

# 1 Christmas



**All who heard him  
were amazed...**

Luke 2:47, NRSV

**December 26, 2021**

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn**

**“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

**ELW #275**

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| <p>1 Angels, from the realms of glory,<br/>wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br/>once you sang creation's story,<br/>now proclaim Messiah's birth:<br/>Come and worship, come and worship,<br/>worship Christ, the newborn king.</p> <p>3 Sages, leave your contemplations,<br/>brighter visions beam afar;<br/>seek the great desire of nations,<br/>you have seen his natal star.<br/>Come and worship, come and worship,<br/>worship Christ, the newborn king.</p> | <p>2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,<br/>watching o'er your flocks by night,<br/>God with us is now residing,<br/>yonder shines the infant light.<br/>Come and worship, come and worship,<br/>worship Christ, the newborn king.</p> <p>4 All creation, join in praising<br/>God, the Father, Spirit, Son,<br/>evermore your voices raising<br/>to the eternal Three in One.<br/>Come and worship, come and worship,<br/>worship Christ, the newborn king.</p> |
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Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.      **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.      **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have**

failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

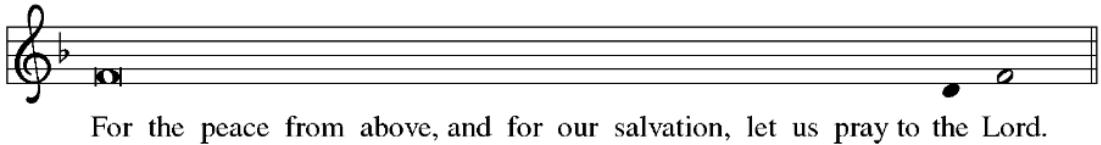
### Greeting

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.**

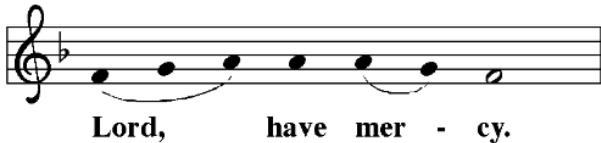
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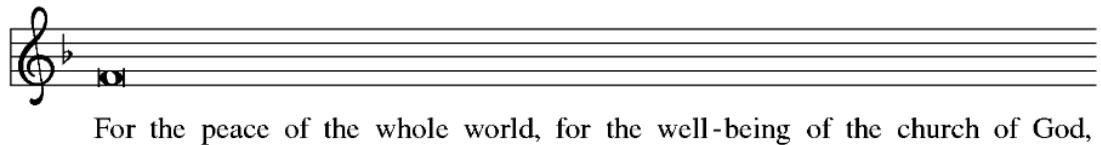
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



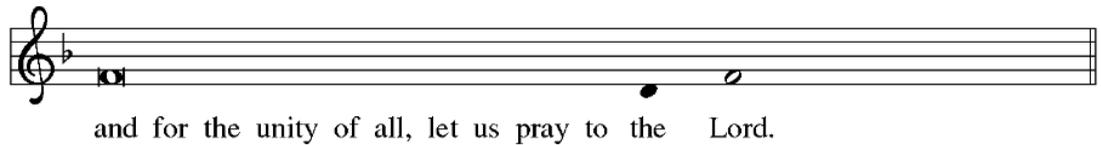
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



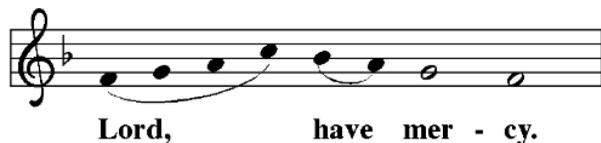
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

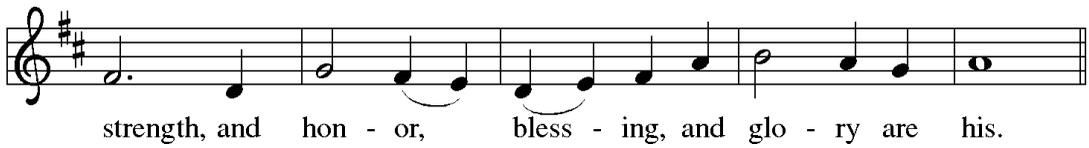


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

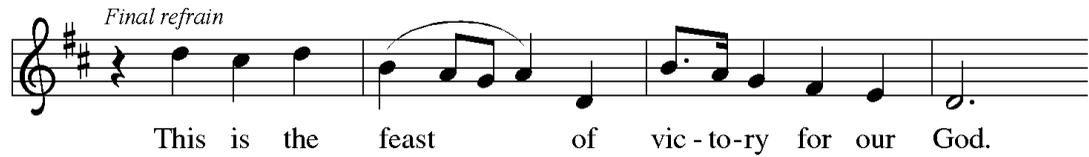


**Lord, have mer - cy.**





strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

**C:** Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Anthem**

**Jim and Andrea Hanson**

### Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

### Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**





words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dave**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"The First Noel"**

**ELW #300 vs 1-3**

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### *Refrain*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Text: English traditional

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of God's Peace

Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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### Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

**C: your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

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 our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

ELW #277, #279

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

## Sending Hymn

### "Joy to the World"

ELW #267 vs 1&4

- 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.
- 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: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Merrle Asleson, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Aurora Hoffmann, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Larry Hunstad, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Ann Julien, Kain Kittleson, Dave Marsh, Adam Nelson, Tom Postel, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, Linda Wieland, Paul Wilker



# OUR SAVIOR'S

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NEW ULM, MN

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**Communion Server:** Deb Kaehler

**Lector:** Tom Kaehler



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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>12/19</b> General Offering	\$ 12,492.10	\$ 437,153.53	\$ 444,363.00
<b>12/19</b> Building Fund	\$ 1,719.00	\$ 54,498.00	\$ 64,107.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 14,211.10</b>	<b>\$ 491,651.53</b>	<b>\$ 508,470.00</b>
<b>12/19</b> World Hunger	\$ 104.00	\$ 7,159.00	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>FB Live Views</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>
12/19/21	93	38	68