

***"And Mary gave birth to her first born son  
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,  
and laid him in a manger..."***

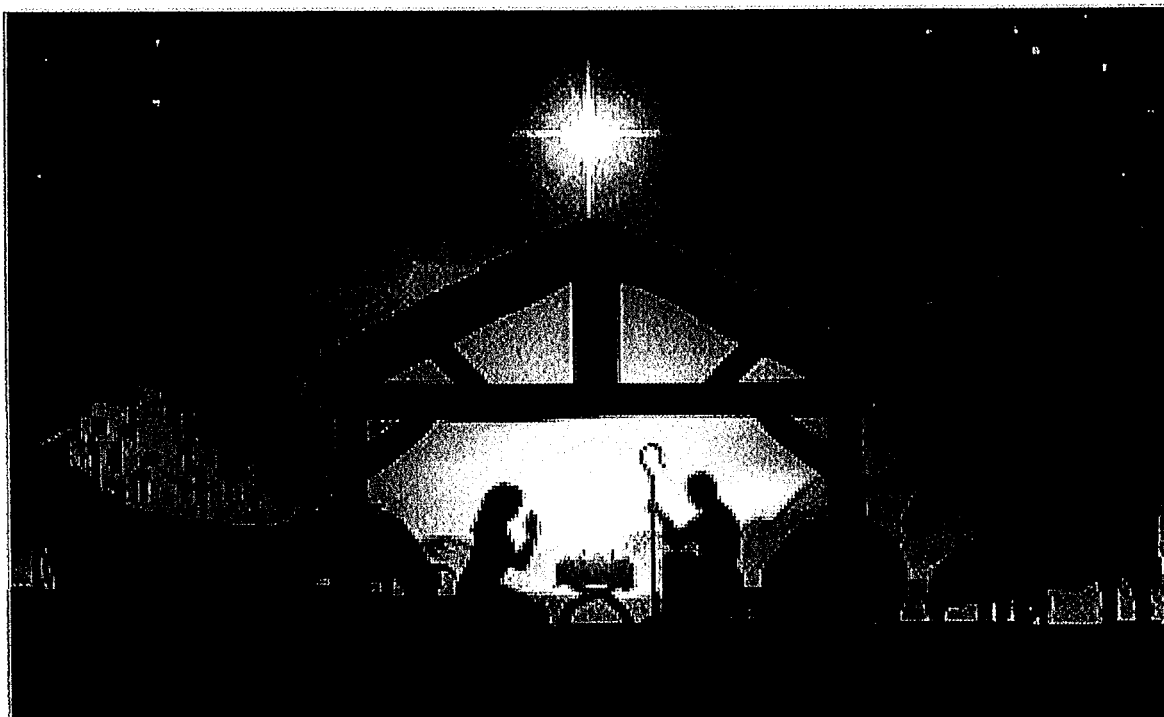
**The Nativity**

Among the oxen (like an ox I'm slow)  
I see a glory in the stable grow  
Which, with the ox's dullness might at length  
Give me an ox's strength.

Among the asses (stubborn I as they)  
I see my Savior where I looked for hay;  
So may my beast like folly learn at least  
The patience of a beast.

Among the sheep (I like a sheep have strayed)  
I watch the manger where my Lord is laid;  
Oh that my baaing nature would win thence  
Some woolly innocence!

**-C.S. Lewis**





Welcome to  
Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA  
N60 W6047 Columbia Road, Cedarburg  
Pastor Heidi M. Borkenhagen, Interim Pastor  
**Saturday, December 24, 2022**  
**Christmas Eve**  
7:00 p.m. Worship Service

† Congregation will stand if able.

**Prelude**

***"I Am so Glad Each Christmas Eve"***  
***"In Dulci Jubilo"***  
***"Pastoral Symphony"***

Stephen Gabrielsen  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
Georg Frederic Handel

***"Before the Marvel of this Night"***  
Chapel Choir

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda,  
Soloist Music: Carl Schalk

**Welcome**

**Opening Litany** (*Written by Peter L. Haynes*)

P: Immanuel, God-with-us, open our eyes to the wonder of this night, that we might catch a glimpse of your glory in the simplicity of these moments.

**C: May your light shine!**

*(First advent candle is lit.)*

P: Immanuel, God-with-us, soften our hearts to the message of this hour, that we might turn toward you, and have the way prepared in us for your coming.

**C: May your light shine!**

*(Second advent candle is lit.)*

P: Immanuel, God-with-us, open our minds to truly listen to all who speak and sing this evening, that we might hear your voice cry out from many lips.

**C: May your light shine!**

*(Third advent candle is lit.)*

P: Immanuel, God-with-us, fill our spirits with the courage to admit when we are lost and the insight to recognize that we have been found.

**C: May your light shine!**

*(Fourth advent candle is lit.)*

P: Immanuel, God-with-us, with eyes open, hearts softened, minds listening, and spirits full, we rejoice that you interrupt what we have in mind in order to bring into being something more than we dare imagine.

**C: May your light shine! Amen.**

*(Center Christ candle is lit.)*

† **Opening Carol # 267**      **“Joy to the World” vs. 1,2,4**

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

† **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.**

† **Carol of Praise # 289**      **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

† **Prayer of the Day**

**Holy God of Love, There is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.**

**Anthem**      **“Were You There on That Christmas Night”**  
Chapel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

## First Reading - Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing  
plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall  
be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the  
throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with  
righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 96 (read responsively, congregation reads bold print)

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD<sup>1</sup> a new song;  
sing to the LORD, <sup>1</sup>all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from<sup>1</sup> day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared<sup>1</sup> than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved  
will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all  
that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your  
coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with  
your truth.

### **Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **† Gospel Acclamation #278 "Away in a Manger"**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

† **Gospel** P: The holy gospel according to **Luke 2:1-20**  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

† **Carol**     *"O Come, Little Children"*

O come, little children, O come, one and all,  
to Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small;  
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night  
To be your Redeemer, your joy, and delight.

**Children's Sermon and Sermon**

† Carol of the Day # 296

*“What Child is This”*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

† Nicene Creed

**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 the People for Christmas

P: Jesus Christ, born in a stable and laid in the hay, be with the poor and homeless this Christmas time.

**C: As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**  
*(silent prayer)*

P: Jesus Christ, born of Mary, be with young mothers and fathers across the world this Christmas time.

**C: As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**  
*(silent prayer)*

P: Jesus Christ, visited by shepherds, be with all who have to work this Christmas, and those who long to work.

**C: As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**  
*(silent prayer)*

P: Jesus Christ, who became a refugee, be with those who fear for their lives, and those who have left homes and families this Christmas.

**C: As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**  
*(silent prayer)*

P: Jesus Christ, who brought good news of great joy to all the people, be with all who struggle to feel joy or happiness this Christmas.

**C: As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**  
*(silent prayer)*

P: Jesus Christ, as we offer our prayers and our hearts to you this night, receive them in your mercy and love.

**C: Amen.**

## † Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offertory

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Christopher Uehlein

## † Offertory Prayer

L: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen**



## † The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together.

*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the assembly responds:*

## † Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

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† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

† The Lord's Prayer

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: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

**Communion**

**Song during Communion #282 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

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| 1 It came upon the midnight clear,<br>that glorious song of old,<br>from angels bending near the earth<br>to touch their harps of gold:<br>"Peace on the earth, good will to all,<br>from heav'n's all-gracious king."<br>The world in solemn stillness lay<br>to hear the angels sing. | 3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,<br>whose forms are bending low,<br>who toil along the climbing way<br>with painful steps and slow:<br>look now, for glad and golden hours<br>come swiftly on the wing;<br>oh, rest beside the weary road<br>and hear the angels sing!      |
| 2 Still through the cloven skies they come<br>with peaceful wings unfurled,<br>and still their heav'nly music floats<br>o'er all the weary world.<br>Above its sad and lowly plains<br>they bend on hov'ring wing,<br>and ever o'er its babel sounds<br>the blessed angels sing.        | 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,<br>by prophets seen of old,<br>when with the ever-circling years<br>shall come the time foretold,<br>when peace shall over all the earth<br>its ancient splendors fling,<br>and all the world give back the song<br>which now the angels sing. |

† Post-Communion Blessing

† **Prayer After Communion**

L: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† **Blessing**

P: God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† **Special Music & Reading**

**“Stille Nacht”**

Franz Gruber, arr. Christopher Uehlein

During the music, Pastor Heidi will read Bible verses and then the ushers will light the candle of the first person of each pew. Each person tips his/her unlit candle towards the lit candle.

† **Carol # 281**

**“Silent Night, Holy Night”**

verse 1 - German, verses 1-3 - English

**GERMAN**

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

† **Closing Benediction**

† **Dismissal**

L: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

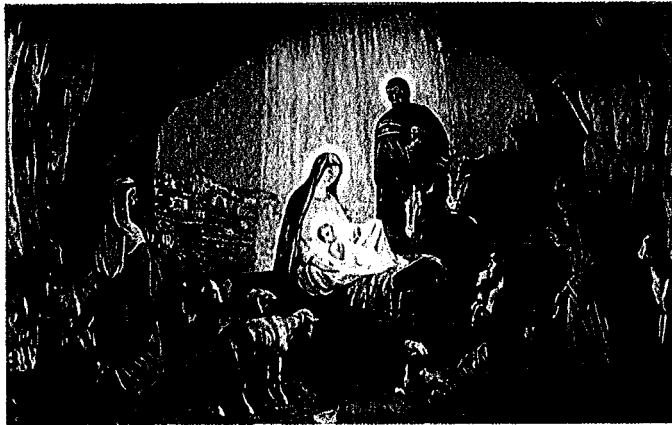
**“Silent Night”**

Robert J. Powell

## ***Prayer Requests***

Family & Friends of Hal Burwinkle—brother in law of Brant & Carol Anderson  
Linda Rehtin—sister in law of Jody Hoffmann  
Lois Helm  
Patrice MacDonald  
Jill Ziegelbauer  
Marlys Purkis  
Scott Kok—friend of Ingrid Pierson  
Scott Sydow—friend of the Rauschs  
Family and Friends of Ellen Doyle

Worship on Sunday, December 25 will be at 10 am and will be a service of lessons and carols.



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