

# Ascension Lutheran Church

**Fourth Sunday of Advent ..... December 19, 2021**

**Welcome, All, In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

## **PRELUDE**

Please stand as you are able.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

[P] We are seeking—  
**[C] deeper faith,  
a place to belong,  
the feeling that God is here in this room.**

[P] We are seeking—  
**[C] joy that overflows,  
the movement of the Spirit,  
a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.**

[P] We are seeking—  
**the freedom to be,  
the courage to love,  
the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**

[P] We are seeking, but here in this space,  
**[C] We are found.**

[P] Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.  
**[C] God is here. We are found. Amen.**

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

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] Mary's world turned upside down with the visit of an angel.

This is a moment we can relate to, because over the course of the last year and a half, our world has seemed to turn upside down more than once.

When those moments come, we hope to respond with grace; but more often than not, fear can get the best of us. So today we turn to God in prayer, asking for God's guidance and grace in the places and moments we need it most. Let us pray together now...

**[C] God of safe spaces, we wish we were more like Mary, who in the face of great change, went and sought help. She did not wait for help to find her; she walked to the shelter she needed. Too often we wait silently for the world to change around us instead of speaking up for the things we need. Forgive us for failing to care for ourselves the way you would care for us. Give us the courage to be more like Mary.**

**God of safe places, we wish we were more like Elizabeth, who greeted Mary with laughter and contagious joy. How many people have crossed our doorstep and how many times have we failed to see them? Give us the courage of Mary, and the grace of Elizabeth. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

[P] Family of faith, even if we miss the person standing on our doorstep, even if we fail to care for ourselves the way God would care for us, even if we forget and ignore, turn away and shut down, God still loves us. There is nothing we can do to lose God's love.

**[C] Rest in this promise:**

[P] If we get lost,

**[C] we will be found.**

[P] If we mess up,

**[C] we are forgiven.**

[P] If we withhold love,

**[C] God is lavish in loving us.**

[P] We are claimed. We are loved. We are forgiven.

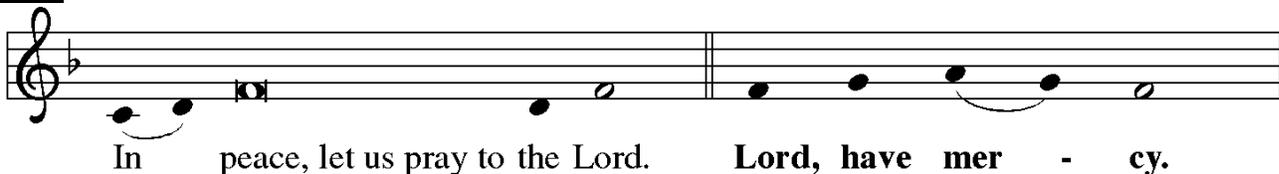
**[C] Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*GREETING**

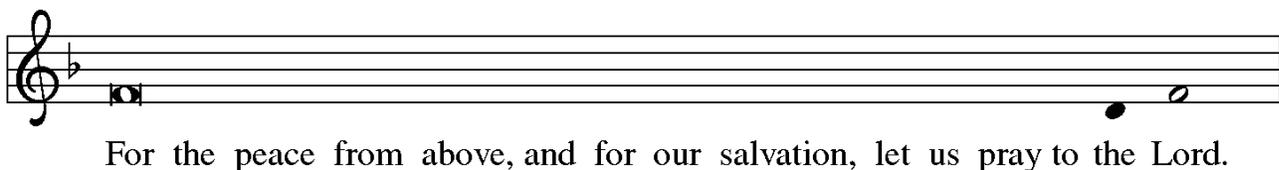
[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

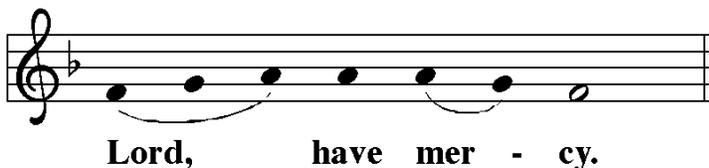
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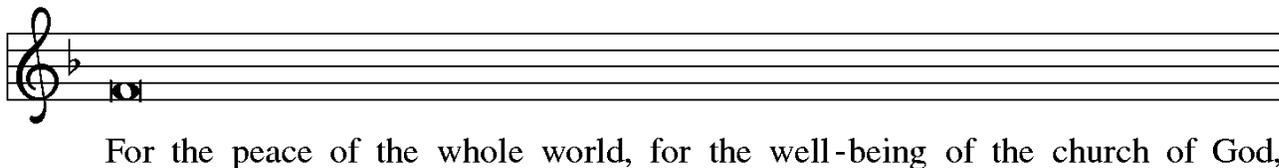
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



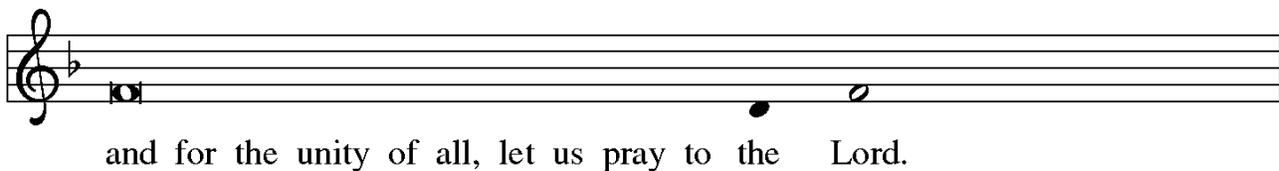
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



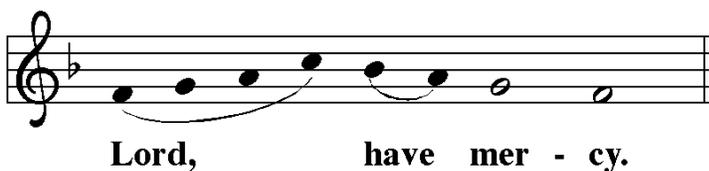
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**



[P]: May it burn brightly in this space and even brighter in our hearts.

[A]: Amen.

*Silence for reflection while all four candles are lit.*

**\*HYMN #257** ..... **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”, Verse 5**

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[P] Let us pray.

**[C] Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

**FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

[A] A reading from Micah.

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth;  
<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

[A] The word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Luke 1:46b-55**

*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)*

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
<sup>48f</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:  
<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.  
<sup>50</sup>You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation.  
<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,  
<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.  
<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

[A] A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

[A] The word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45**

[P] The holy gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

**[C] Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

<sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb

leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

[P] The gospel of our Lord.

**[C] Praise to you O Christ.**

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

[P] Holy God,

We come to your Scripture today  
hoping that it will feel a bit like an open door,  
like Elizabeth welcoming Mary, like coming home.

We want to fall into it.

We want to find sanctuary here.

We want to breathe easier just hearing these words.

And we want to find ourselves laughing  
because this good news is just too good to keep inside.

So hover close to us now, we pray.

Open the door to our hearts  
so that we might find sanctuary in your words.

Gratefully we pray,

**[C] Amen.**

Please be seated.

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Christina Auch**

Please stand.

**\*HYMN #249..... “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

**\*NICENE CREED**

[P] God has gathered his people into one Church through Christ. Together with sisters and brothers throughout the world, we confess our faith...

**[C] 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

[A] In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

[A] Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need. We pray especially for those we name aloud now or silently in our hearts...

**Kathy Backof** (Donna Lilly's dear friend), **Martha** Beam (Eleanor Hendrick's friend), **Daniel** Botts (Ladley and Jane Burn's grandson), **Cody** Bryant (Bob Bryant's grandson), **Kathy** Callahan (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Mike** Callahan (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Chuck** Cook (Fred and Nancy DeBell's cousin), **Edna** Cooper (Bill Bridges' Aunt), **Phil** Costello (Donna Lilly's friend), **Sonya** Cress (Jenny White's friend), **Drew** Curtner (Bob Bryant's grandson), **The Davenport Family** (Dave and Priscilla Williams' friends), **Charles and Mary** Degree (Karen Long's friends), **Saher** Degree (Gail Sherman's friend), **Tim** Farmer (Pastor Christina and Jamie's friend), **Ashton** Fields (Carol Berger's friend), **Avan** Fields (Carol Berger's friend), **Carol Ann** Forgas (Bill Bridges' friend), **Mike** Greene (Gail Sherman's friend), **Rev. Carl** Greenawald (DeBell's friends), **Wayne** Hector (Jim Wilson's friend), **Joe** Hutchinson (William Coyne's friend), **Debbie** Irvin (Bill Bridges' friend), **Patti** Jenkins (Priscilla Williams' friend), **Kay** Johnson (Eleanor Hendrick's cousin), **Steve** Jolly (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Mark** Kent (Majorie Olsen's son), **Rachel** Kidwell (Dave William's niece), **Bob and Mary Cook** Koontz (Dale Guffey's parents), **Jim** Lilly (Dick and Donna Lilly's son), **Matt** Lilly (Dick and Donna Lilly's son), **Roberto** Lopez (William Coyne's friend), **Sonya and Gerald** Lovelace (Bill

Bridges' friend), **Brenda** Lowery (Gail Sherman's friend), **Eva** McCombs (Sandra Waldrop's mother), **Janice** McGoven (Eleanor Hendricks' sister), **Sheri Dawn** Mack (Relative of Karen Hubbard), **Ed** Marler (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Gay** Helms Melton (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Mary Bell** Moore (Lacy's neighbor and the Hubbard's and Johnson's granddaughter), **Pat** Mullen (Johanna Gillespie's friend), **Wanda** Mullinax (Edith Kelly's niece), **Teresa** Olsen (Marjorie Olsen's daughter-in-law), **Jeanne** Patterson (Karen Long's cousin), **Bob** Patzer (Carol Berger's brother-in-law), **Linda** Patzer (Carol Berger's sister), **Gerard** Peruzzi (Carol Berger's brother), **Margaret** Peruzzi (Carol Berger's mother), **Liz and Ron** Dal Poggetto (Judy Bridges' friends), **John** Reid (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Beth** Rhyne (Ladley and Jane Burn's friend), **Sue** Rippy (Donna and Dick Lilly's neighbor), **Fred** Ryan (Fred and Nancy DeBell's cousin in law), **Evan** Sealey (Eleanor Hendrick's friend), **Candace** Siddlow (Courtney Richard's mother), **Floyd** Tate, Jr. (John Lilly's friend), **Jean and Jim** Tesseneer (Bill Bridges friend), **Beth** Thomas (Carol Berger's daughter), **David** Tucker (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **David** Waldrop (Sandra Waldrop's husband), **Edith** Walker (Allen and Lisa Philbeck's friend's mother), **Freda Walker** (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Molly and Darryl** Waterstraat (Karen Hubbard's friends), **Alfie** Welch (Renee Buchanan's brother), **Christopher** Willever (David Williams' grandson), **Mary Ann** Woolley (Sandra Waldrop's aunt).

**Members:** **Dean** Davis, **Lin** Washburn, **Dot** Paul, **Bob** Bryant, **William** Coyne, **Jim** Wilson, **Bobbie** Johnson, **Gerald** Washburn, **Ann** Sipe, **Marjorie** Olsen and **Scott** Stone.

**In Undergraduate College:** **Emma** Auch, **Brooke** Buchanan, **Samantha** Hoffman, **Jacob** Stone, **Catherine** Lilly, **Matthew** Lilly.

[A] Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness. Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness. Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

[A] God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**[C] Amen.**

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (We are not “passing” the peace in any physical way. Online you are invited to share a greeting of peace in the comments.)

[P] The peace of Christ be with you always.

**[C] And also with you.**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

[P] Elizabeth offers her home.

She offers her arms.

She offers her joy.

She offers her affirmation and confidence.

Elizabeth offers everything she has when Mary shows up at her door, and it just feels holy, doesn't it?

Part of our call as people of faith is to give when and where we can. So today we are invited to be a little more like Elizabeth. Today we are invited to give generously, trusting that God will take these gifts and build a better world here.

Let us give with joyful hearts.

Make a one time or recurring gift using **the website** or **the GivePlus app** on iPhone or Android. You can give using ACH (bank account), Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Or **text 844-906-2283** and enter the amount you wish to donate.<sup>2</sup> Click the registration link and enter your payment information.<sup>3</sup> Receive a verification text as well as an email receipt. For future giving, simply send a text to the same number with the amount you wish to give, and your donation will process automatically.

Or **mail your regular tithe or offering** to PO Box 266, Shelby, NC 28151.

Please stand.

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN #884** ..... **“Doxology”**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

Good and gracious God,

We give these gifts for the seekers.

We give these gifts for those who need sanctuary.

We give these gifts for those who build sanctuaries.

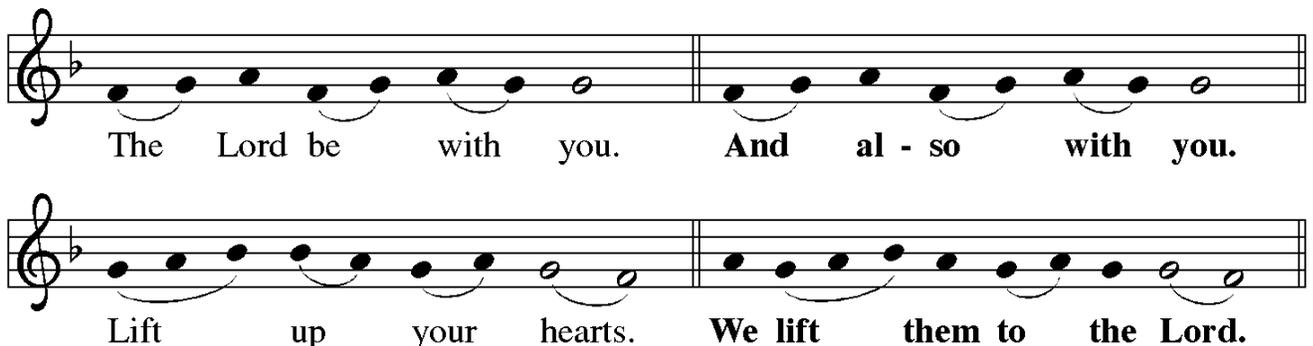
We give these gifts for those who have lost sanctuary,  
and for those who find sanctuary all over the place.

Use these gifts to bring us closer to home.

With joy and hope in our hearts we pray,

[C] Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and are accompanied by a simple bass line.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE**

[P] Blessed are you, O God, ruler of the universe!  
 You draw your people to you  
 with the promise of salvation.  
 In your goodness,  
 every promise you make is fulfilled.

You delivered your people from bondage and exile,  
 bringing them home and renewing their song.

When your creation was captive to sin,  
 you sent Christ to restore the whole world.  
 In your love and by your Spirit,  
 you have invited us in and welcomed us home  
 and so we thank you with the faithful of every time and place.

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.

Gathering God, as grain is collected from the fields,  
in Christ, you draw us to yourself;  
and as grapes are brought together in one cup,  
in this holy meal, you make us one family.

Send your Spirit upon your church  
that we may welcome the lost and the lonely,  
into the household of Christ,  
who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,  
“This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup  
and he gave it to them saying,  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
Great is the mystery of faith.

**[C] Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

God of justice,  
you have promised to make your home among us:  
come quickly to those who wait for you.  
Raise up every head that is bent low in sin.  
Lift up every heart that is bowed down in shame.  
Uphold every soul that is made heavy by oppression.

Inspire every weary throat to sing of the day when justice and mercy will find their home in you.

Even so, come Lord Jesus.

**[C] Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

[P] Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**[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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

[P] Bread of Life, be Light in our darkness.

**[C] Christ is the Light of the world.**

Cup of Salvation, be Strength for our journey.

**[C] Christ is the Hope of the world.**

The gifts of God

**[C] for the people of God.**

Let us come for all things are now ready.

Please be seated.

**DISTRIBUTION**

[P] This is the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

**[C] Amen.**

Please remain seated.

If you are not communing, please receive this blessing for you:  
"Jesus loves you and keeps you all the days of your life."

**"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.

Please stand.

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**[C] Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

[A] Let us pray.

Most High God, you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**[C] Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

[P] As you leave *this* service, *your* service begins:

Comfort the homesick.

Open your doors to others.

Seek sanctuary.

Be brave enough to go home by another way.

And remember that here in God’s house,  
all are welcomed—so come back soon.

**[C] Amen.**

**\*HYMN #269** ..... **“Once in Royal David's City”**

**\*DISMISSAL**

[P] In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—

✠ go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Holy Communion** When you are worshiping at home, you are encouraged to set up a temporary altar called a tabernacle at home. Find a small table or bench, place on it a nice plate and a cup or goblet. Find a slice or loaf of bread and use either wine or grape juice in the cup. When the time comes for communion, lift the bread and wine with the pastor, giving thanks to God for the gift of communion that offers us forgiveness, community, and new life in Christ.

**In person Bible study**, led by Pastor Christina, is meeting in the classroom across from the office on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are using Augsburg Fortress quarterly materials.

**Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email the office or text Pastor Christina at 704-472-7783 to update prayer requests. You may leave a voicemail but please provide the spelling of any names, and your relationship to the person being prayed for.

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### **Longest Night Worship Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

For those who have experienced loss, the holidays can be a particularly painful time, stirring up grief in acute ways. Our “Longest Night” service is observed on December 21st, the Winter Solstice, which is the longest night of the year. The service is designed to provide space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amidst the holiday hustle and bustle. We hope this worship can be a gift, providing a space of calm, quiet, and healing.

## **Christmas Eve Worship and Lessons & Carols**

Join us for candlelight worship with Holy Communion on Christmas Eve night at 7:00 p.m. Special music will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Shelby Brass and soloist Catherine Mae Lilly joining organist Steve White.

And then return Sunday morning, December 26 at 10:30 a.m. for the traditional Lessons & Carols worship.

## **A LOOK AHEAD**

### **Today after worship**

Christmas potluck & fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 21**

7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

### **Thursday, December 23**

9:00 p.m. Thursday Night Prayer (Facebook & Zoom)

**Friday, December 24** — 6:30 p.m. Special Music

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

### **Sunday, December 26 – First Sunday of Christmas**

No Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols

**December 27-28** – Church offices are closed

### **Thursday, December 30**

9:00 p.m. Thursday Night Prayer (Facebook & Zoom)

**Assisting Today**

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Christina Auch, Pastor  
Organist: Steve White  
Assisting Minister: Lisa Philbeck  
Ushers: Allen Philbeck and Robert Buchanan

**Assisting Friday, December 24, 2021 – Nativity of our Lord, 7 p.m.**

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Christina Auch, Pastor  
Organist: Steve White  
Assisting Minister: Ludy Wilkie  
Ushers: Dave Lambert and Daryl Cook

**Assisting December 26, 2021 – Lessons and Carols**

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Christina Auch, Pastor  
Organist: Cathy Hubbard  
Assisting Minister: Sandra Waldrop  
Ushers: Max Smolzer and Jake Smolzer



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