WATER OF LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2021 | 7 PM

Dear visitors, friends, and family in Christ,

As we gather together this Christmas Eve to celebrate one of the mountaintop moments of the church year and the culmination of a season steeped in much family and church tradition, the sounds of worship may be a little different than we have known in years past. From my early childhood, I have anticipated the great songs of Christmas and felt nothing less than pure joy as I let their sound wash over my heart and fill my very being. These songs have always heralded in so many things: presents, special time with family, the end of a year, the feeling of a new beginning, and a humble infant Savior who came for us all. These things were dear to me as a child and have grown even more important as I am pushed along by time's ever rolling stream.

Out of this repeated hearing has grown a resonance of melodies in my mind, an echo that has now burst forth into the music which we will share tonight. I am honored to be joined this evening by fantastic musicians from The University of North Texas' School of Music who will help me bring to life the threads of music carefully pulled and woven from my heart into the arrangements we will hear and sing tonight. It is my truest hope that these songs we share together will be for you, as they are for me, the quintessential sounds of Christmas, and that they will fill your heart with joy to live out another year in Christ.

Lift up your head, let not your voice be silent; behold! we are in the nearer presence of our King.

O come, let us adore Him!

Merry Christmas, Sam Teichelman

We are blessed to be joined tonight by the following musicians from The University of North Texas' School of Music:

Harp - Ruth Mertens

Violin - Sardardjan Djumaev

Violin - Diana Galimova

Viola - Fedor Malykhin

Cello - Zoltan Csikos

Trumpet - Clifton Little

Trombone - Kyle Roberts

Trombone – Clayton Yoshifuku

Trombone - Chad Wiley

Trombone - Ashley Roberts



WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2021 | 7 PM

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL 🕂 SEEK THE THIRSTY 🕂 TEACH THE WORD

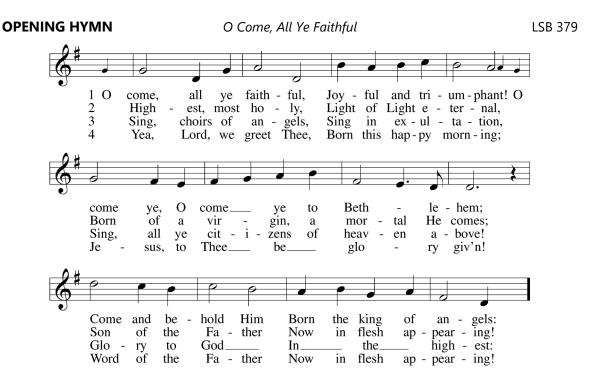
* As We Gather *

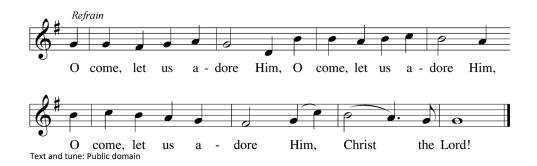
God's love was promised and fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the start of Christ's love at His birth in Bethlehem and His finishing it as He is born anew in our hearts in time and into eternity.

Please follow the service in the worship folder.

* In the Name of Jesus *

WORDS OF WELCOME





INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, **People The Light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor Let Your light scatter the darkness

People And illumine Your Church.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray.

People O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your

only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You

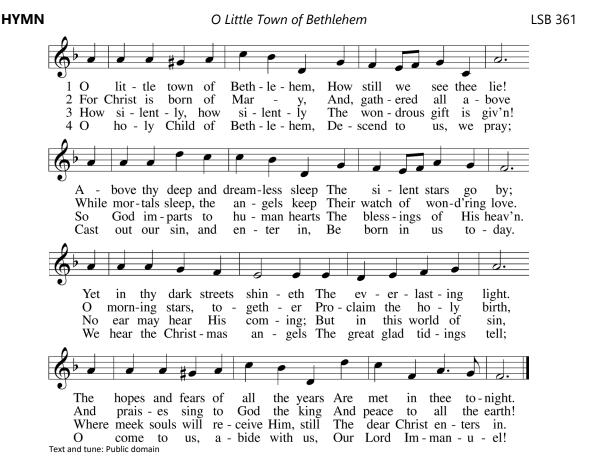
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION

John 1:1-5; Isaiah 40:9

Pastor In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with

strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"



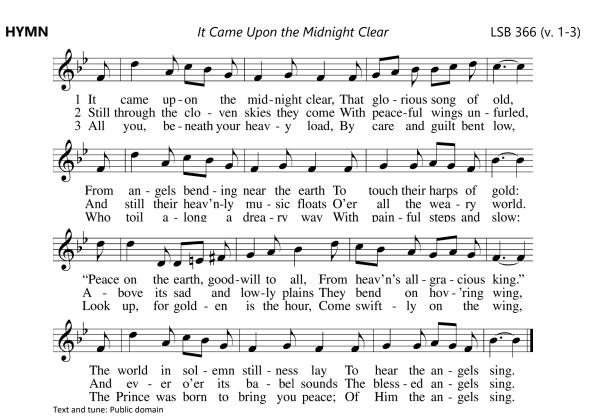
FIRST READING Luke 1:5-13, 16

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel

said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ...

¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.



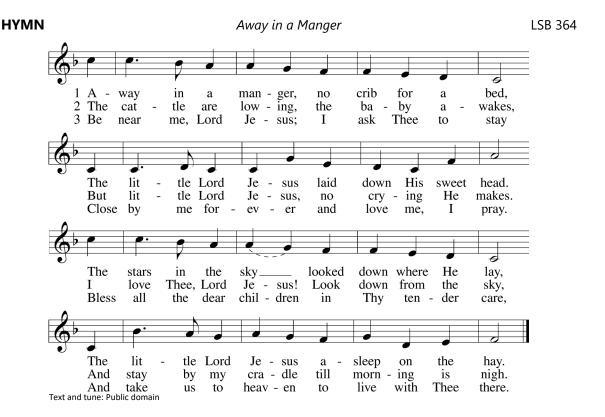
SECOND READING Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

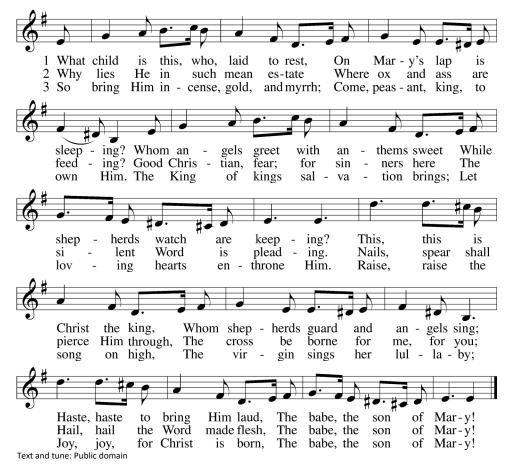
³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



THIRD READING Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



FOURTH READING Luke 2:8-12

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

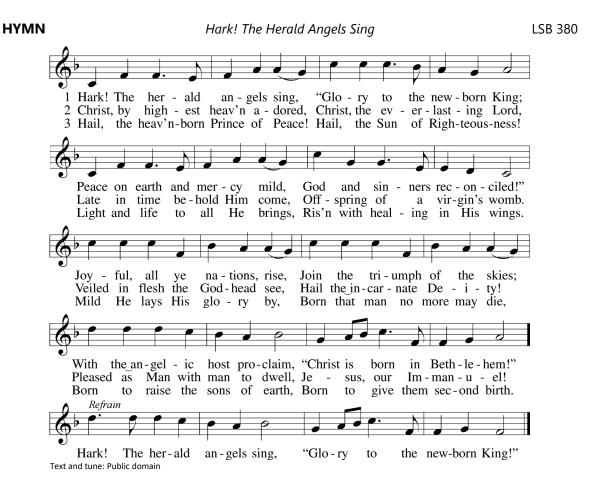
ANTHEM

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Ensemble

FIFTH READING Luke 2:13-14

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



SIXTH READING Matthew 2:1-11

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of

Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.



△ 5 All creation, join in praising

God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising

To the eternal Three in One. Refrain

MESSAGE

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Let us confess our faith by speaking together the Second Article of the Apostles'

Creed.

People I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor What does this mean?

People I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and

also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting

righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead,

lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition, Pastor will pray, "Lord, in Your mercy," Congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL 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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Merciful Father,

People We confess that we have sinned against You and against one another. We

have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We sincerely repent of our sins and ask Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to grant us forgiveness. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

* Service of the Sacrament *

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

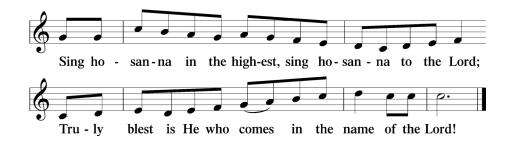
Lord, whose birth proclaims the fulfillment of Your promises and makes visible Your love for us and all people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising

You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Holy God, holy Lord, You have made the night to shine with the greatness of the one true Light and given to us Your only Son in flesh to be our Savior. Open our hearts and minds that we receive Him whom You have sent and live in Him by faith. Give to us Your Holy Spirit, that nothing prevents our worthy communion this night of His holy body and precious blood. Help us to show forth our faith in lives of repentance, seeking that which is good and right and true in accordance with Your Word and promise. To You, Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, praise and worship, now and to the end of the ages.

People Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.

(Holy Communion will be served in a continual line. An usher will direct you. Please refer to pg. 1 of the bulletin for our beliefs on the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

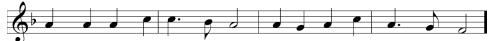
DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

O Holy Night

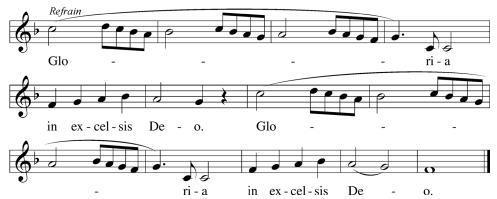
Solo



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



re-ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. And the moun-tains in 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.



Text and tune: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

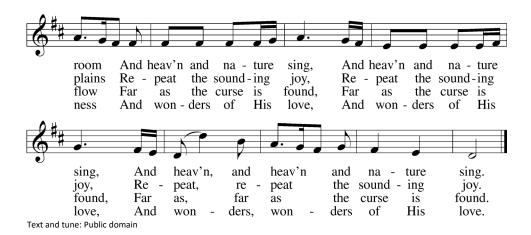
Joy to the World

LSB 387



- 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
- 3 No more let sins and sor rows Nor thorns in - fest grow the
- 4 He rules the world with truth and And makes the na - tions grace





LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Pastor will light from the Paschal Candle. Ushers will light their candles from Pastor and pass the light down each row throughout the congregation as the Sanctuary lights are lowered. Please take care to not tip the lit candle.)

Pastor

As the light of these candles illumines our faces, it symbolizes the light of Christ, a child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice, for the Light of the world has come, who transforms us with the brightness of His glory. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaimed to you: that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all.

People

If we say we have fellowship with Him but still walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live according to the truth.

Pastor **People**

But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, **And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all our sins.**

Pastor

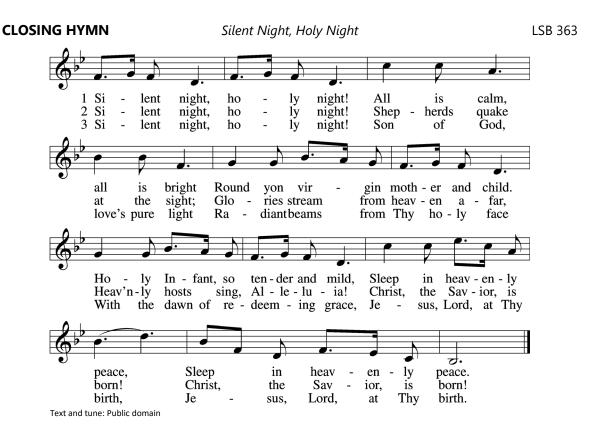
You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and then cover its light. Instead they set the lamp on its stand, set it up high, and it lights everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

People Amen! Glory to God in the Highest! And peace to His people on earth!



Go in peace. Christ, the Savior, is born!



Scripture quotations, unless noted otherwise, are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Hymns are public domain. All of tonight's hymns arranged by Sam Teichelman, with special thanks to Jeff Slade for excerpts of his arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard on High". "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" by Carl Schalk, © 1987 Augsburg Publishing House. All rights reserved. Printed with permission. "Mary Did You Know" by Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene, © 1991, 1993 Rufus Music | Curb Word Music, CCLI #839225. Song lyrics are used by permission, CCLI License #2844550.

Assisting in Worship tonight:

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Shawn Deterding

Pianist: Sam Teichelman A/V Technician: Terri Shambaugh

Ensemble: Terri Shambaugh, Katie Themer, Heidi Teichelman, John Kissling,

Sam Teichelman

Soloist: Katie Themer

University of North Texas School of Music musicians:

Harp: Ruth Mertens

Violin: Sardardjan Djumaev

Diana Galimova

Viola: Fedor Malykhin
Cello: Zoltan Csikos
Trumpet: Clifton Little
Trombone: Kyle Roberts

Clayton Yoshifuku

Chad Wiley Ashley Roberts

Worship with us!

Christmas Day Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 ★ 10 AM

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

9 AM * COMBINED WORSHIP

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Glory to the newborn King!

