# **Christmas Day**



# Advent Lutheran Church

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#### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

#### **Prelude**

"What Child Is This/Carol of the Bells"

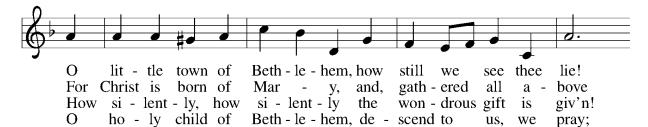
**Annette Nolan** 

### Greeting

- L: Alleluia! Christ is born for us!
- C: Oh, come, let us adore him!

#### **Opening Hymn**

ELW #279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"





A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go an - gels keep their watch of while mor-tals sleep, the won-d'ring love. God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings his heav'n. of out our sin, and en - ter in. be born in to - day. us





hopes and fears of The all the years are met in thee to - night. God the king, and and prais - es sing to peace to all the earth! where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in. a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el! come to oh, us,

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

# **Prayer of Illumination**

L: Let us pray.

God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth.

C: Amen.

**The First Reading** Isaiah 52:7-10

The Gospel John 1:1-14

Meditation

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #282 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"



- 1 It came up on the mid night clear, that glo rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un furled,
- 3 And you, be neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world. who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow: when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."

A - bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing, look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing; when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



hear the an - gels sing. The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to bless-ed an - gels and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the sing. the wea-ry road and hear the an - gels oh. be - side sing! and the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

#### **Christmas Affirmation**

- L: Let the love that shaped earth and heaven,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: Let the love that created humanity,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: Let the love that forgives and renews,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: Let the love that brings the blessing of peace,
- C: dwell within us this Christmas.
- L: And may we share that peace,
- C: with all people near and far. Amen.

#### SHARING THE MEAL

# The Great Thanksgiving

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Words of Institution

# The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

# The Blessing

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

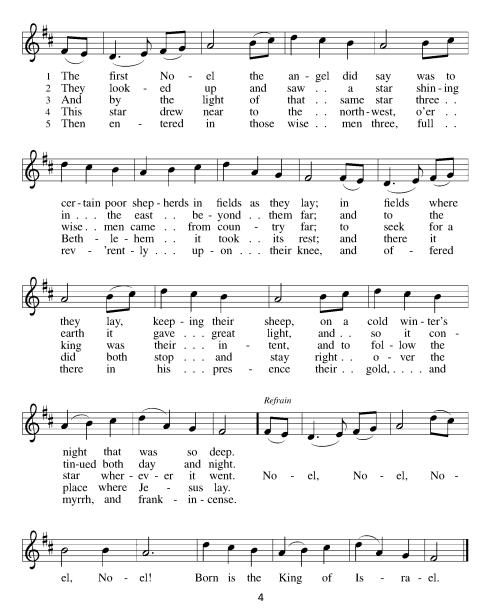
# SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

#### **Benediction**

- L: May you be filled with wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ child. May almighty God bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### **Sending Hymn**

ELW #300 "The First Noel"



# Dismissal

- L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.