reading**

**L: Our scripture reading for this day is from Luke, Chapter 2.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord!**



- **Luke 2:1-20**

**<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. <sup>3</sup>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**

- **Luke 2:1-20**

**Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> 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**

- **Luke 2:1-20**

manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> 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



- **Luke 2:1-20**

**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.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and**



- **Luke 2:1-20**

saying,

**<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those  
whom he favors!”**

**<sup>15</sup> 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**

- **Luke 2:1-20**

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.

- **Luke 2:1-20**

**<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.**

- **Luke 2:1-20**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

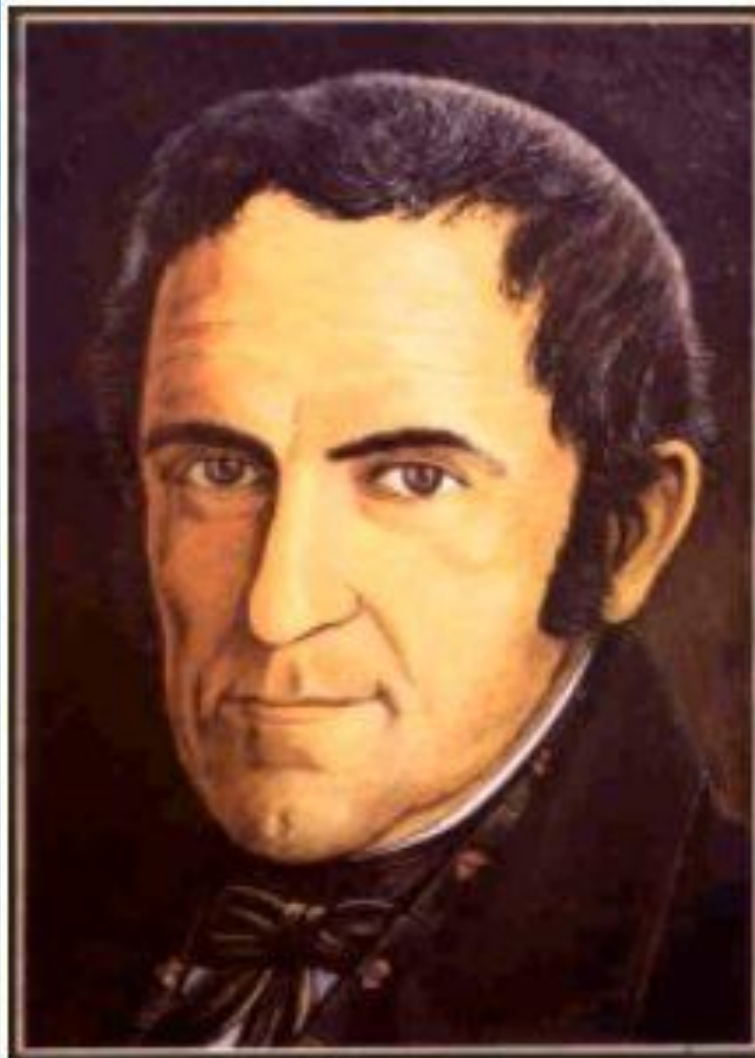
**C: Praise to You, O Christ**



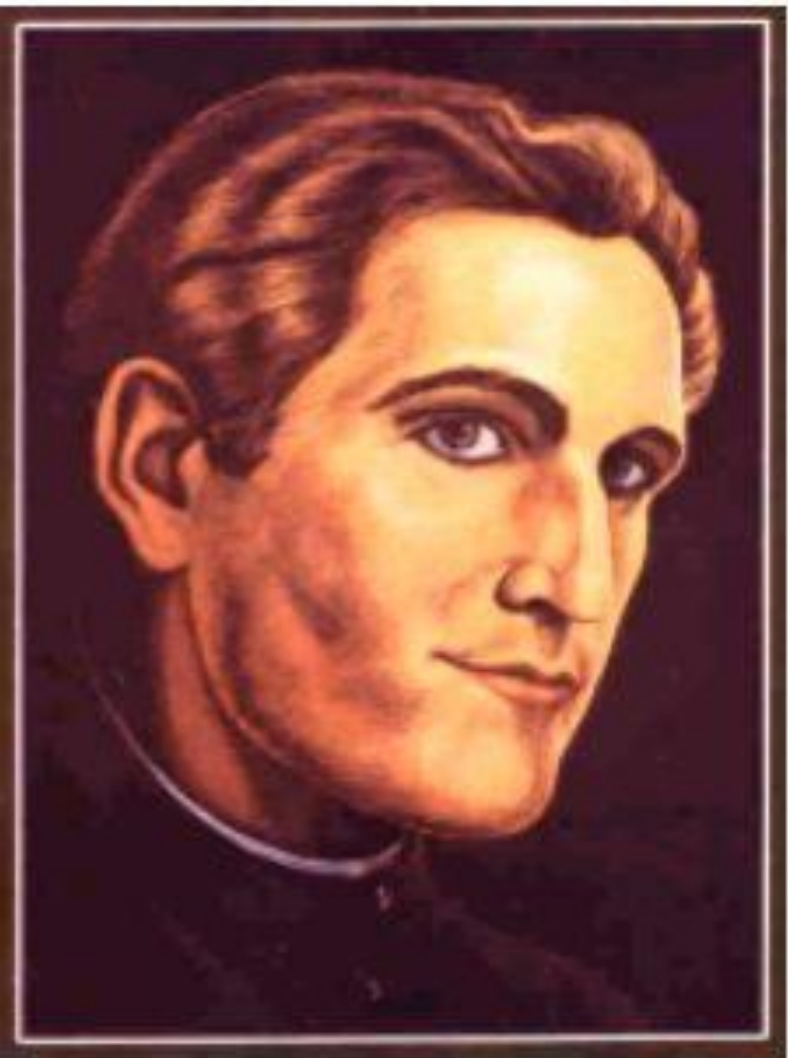
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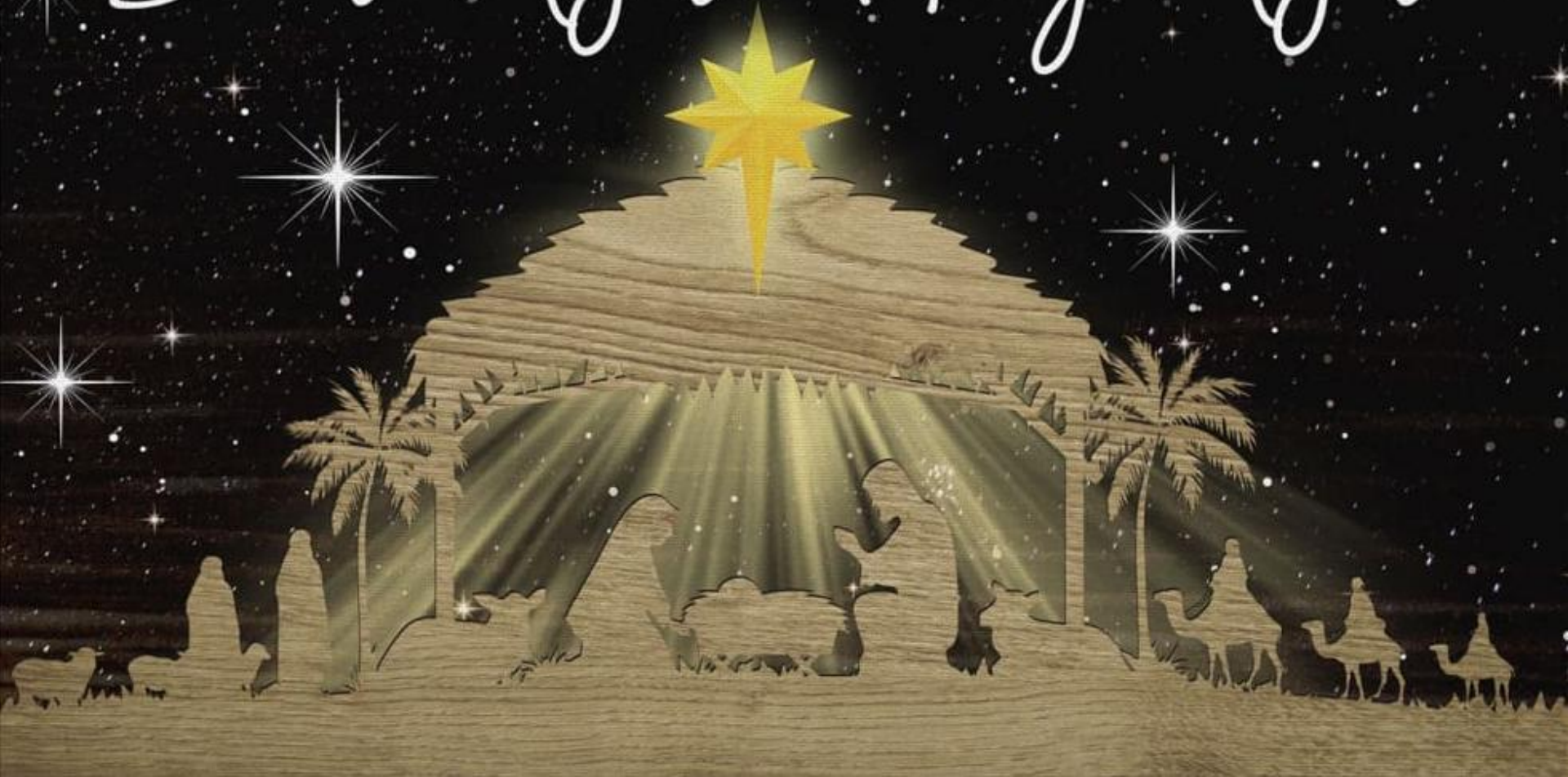


**Franz Gruber**



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*Silent Night, Holy Night*



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And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7



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*Daniel B. Holeman*



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**Born in a cave  
In  
Bethlehem**

**The cave of the  
tomb could not hold  
him!**

# SERMON



- **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“When Love Was Born”**

**by**

**Larry Harter**



# \* **NICENE CREED**

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

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**



# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: God, in your mercy,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** We lift up all of our prayers, spoken and unspoken to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C:** Amen.



# \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you  
always.

**C:** And also with you.

- **OFFERING**



*Merry Christmas*

- **OFFERING PRAYER**



*Merry Christmas*



# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome  
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

# \* DIALOGUE




**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P' (Priest), has a melody of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The second part, marked 'C' (Cantor), has a melody of a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note B5.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P', has a melody of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a half note E5. The second part, marked 'C', has a melody of a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note G5.



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

The third line of dialogue is a single part marked 'P'. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a whole note B5.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue is a single part marked 'C'. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, and a whole note F5.

# **\* THE PREFACE**

**P: It is indeed right and salutary...**

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



# \* THE SANCTUS



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



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

# \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P: Holy God, Creator of all...**

**...both now and forever,**

**C: Amen.**

# **\* THE 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.**



# \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: God with us, Emmanuel, Jesus who is called Christ, now welcomes you to the table of life, to the celebratory feast of all creation. In joy, come with your siblings in Christ and share in this precious and holy meal.**

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All will commune “By Station”.*

*The bread may be broken for distribution.*

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,  
they say these words :*

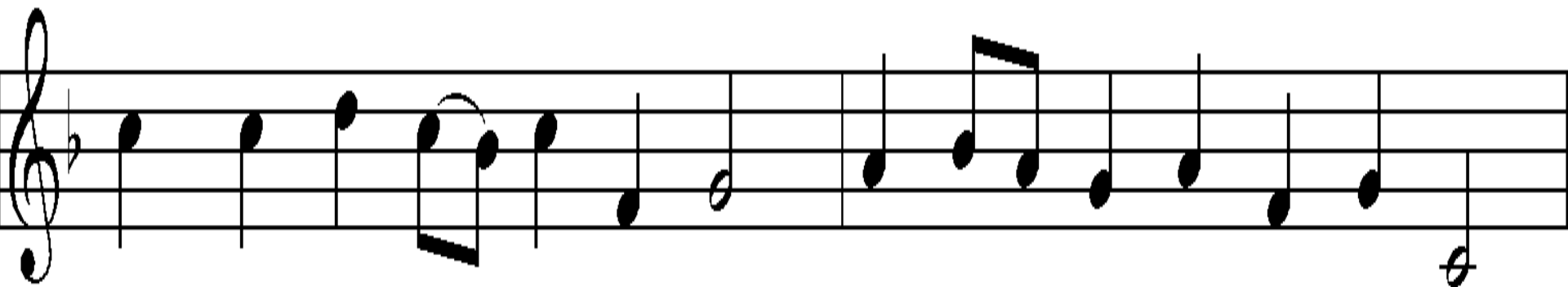
**The body of Christ, given for you.**

**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*The communicant may say:* **Amen.**



# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

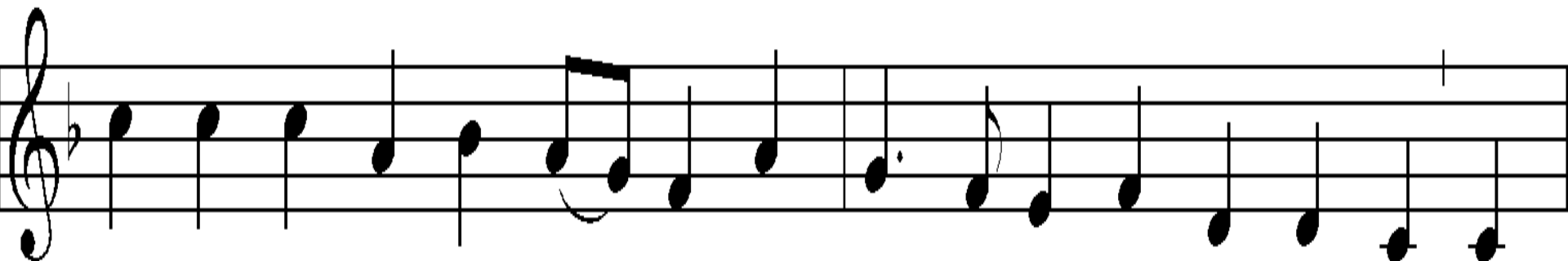


☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

# \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unity us, ✝ now and forever,

**C:** Amen.



## \* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray... 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.**

# \* LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

- *The Pastor and Acolyte will distribute the flame from the Christ Candle down the center aisle and the congregation will pass the flame from the center aisle outward.*
- *Unlit candles lean to lighted candles so as not to drip hot wax.*
- *When all candles are lit and the only light in the sanctuary, the congregation will sing Silent Night.*

# \* **Silent Night**

**1 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**

**2 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**

**3 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.**

***The candles are extinguished and the  
lights are restored in the sanctuary  
once again.***

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



*Merry Christmas*



# \* BLESSING

**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 Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen.

**\* Sending Song**  
**“Joy To The World”**  
**LBW 39**



*Merry Christmas*



**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.**

**3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**



**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.**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**By**

**Roxanne Groff**

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