

## A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPERS

*We are pleased to have you join us in worship at Advent Lutheran Church where*

**OUR MISSION IS TO:**

**WORSHIP GOD...**

**FOLLOW JESUS...**

**SERVE OTHERS...**

**MAKE DISCIPLES.**

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**If you are visiting,** please fill out the Welcome Response Card located in the pew racks and place in the Offering Plate.

**Children are welcome in worship.** Families are encouraged to bring children to worship to pass on the faith.

**A staffed nursery** is available during Sunday school and during both services. Parents can be contacted in the event of an emergency.

**If children become restless** during worship, please feel free to move to the seats behind the glass at the rear of the sanctuary if necessary. Bulletins are provided and the service can be heard over speakers.

**Disruptions during worship are inevitable.** To keep them at a minimum, please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment.

**For hearing impaired worshipers,** please see an usher to obtain a headset.

The ushers will provide further assistance or direction if requested.

Thank you for spending your Christmas Eve at Advent. If you do not have a church home, please consider joining us for our regular church services every Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS – SEND THEM TO [prayers@adventelc.org](mailto:prayers@adventelc.org) or call the Church Office at 614-451-3639.

## CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

7:00 P.M.

### PRELUDE

“RUN, RUN, RUN TO THE MANGER”  
“OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

JOHNSON  
CARTER

ADULT CHOIR  
JEAN PONTIOUS, PIANO

The Ushers will continue to seat during the first hymn.

### INTRODUCTION

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Stand

### CALL TO WORSHIP

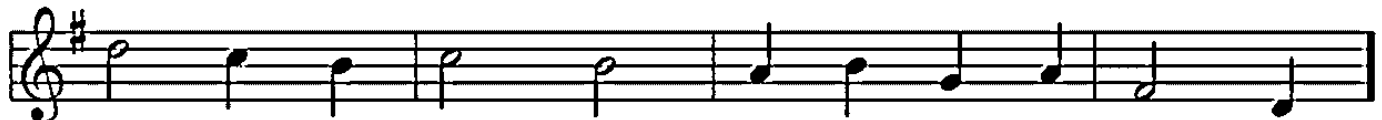
P Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord  
C **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**  
P I will hear what the Lord God has to say  
C **A voice that speaks for peace.**  
P Peace for all the faithful people  
C **and those who turn to him in their hearts.**  
P God's help is near for those who fear him,  
C **that his glory may dwell in our land**  
P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord  
C **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,  
 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, oh, 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*



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,

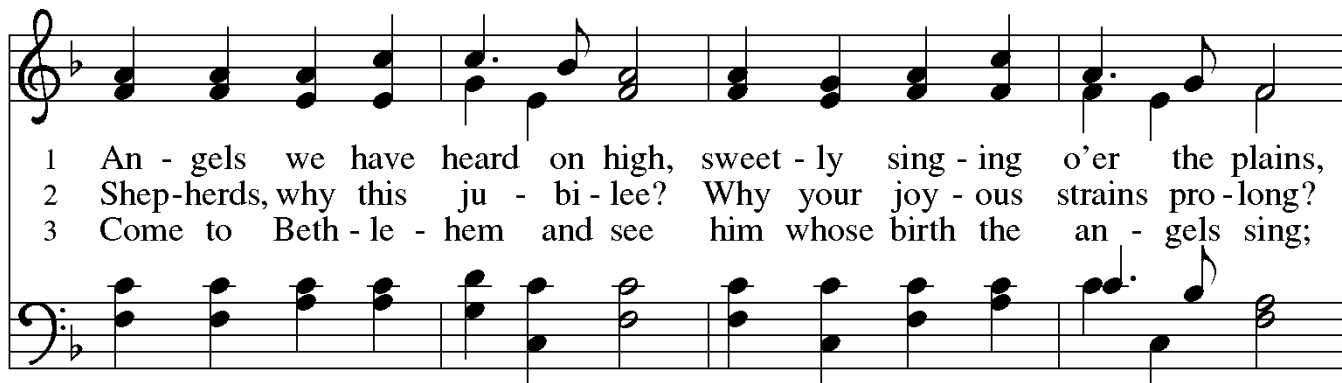


oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

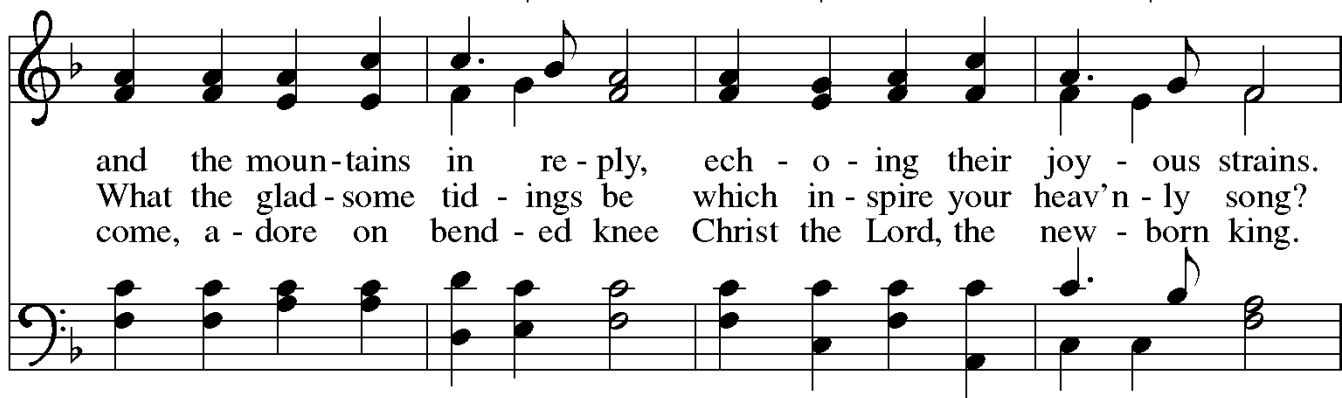
**GREETING**

P Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.



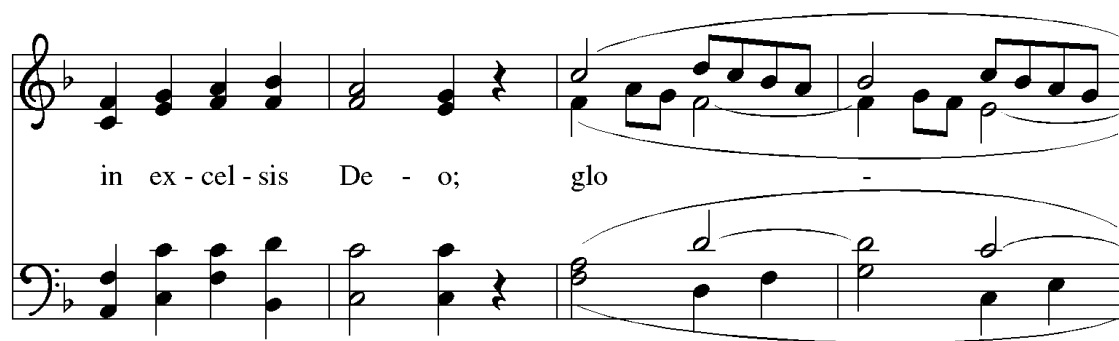
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



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



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## PRAYER OF THE EVENING

P Let us pray together the prayer of the evening.

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.**

Sit

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

<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.

*After the reading:*

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“HE IS BORN”

CARTER

BETH PITTMAN AND JEAN PONTIOUS, PIANO DUET

## SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.*

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>14i</sup>It is he 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.

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## GOSPEL ANTHEM

“RISE UP SHEPHERDS”

DOBRINSKI

BELL CHOIR

*Stand*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

<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 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 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 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 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 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.

*After the reading:*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR AARON LAYNE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“SOMEWHERE TONIGHT”**

**CALLAWAY**

**ADULT CHOIR**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

**A** We bless and thank the Lord.  
**C** All we have is from God.

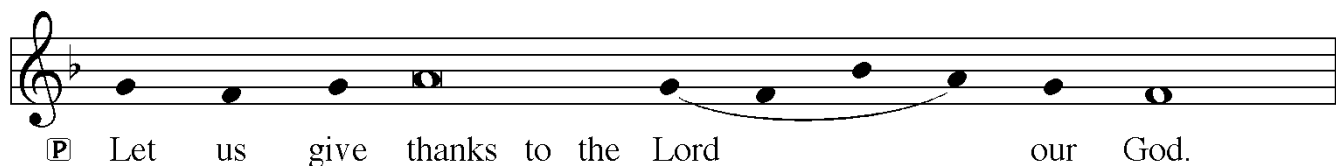
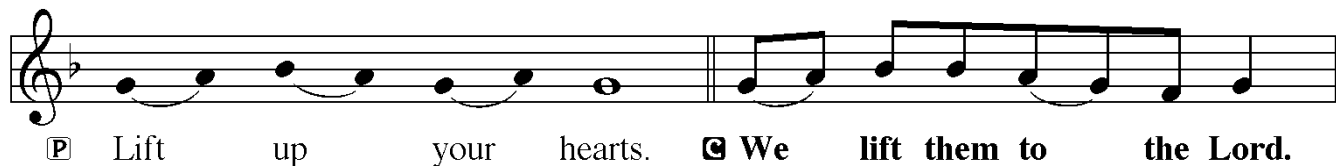
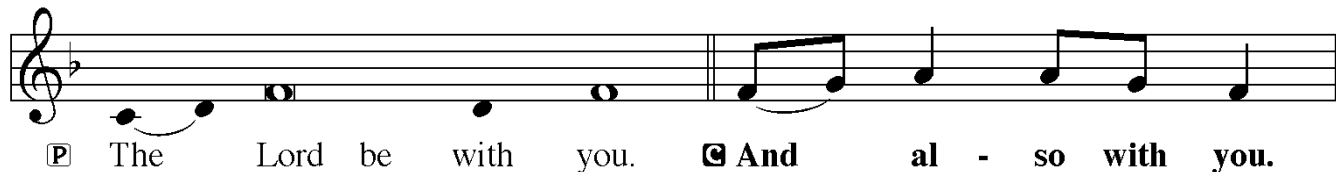
**A** O Lord, receive our offerings.  
**C** Our love, devotion, joy and goods.

**A** Blessed are you Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.  
**C** Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

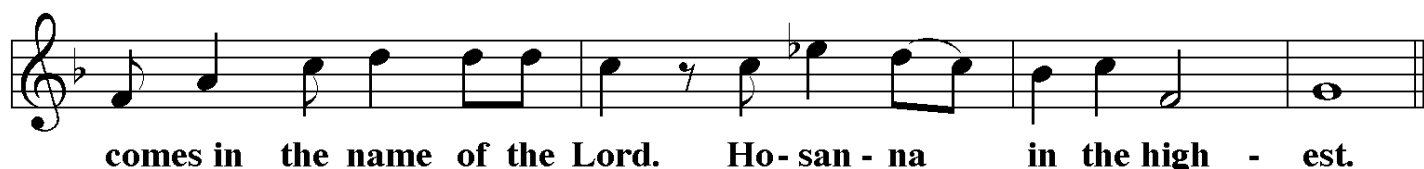
**A** Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.  
**C** Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this night.

**A** Blessed are you Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.  
**C** Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
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**

## DISTRIBUTION

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood,  
strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in  
peace and may the Lord be with you.  
C **Amen**

## CANDLE LITANY

P The world turns from darkness to light.  
C **We have seen His glory!**  
P See the radiance of a newborn child.  
C **Light and life come through Him alone.**  
P He is Alpha and Omega.  
C **For the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

P He is the Promised One of old.  
 C **The source of life and hope and joy.**  
 P Christ the Savior is born.  
 C **We have seen His glory!**  
 P God blesses us with light.  
 C **The light of the Child of Bethlehem.**

## THE CANDLE LIGHTING

*We sing "Silent Night" **after all the candles are lit:** The person taking flame from a candle shall tilt his or her candle toward the lighted candle. Once you have a flame, hold your candle upright so that the next person may light from yours.*

### SILENT NIGHT

All Sing

Vss. 1-3

LBW # 65

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,

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,

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

peace, born! birth, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

### WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

#### BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C Amen

### PLEASE EXTINGUISH YOUR CANDLES

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.  
 found, far as, far as the curse - ing joy.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his found.  
 love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others and Make Disciples.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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*The Beautiful Poinsettias  
that adorn our Sanctuary were donated by:*

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