



Christmas Day

December 4, 2022

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome to Emanuel

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).

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PRELUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Rudolph Mosser

WELCOME Pastor Lyn Crase

OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Page 14

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

Amen

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of life,
**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen**

P: Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

Amen

KYRIE - Everyone sings

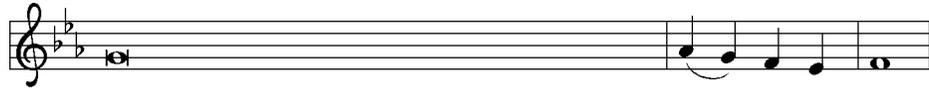
ALL:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



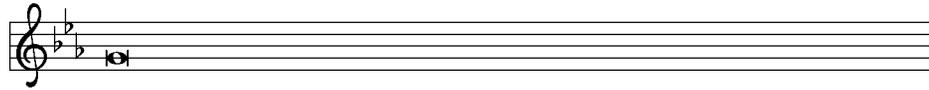
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



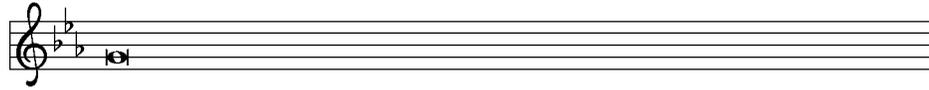
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together....

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
⁷and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
⁹but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
¹⁰Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
¹¹The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
“See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”
¹²They shall be called, “The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD”;
and you shall be called, “Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.”

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
² **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.**
³ Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.
⁴ **Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**
⁵ The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
⁶ **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**
⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ **You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.
¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

SECOND READING: TITUS 3:4-7

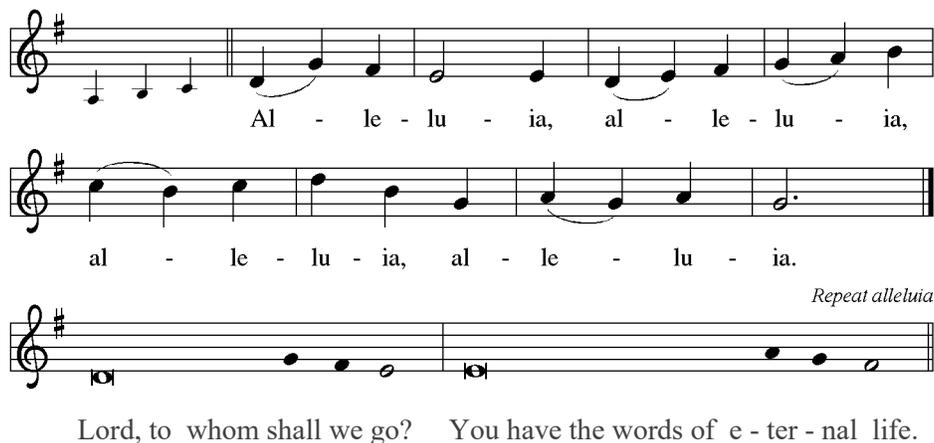
God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The gospel according to Luke Chapter 2

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

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

multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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APOSTLE'S CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.....congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”

(Please be seated.)

SHARING THE PEACE

The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hugo Gehrke

OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A: In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

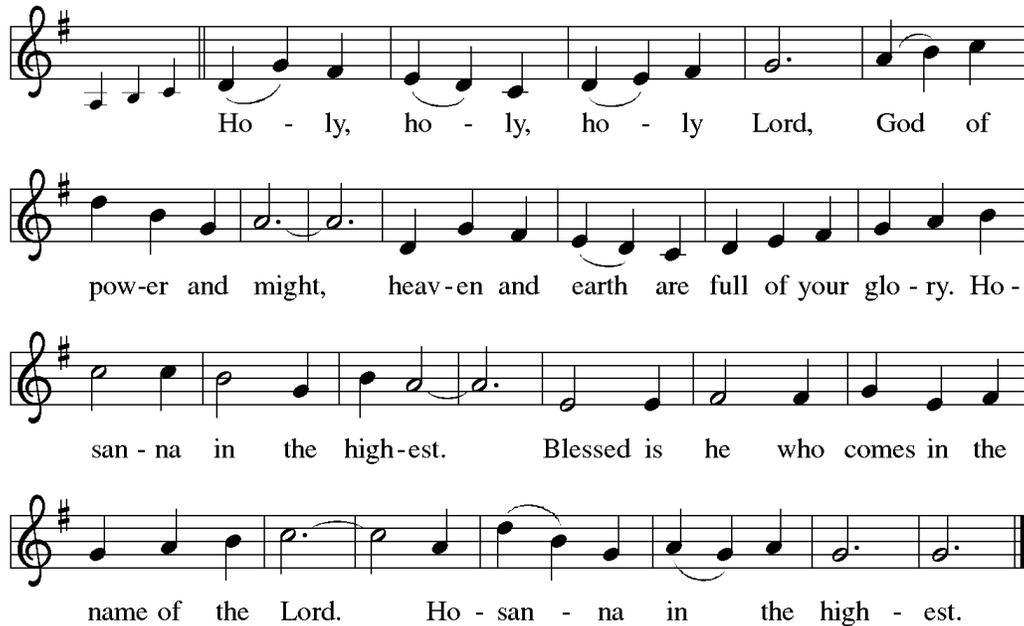
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

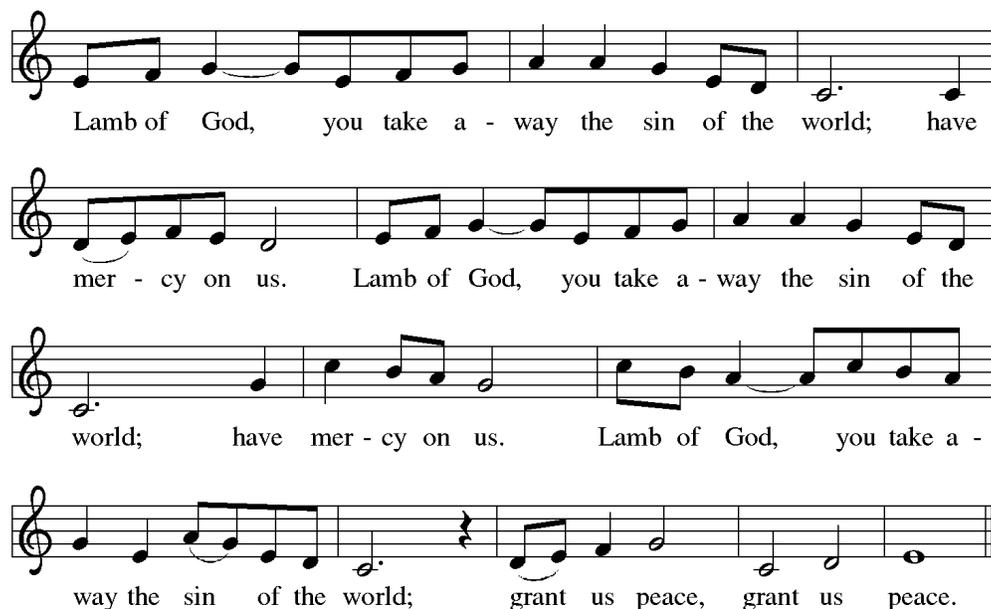
**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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

P: Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What Child Is This

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

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.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

J. S. Bach

Bible Readings for January 1st— A Service of Lessons & Carols

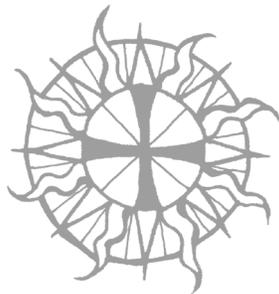
First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading: Psalm 98

Third Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Fourth Reading: John 1:10-18

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:15-21



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Announcements: Week of December 25, 2022

January 1st — Service of Lessons & Carols 9:30 am

Paula's holiday schedule:

Out of the office through December 26th

Back in the office - December 27th

Out of the office - December 28th-January 2nd

Back in the office - January 3rd



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

M - 12/26	CLOSED
Tu - 12/27	10 am to 1 pm
W - 12/28	10 am to 1 pm
Th - 12/29	10 am to 1 pm
F - 12/30	CLOSED
M - 1/2/2023	CLOSED

Ongoing Announcements

Adult Sunday School — 10:45 am. Malachi will be the topic of discussion. On-going, join anytime!

Food for Faith Sunday — 1st Sunday of each month. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

Choir Rehearsals — Sundays after the service at 11:00, Augustana Hall.

Text Study: Every Tuesday, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study A new study will begin on January 11th. 1:00 pm in Luther Hall.

Hosts are needed for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

We are asking for donations to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

Coin Jar -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

Quilting Bee -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

Lydia Circle — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

Leah Circle meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Rebecca Circle meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

**The Prayer List will be reset January 8th.
Please contact the office with any updates
for names to keep on the list.**

Entrance Hymn

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

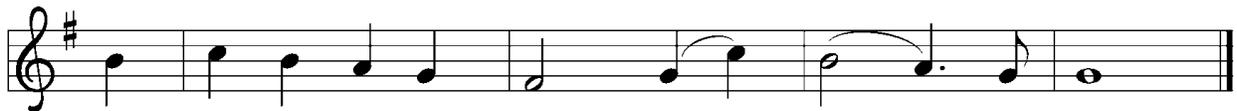


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Hymn of the Day

Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Communion Hymn

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

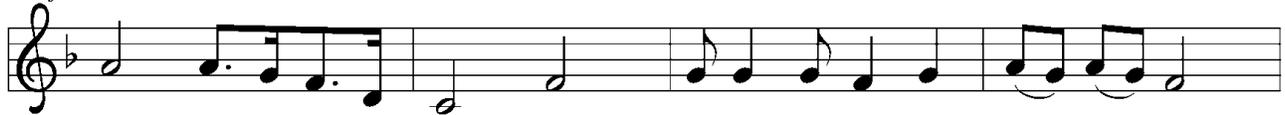
Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

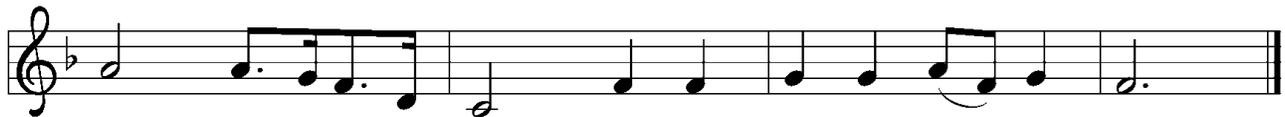
Sending Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

CALENDAR | DECEMBER 26, 2022 – JANUARY 2, 2023

Paula's holiday schedule:

In the office - December 27th (Office hours: 10 am - 1 pm)

Out of the office - December 28th-January 2nd

Back in the office - January 3rd

Monday, December 26

ECHOES DEADLINE

Day Care CLOSED thru 1/2/2023

*Holiday Hours

Office CLOSED

6 pm

Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 27

*Holiday Hours

Office Open 10 am—1 pm

12-1:30 pm

Text Study: Luther Hall

6:30-8:00 pm

RadCov Activity: Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 28

*Holiday Hours

Office Open 10 am—1 pm (Paula away)

Thursday, December 29

*Holiday Hours

Office Open 10 am—1 pm (Paula away)

6:30-8:00 pm

RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

Friday, December 30

*Holiday Hours

Office CLOSED

6 pm

Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

10 am

Organ Practice: Sanctuary

Sunday, January 1, 2023

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 am

FOOD FOR FAITH SUNDAY

3-5 pm

ELC Worship Service

5:00 pm

RadCov Leadership Team

RadCov Worship Service

Sunday, January 2

*Holiday Hours

Office CLOSED

6 pm

Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

Poinsettias are given, to the glory of God by:

Chris Schmidt, in memory of Jean Salazar

Robert & Kathleen Reuter, in memory of Pat Massingill and Helen Reuter

James & Linda Nelson, in memory of their parents

Jack & Pat Smith, in memory of loved ones and in honor of loved ones

Yvonne Troedson, in memory of Bill Beasley and in honor of family

Bruce and Donna Vickroy, in memory of their parents: Clarence & Ruth Vickroy and Roy & Mary Bollinger; and in honor of Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ their “new” church family

Suzanne Wilke, in memory of her parents: George & Dorothy Anderson; brother and sister-in-law, David & Jodie Anderson

Chris Paulsen & family, in memory of Kermit & Wanda Paulsen

The Owen family, in memory of Buzz & Millie Calkins, Harlan & Betty Owen, and Sharon Balestrery

Mary Lou Dieterich, in honor of her family

Rue Knoll, in memory of her husband Gary Knoll and her daughter Tana Knoll

Pastor Lyn Crase, in memory of her husband Bob Crase

The Castleberry family, in memory of loved ones

Lois Silva and Laurie Spinuzzi, in memory of Ronald Silva and Brian Wyatt

Marsha Waggoner, in memory of Carl and her parents Norty & Phil Benner

Marsha Waggoner and Kathy Obermeyer, in honor of Joyce Bachmann

RG and Zac Crawford, in memory of Val & Esther Johnson, their grandparents

Kathy Obermeyer, in memory of Mark Obermeyer





Our Mission

To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.

Our Vision

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.

We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.

We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.

