



Ruthfred Lutheran Church

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

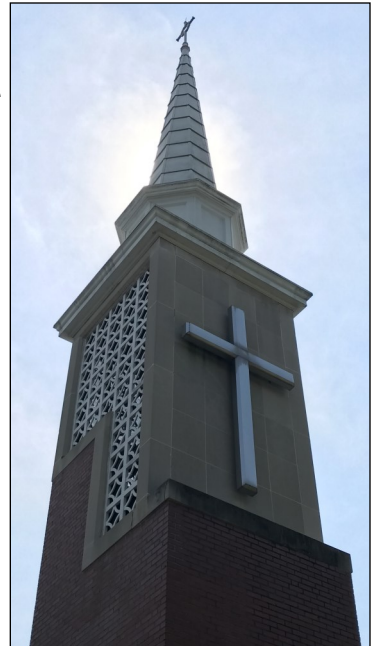
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**We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to
worship the Lord Jesus Christ.**

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information in the red folder at the end of your pew, or fill out the information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering plate as it passes before you.

About Us:

- ♦ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ♦ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ♦ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut or *scherschnitte* created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

The Divine Service of the Word

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021
Services—5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.

Prelude:

I Saw Three Ships (Richard Proulx)

Once in Royal David's City (Robert Buckley Farlee)

Yuletide Festival of Carols (J. Frederick Müller)

The Coventry Carol (arr. Mark Hayes)

Christy Hinkelman, Soloist

Away in a Manger (arr. Mack Wilberg)

O Holy Night (Adolphe Adam)

5:00 Organ; 7:00 and 9:00 Jeen Harper, Soloist

Christmas Eve Instrumentalists

Chad Slater, violin

Alexis Trbovich, viola

Andrew Vogel, cello

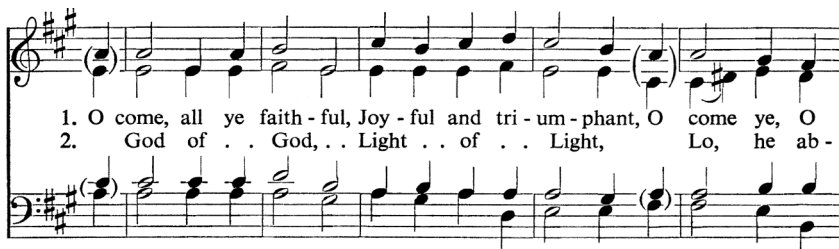
Louise Marino, trumpet

The Opening Hymn:

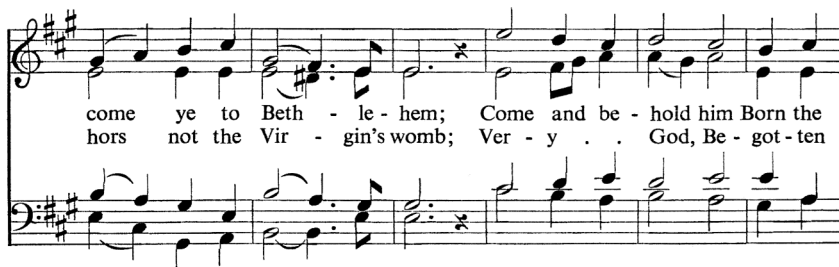
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(SBH 42)

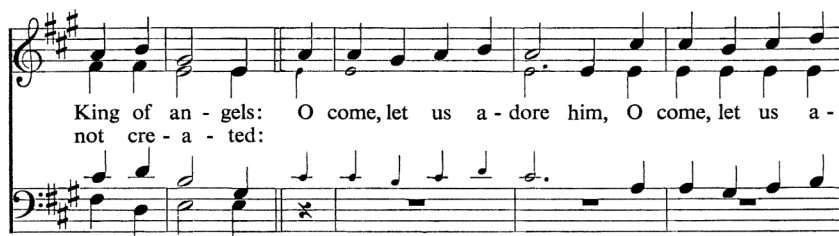
(Please stand as we
join our hearts in
song)



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
2. God of . . . God, . . . Light . . . of . . . Light, Lo, he ab -



come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold him Born the
hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ver - y . . . God, Be - got - ten



King of an - gels: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
not cre - a - ted:



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest:

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

*Latin Hymn, XVIII cent.
Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-80, and others*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also 1 John. 1:9).

The Invocation

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sin (SBH, p. 15)

Pastor (P): Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation (C): Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

P: Let us bow or kneel for the confession of our sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Together:

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only-begotten son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to become children of God, and bestows upon them His Holy Spirit. The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

“Introit” means “to enter into,” and is a responsive reading meant to lead God’s forgiven children into the worship of Him. The words are from Scripture, and relate to the theme of the day in the liturgical calendar.

“Kyrie” is from the Greek word for *Lord*, which is the first word of the prayer. Distinct from the confession of sin, it is a prayer for God to grant His mercy in every aspect of our lives and to supply us with all our needs, personally, corporately and for the whole world.

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

C: And the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God.

P: The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. O sing unto the Lord a new song.

C: For He hath done marvelous things.

(Isaiah 9: 6, 7; Psalm 98: 1)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 18)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, pity, and defend us, O God, by Thy grace.

C: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(AMB20)

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th' In-car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."
 Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1835

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The “collect” is a prayer of the day for each day in the liturgical calendar. It is meant to “collect” the prayers of God’s people.

God’s chief means of extending His grace to His children is through His Word. Hearing it and learning it are central to His proper worship.

The Collect:

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that the new birth of your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C: Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14 (NASB)

¹⁰ Then the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!” ¹³ Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”

The Magnificat: (Read Responsively)

P: And Mary said: My soul exalts the Lord.

C: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

P: For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

C: For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.

P: AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

C: He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

P: He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, and has exalted those who were humble.

C: HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; and sent away the rich empty handed.

P: He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy.

C: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.

“Alleluia” is Hebrew for
“Praise the Lord.”

The Alleluia (Sung in Unison)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Lessons:

The Congregation shall rise and sing, **“Glory be to Thee, O Lord.”**

Matthew 1:18-25 (NASB)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)

¹ Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. ⁶ While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the

Luke 2:1-20 (NASB) (cont'd)

angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with
whom He is pleased." ¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them
into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go
straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened
which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry
and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in
the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the
statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all
who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the
shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in
her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God
for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

The Congregation shall sing, **"Praise be to Thee, O Christ."**

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Confessed in Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth
And In Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third
day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the
Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of
the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Special Music

5:00 Children's Choir—*Born Today* (Elaine Eilers)

7:00 and 9:00 Senior Choir

Sussex Carol (arr. Willcocks)

On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free, All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore. Amen!'

The Special Music (cont'd)

Fanfare on Joy to the World (arr. Harlan)

Rejoice! Christ is born this day!
Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.
Rejoice! Christ is born this day!

The Lighting Of The Christ Candle

The Reading of the Prophecy: Isaiah 9:6

The Reading of the Fulfillment: Luke 2:7

The Announcements

The Sermon Hymn (See page 12)

The Sermon:

“Come Home for Christmas! The Presence of Immanuel: Christ Has Come Home to Us” | Isaiah 7:10-14 and Matthew 1:18-25

The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

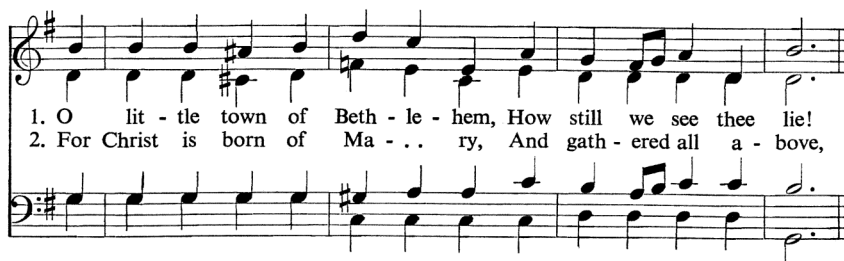
Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

The Sermon

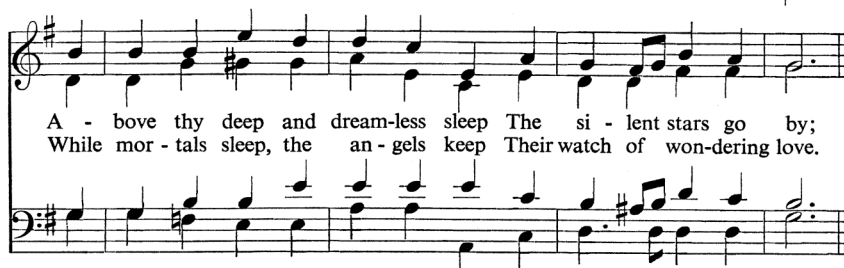
Hymn:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

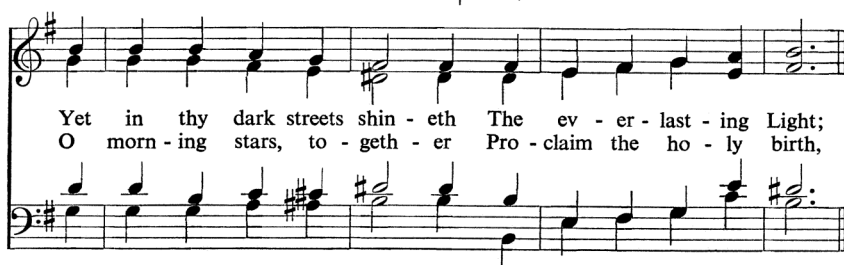
(SBH27, 1st tune)



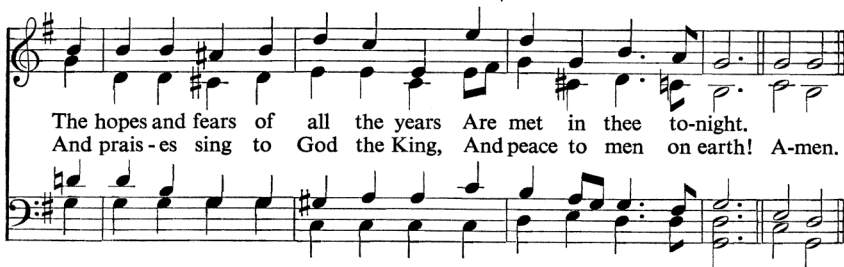
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - . . ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth! A-men.

3 How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel! Amen.

Phillips Brooks, 1835-93

The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

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; 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.

The Reading of The Last Gospel: John 1: 1-14 (NASB)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light. ⁹ There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May he make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

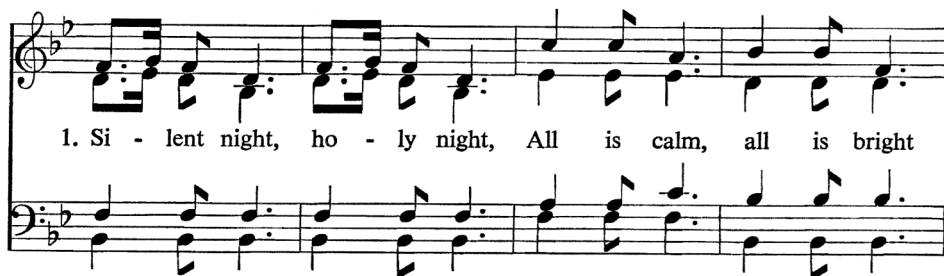
May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

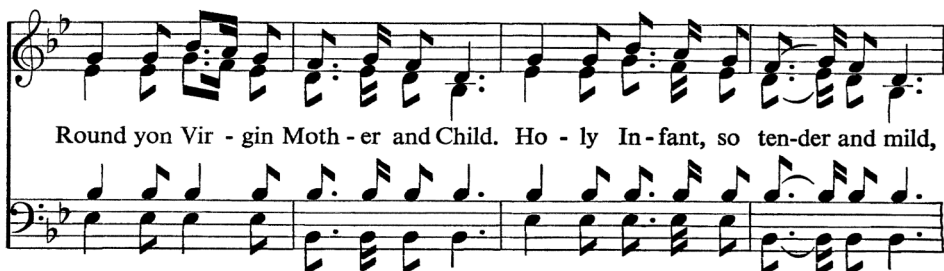
(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "Silent Night" (SBH16)



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright



Round you Vir - gin Moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849
Tr. Unknown*

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: "Carillon on the Ukrainian Bell Carol" (Gerald Near)

**The Christmas Trees in the sanctuary were given by
Brian Lyskava in loving memory of his parents,
Thomas and Elsie Lyskava.**

THE POINSETTIAS ARE PRESENTED BY.....

- * Zoe Akhtar in memory of my parents and brother (Purn, Iva, and Daniel Geidel) and to the Glory of our newborn Savior. (2)
- * PapPap and Nani Albanesi (Ann and Thomas) for Isaiah, Jonah, and Sienna. May you always keep Jesus in your hearts! Merry Christmas! (1)
- * The Alwine and Skundrich Families in memory of Bob and Louise Johns and David W. Johns. (1)
- * Bunny Barger in honor of Betzi Barger, the most wonderful sister and best friend ever, and in honor of Susan Wholey, a very special friend who graciously helps me in so many ways. (2)
- * Bunny and Betzi Barger in thanks for our mother, Janet, and for all the wonderful memories of her that we will always cherish. (1)
- * Ray and Linda Baughman and Mary Jane Jones in loving memory of Ray and Ruth Baughman and all our loved ones. (1)
- * Catherine and Howard Born for the blessings God gives us, in honor of our loved ones, and in memory of the ones we have lost. (1)
- * Keith Boucher, Linda Friedel, and Sandy Pellegrino in loving memory of our sister and brother, Oona Richardson and Dennis Boucher. (1)
- * Pastor and Jen, Ben, Sadie and Sam Carlson in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation, and in thanks for the Christian love of our congregation. (2)
- * Carolyn Carr in memory of so many loved ones away from the body but at home with the Lord. (1)
- * Bev and Will Charlton with thanks to God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in gratitude to God for all the innumerable gifts and blessings shown to our family. (2)
- * Marcia and Chris Clark in memory of our parents, Al and Anna Mae Hamilton and Glenn and Alice Clark. (2)
- * Shane and Kate Cox in loving memory of our grandmothers, Phyllis and Lois, who joined our Heavenly Father this past year, and in honor of our parents—glory to God for their love and guidance. (2)
- * Lauren and Hollynne Daugherty, Vienne Battaglia, and Paul Briggs in loving memory of Joseph Habovick and Jay Briggs. (2)
- * Sue and Bill Dawson in memory of our parents, Annie and Ed Smith & Helen and Bill Dawson, Sr. (2)
- * David and Emma Deremer with love in memory of great grandmother Barb “Gigi” Herrle and Merry Christmas to Papa and Nana Gigi. (2)
- * Virginia DiSalvo in loving memory of Chuck DiSalvo. (1)
- * Abby and Nathan Donolo in honor of our children, Wyatt and Leona. (1)

- * Linda and Tom Eld. (1)
- * Becky and Steve Evans in thanks for blessings. (1)
- * Arlene Fees in memory of my husband, Ron Fees, and our parents. (1)
- * Anne Fife in honor of the Christ Child's Birth and in memory of Jack and Sue. (1)
- * Frank Fife in honor of his wife, Lisa O'Lare Fife. (1)
- * Frank and Lisa Fife in memory of Lisa's father, William O'Lare, and brothers Bill and John O'Lare. In honor of their mothers, Priscilla O'Lare and Anne Fife. In memory of Frank's father, Jack Fife, and his sister, Sue Fife Greenberger. (3)
- * Tim Fife and Sandi Myatich in memory of lost loved ones. In Christ's Name. Amen. (1)
- * A friend in Christ in honor of Bunny and Betzi Barger and the love, care, devotion, and promise you show for Ruthfred and Our Lord and Savior. Your dedication is a beautiful example. (1)
- * A friend in Christ in memory of Lee Hughes. (1)
- * A friend in Christ in honor of Alma Vogel, a very special friend who just when I feel alone, I need only remember you and know I am truly blessed. (1)
- * A friend in Christ in honor of Paula Mikulan for your dedication to the "Ruthfred family" and for the blessing of your friendship. (1)
- * Dianne and Dan Groves to the praise and glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (2)
- * Mary Habovick in memory of loved ones. (1)
- * Linda and Russ Hafen in thanksgiving to God for His Son—a Gift too wonderful for words. Come let us adore Him. (1)
- * Caryl Hansen in thanksgiving to God for His love and kindness. (2)
- * Barb and Marc Harrold in honor of Carol Hall and in honor of all the dedicated Sunday School teachers. (2)
- * Bonnie Hamstead and Mary Smith with prayers for our family. (2)
- * Debbie Huffman in honor of my parents' (William and Patricia VanKirk) 65th wedding anniversary on December 29th. (1)
- * Jeremy, Logan, and Megan Huwe in honor of our grandparents, Larry & Dorothy Schrott and Frank & RoseMarie Huwe. (1)
- * Leslie Klick in memory of Stacie Klick, beloved sister. All is well, for born tonight is our Lord and Savior! You are in my heart always. (1)
- * Mike Kovac in memory of loved ones, in honor of my parents, and with all glory, thanksgiving and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. (2)
- * Jill and Roger Kurtz. Rejoice! Christ Our Savior is born. (2)
- * Meig Kurtz in loving memory of mom and dad. (1)
- * Mimi, Mary Anne, and Philip Lindauer in honor of their mother, Pat Lindauer. (1)
- * Nicolai Andrew Schurko, Joseph Andrew Lindauer, and Michael Andrew Lindauer in memory of their grandfather, Leonard Andrew Lindauer. (1)
- * Pat Lindauer in memory of Leonard Lindauer. (1)
- * Karen, Joe, Justin, and Kristin Lysaght in memory of our loved ones. (1)
- * Gene and Nancy McCloskey in memory of John McCloskey and Gerry Sippel. (2)

- * Don and Carol McDowell in memory of our parents. (1)
- * Pastor McMinn, Erin, and family in memory of his grandparents, Charles and Laura Flory. (1)
- * Pastor McMinn, Erin, and family in memory of Pastor Dennis and in honor of our Sunday School teachers. (2)
- * Patricia Moore and family in memory of Jack W. Moore, Jr. (2)
- * Joan and Cliff Morton to the glory of God and in memory of Barbara Herrle and Jack Moore. (1)
- * Sandy and Bryan Newman in honor of our children, Hannah and James, son-in-law, Tommy, and our baby granddaughter due in March, 2022. In memory of Sandy's mother, Elisabeth Milton, and Bryan's mother, Joan Newman. (2)
- * Marlene and Mick Nowicki to the glory of God in celebration of our Lord's birth and His many blessings. (1)
- * Mary Ann Presto in memory of loved ones. (1)
- * Janelle Ghise Psihas. (1)
- * Katie Recaldini in loving memory of Agnes and Victor Recaldini. (1)
- * Gladys and Bob Reith in honor of our children (Sue Swan, Linda Baird, Janet Pacich, and David Reith) and our grandchildren (Nathan and Bethany Swan & Alexandra and Jenna Pacich). In memory of our parents (Bert and Dorothy Reith & Charles and Gladys Schueler) and Pastor John H. Dennis and his Christmas Eve solos—"In heaven it must be Christmas time." (4)
- * Mark and Jodie Riley and family in praise and honor of our newborn King. (1)
- * Kathy and Rich Rostauscher in memory of all our loved ones. (1)
- * Bev Rowan with a thankful heart for our Pastors and Church. (1)
- * Jan and John Ruzicka in loving memory of family members who have passed away. (1)
- * Joanne Salvetti in honor of our Savior's birth. (1)
- * Annette, Greg, Sean, and Ryan Saul in memory of our parents and grandparents: Carmella and Frank Ferraro and Esther and John Saul. (1)
- * Patty, Russ, Danielle, and Clayton Schrey with heartfelt thanks to all the doctors, nurses, EMTs, first responders, police, and fire fighters who have worked tirelessly through the COVID pandemic. May God bless them all! (1)
- * Debbie Skundrich in loving memory of her husband, Raymond A. Skundrich. (1)
- * Elizabeth and John Stilley in honor of our loving family and in memory of our loved ones. (1)
- * Chris and Ron Stout in honor of our Lord Jesus—thanks be to God!—and in honor of our mothers, Evelyn Meyer and Betty Stout. (2)
- * Miss Mary Lou in honor of Melissa Manzo and the great kids in the Children's Choir. (1)
- * Mary Lou Streiner with loving memories of Ernie. (1)
- * Norma Vogel in loving memory of her dear sister, Linda J. Vogel. (1)
- * Carol and Bill Ward. For unto you is born a Savior! Rejoice! (1)
- * Donna and Jason Weighley in memory of all our loved ones who are no longer with us and in honor of our wonderful church family and all our youth. (2)

- * The Wente Family: Praise God for our many blessings, none greater than Your only begotten Son, Christ Jesus. (1)
- * Elaine Widich in memory of Alex Widich. (1)
- * Marly Willis in loving memory of my husband, Thomas, and my parents, Joseph and Ruth McCorkle. (2)
- * Libby Wood in memory of Merle R. Brickner and in honor of my son Doug. (2)

Many thanks to the Altar Guild for arranging the lovely poinsettias and decorating our church.

Visiting with us?

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