



# *Festive*

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

**Christmas Day**  
**Thursday, December 25 ~ 10:00am**



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+ indicates to stand if able

# GATHERING

**Prelude** – “I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day,” Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,  
John Baptiste Calkin; arr. Mark Taylor

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Gathering Song** - ELW, No. 289, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**+Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,  
**we yearn for your presence to transform  
our grief, pain, and despair.**  
**We confess that we have not always prepared  
room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**  
**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,  
oppression, and fear.**  
**We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good news.**  
**Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**  
**Amen.**

God’s grace upon grace flows over you.  
✝ Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

## **WORD**

**Anthem** – “A Child Is Born,” Joel Raney

**Reading** – Isaiah 52:7-10

The holy gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**+Gospel Reading** - John 1:1-14

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Christmas Homily**

**+Hymn of the Day** - ELW, No. 267, “Joy to the World,” *sts. 1, 2, 4*

**+Prayers of Intercession**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

**Offering Song** - “What Child Is This?” arr. Andy Clark

**Offering Prayer**

**+Holy Communion**

**+Preface**

**+Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**+Words of Institution**

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**+Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn - ELW, No. 277 "Away in a Manger"**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

## **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** - ELW, No. 290, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**+Sending**  
Go in peace. Christ is Born!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - “It Came upon a Midnight Clear,” arr. Mark Taylor

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller  
Organ: Christopher Larson  
Cantor: Our Savior’s Choir  
Bass: Denny Gale  
Percussion: Gene Levasseur  
Reader: Lynda Lee  
Media: Josh Matzner  
Sound: Jake Lemme