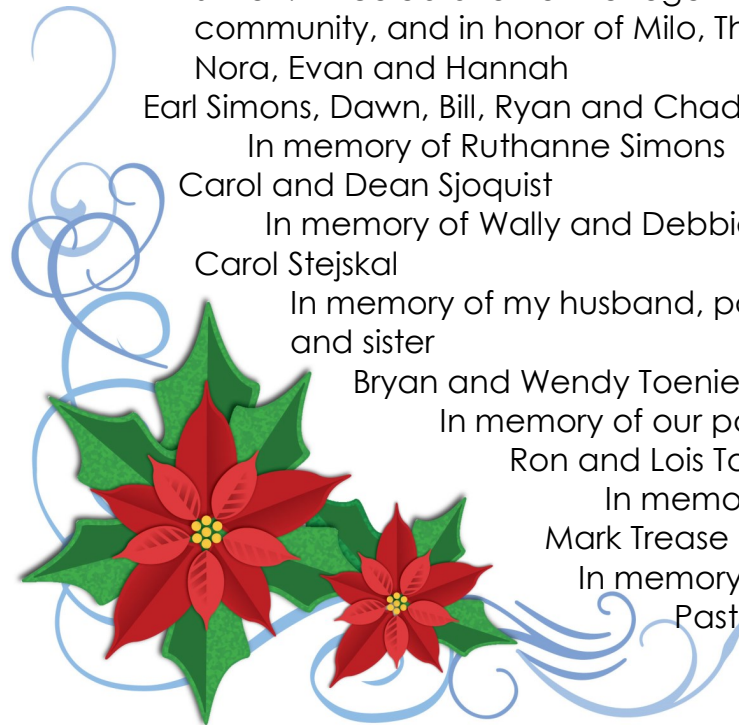
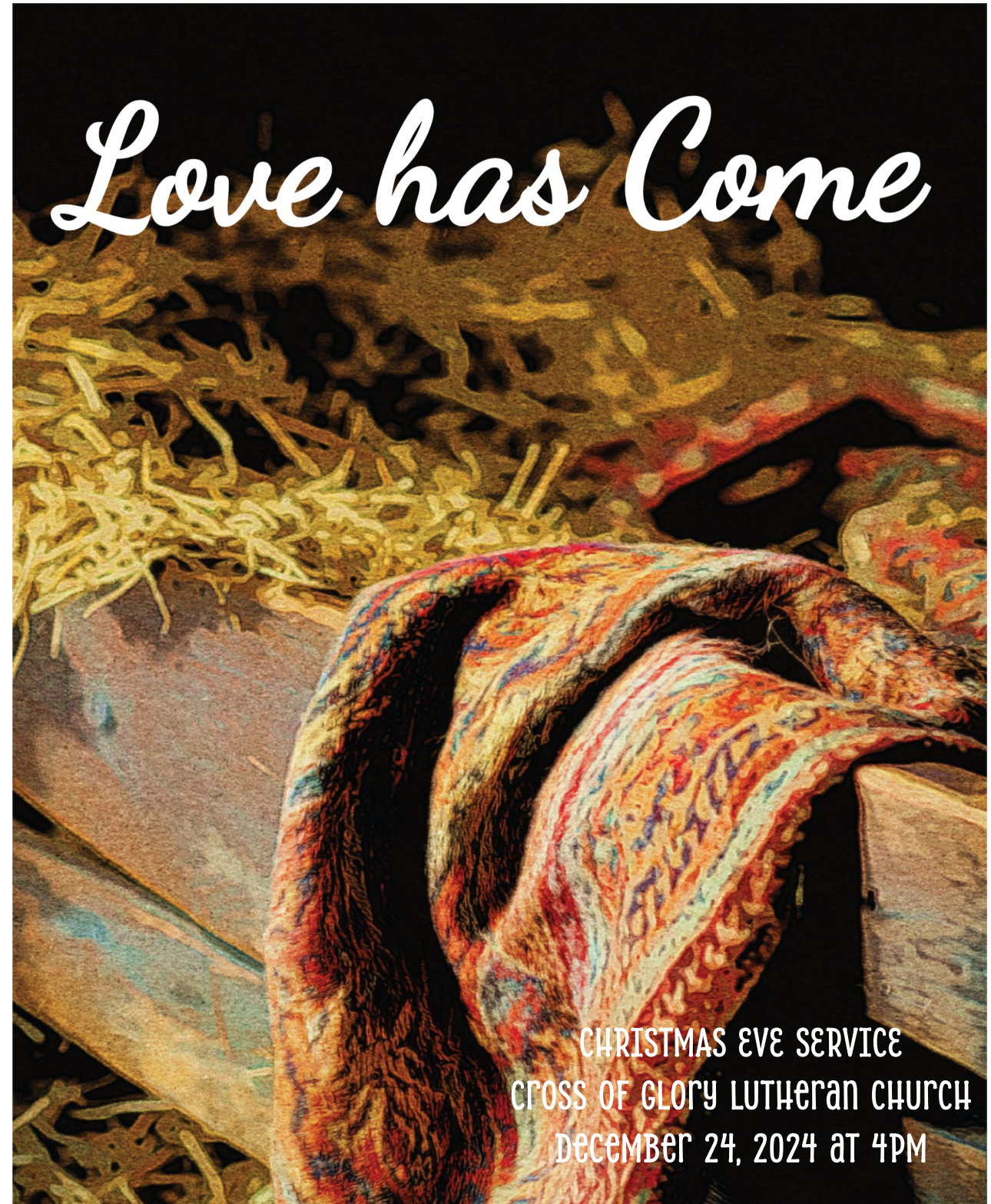


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In memory of our dads Elmer Marquardt and Bill Hass
Gayle and Don Merritt
In memory of loved ones
Audrey Pederson
In memory of Eilert Pederson
Dolores and Kirby Patterson
In memory of Dale Patterson
Marian Priest
In memory of husband, Bruce Priest and daughter, Katy Priest
Janet Roth
In memory of husband Robert Roth
Joyce Rowley
In memory of John Rowley
The Sebald Family
In celebration of God's good news and the light felt in the loving
relationships we have in family, friends, neighbors and strangers
Tom and Kris Simon
In memory of our parents: Clint and Helen Lomis, Arnie and Fran
Simon. In celebration of life together with our Cross of Glory
community, and in honor of Milo, Theo, Isabelle, Lauren, Dylan,
Nora, Evan and Hannah
Earl Simons, Dawn, Bill, Ryan and Chad Bailey
In memory of Ruthanne Simons
Carol and Dean Sjoquist
In memory of Wally and Debbie Sjoquist
Carol Stejskal
In memory of my husband, parents, brother, husbands parents
and sister
Bryan and Wendy Toenies
In memory of our parents
Ron and Lois Tollefsrud
In memory of loved ones
Mark Trease
In memory of Scott A. Wells & Markus Wuollet
Pastor Ali and Isak Tranvik
In gratitude for our parents



Love has Come



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2024 at 4PM

Merry Christmas! Welcome to Cross of Glory!

- We invite all those worshipping onsite to pick up a candle on the table outside the sanctuary, which we'll use at the end of the service.
- If you're worshipping online, please gather a candle, as well as bread and wine/juice for communion.
- Finally, if you are visiting Cross of Glory today, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome Card" located in your pew and place it in the offering plate so that we can further extend a welcome to you.

To all those who are gathered on this holy night: we're grateful for your presence as we worship God Emmanuel, the love that has come.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Cross of Glory youth & families

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Here, in winter's deep night, we gather to share the light of Christ, a light that shines in the darkness.

All: We gather together in the wonder of this night.

P: Like Mary, we open ourselves to your unexpected arrival,

A: Longing for a different kind of world.

P: Like the shepherds, we come to the stable, uncertain of what we have heard and seen,

A: Longing to hear a word of peace.

P: Like the wise ones, we come with gifts to give, and gifts to receive,

A: Longing to find a child that is born to us.

P: Like the angels, we have come as a chorus to sing of this good news of great joy,

A: Longing for the joy that is given to the world.

P: Come, let us gather, let us hear and see and sing, let us worship Emmanuel, the God who has come.

A: Amen!

Please stand as you're able

Thank You

TO THOSE WHO ADORNED OUR SANCTUARY FOR
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. WE CELEBRATE AND HONOR
THOSE NAMED BELOW:

Cheryl and Gail Anderson

In memory of Sidney and Marian Anderson, and all our
dogs and cats

Dan and Julie Aulwes

In celebration of God's healing power and in memory of
our parents

Carolyn Nottingham Davis

In honor of Dora S. Nottingham

Deb Groettum and Family

In memory of John Groettum

Marcy, Lynn, and Nick Hartlage

In memory of Gil Hartlage

August and Nancy Hengel

In memory of mothers, fathers, son, brothers, sisters and son-in law

Nancy Mero Hanson

In memory of Dick and Lorraine Mero

Marcia Janasz

In memory of husband and father, Chet Janasz, sister Karen, and
parents. Thanks be to God

Kim and Gary Jacobson

In celebration of the season

Harvey Johnson and family

In memory of Patricia Ann Johnson

Maggie and Gordy Johnsrud

In memory of departed loved ones

Arlene Kosek and Family

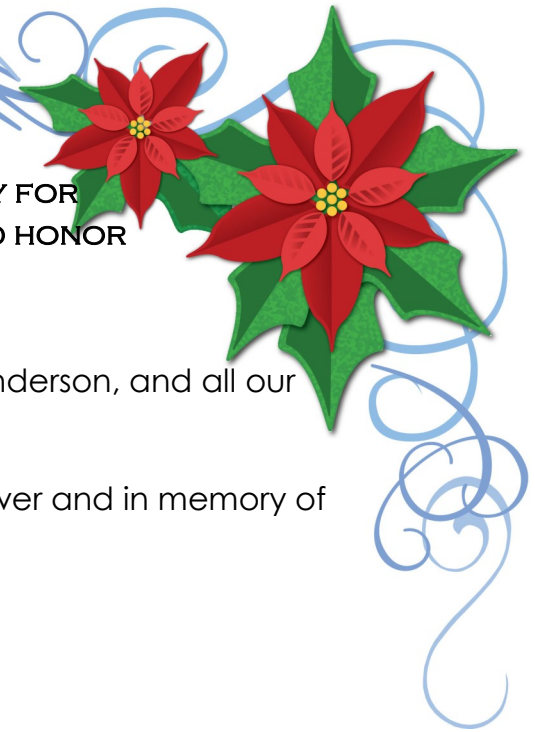
In memory of Richard Kosek and Jodi Haus

Abby Kelley

In honor of my family, both on earth and in heaven

Bruce Kuiper and Sherry Mattfield

In Memory of Mike Mattfield, Kathryn Kent, and Joan Kuiper



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Coffee

We invite you to linger as you're able for a cup of hot coffee, cookie, and brief time of fellowship after worship this evening.

Life Together at Cross of Glory

At Cross of Glory, we believe we're called to share God's gift of life together. From Bible study to neighborhood get-togethers, the worship team to the golf team, community gardening to community meals, there are lots of ways to do so. We invite you to take part! Learn more at www.crossofglory.us.

Worship

Join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 am. Services are also live-streamed via Zoom and recordings are posted to our website.

Make a Gift

Your Christmas offering empowers us to share God's love through a variety of ministries in our congregation and roader community. To make a contribution, leave an offering in the plates located outside the sanctuary, mail a check, or make an easy, secure online gift via our website. Thank you!

Pastoral Care & Prayer

If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located outside the sanctuary.

WinterFest

One of our favorite seasonal traditions is WinterFest, a neighborhood gathering hosted by Cross of Glory and CAPI for the Brooklyn Center community. Join us from 5-7 pm on Fri, Jan 10 here at 5929 Brooklyn Blvd for food, hot chocolate, live music, kids' activities, community resource fair, winter clothing distribution, and health clinic with covid and flu shots. Able to lend a hand at the event? Sign-up near the Welcome Desk.

Winter Clothing Drive

Help us collect winter clothing items to distribute at WinterFest. New or gently used winter hats, scarves, mittens, boots, socks (new), and coats can be donated at the drop-off bin near the Welcome Desk.

MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#283

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels.

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Please be seated

Verse 2

The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest!
(Refrain)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: On this silent night when we gather to celebrate the birth of God Emmanuel, we confess that our own noise has drowned out the melody of God's redeeming love. On this silent night, we confess our sins together:

All: God-With-Us, we confess that we have failed to live in your love. We have rejected those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room, when we have plenty. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden in whom you dwell. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins--those we know and those known only to you--for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Hear the good news of great joy: You are God's children, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to joyfully live and love your neighbor.

A: Amen. Thanks be to God!

At this time, children are invited to gather in the back of the sanctuary for the Procession of Light. During the next song, “Joyous Light,” kids will process with battery-powered candles to the front of the sanctuary and place them on the altar, as a reminder of God’s presence with us. Afterwards, kids can return to their seats.

SCRIPTURE READING **John 1:1-5,14**

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

PROCESSION OF LIGHT & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*** Please stand as you are able ***

MUSIC **Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory** **#561**

Verse 1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race. Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.	Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.
Verse 2 In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.	Verse 3 You who made the heaven’s splendor, every dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
P: Let us pray together...
All: God Emmanuel, you come among us to grant us peace, offer us hope, fill us with joy, and embody love. Illuminate our hearts

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Pastor: One candle is but a flicker, but our many flames join together to reflect one light, Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who shines in the darkness.

MUSIC

Silent Night

#281 vss 1-3

Verse 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.

Verse 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!

Verse 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.

BLESSING
P: Our candles reflect the star that led the magi, the angels who shone in the night sky, and the light of Christ who is come. Let your light shine as you go forth tonight, knowing that the presence of God † accompanies you, the peace of Christ dwells with you, and the love of the Holy Spirit never leaves you.
All: Amen.

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace, Christ is born!
A: Amen.

POSTLUDE

with your light, and empower us to live out the good news of the birth of your Son; in the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
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.
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.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Joy to the World

#267

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

*** Please stand as you are able ***

P: The Gospel according to Luke the second chapter.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Verse 2

Flocks were sleeping,
shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,

tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

MUSIC

Away in a Manger

#277

Verse 1

Away in a manger,
no crib for a 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.

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing;
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes.

I love you, Lord Jesus;
look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask you to stay
close by me forever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care
and fit us for heaven,
to live with you there.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God of love, you have fed and nourished us here at your table on the gifts of bread and wine--your body and blood. Now send us out into the world you so love, that we might use these gifts to share your love at all the tables of our lives, feeding and nourishing all who hunger.

All: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

At this time, we'll light candles, reminding us of the light of Christ that is given to us this night, and the light we're called to take forth into the world. If you're onsite, the flame will be passed to you by a neighbor. If you're online, you're invited to light a candle as we sing. Candles may remain lit through the end of the service.

When lighting, please hold the unlit candle over the lit candle

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Jesus shows up in a lowly manger, and in the simple gifts of bread and wine. Come, meet Christ in this meal.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

A: Amen.

P: The blood of Christ is shed for you.

A: Amen.

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshipping onsite, an usher will come dismiss your row. You're invited to then come forward to receive bread (gluten-free option available) and wine or grape juice. Baskets for empty cups are located at the end of the first pews. If you'd like communion to be brought to you, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to come to you.

MUSIC

What Child Is This?

#296

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

MUSIC

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#276

Verse 1

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.

Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

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

P: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**** Please be seated ****

MUSIC

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

#270

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn king;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled."
 Joyful, all you nations, rise;
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic hosts proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem:

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born
Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
(Refrain)

KIDS' MESSAGE

*****Kids are invited up to the front to hear a special message.*****

SERMON

MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee
without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** Between each petition***
Leader: God Emmanuel...
ALL: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

God's love moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift, so that we might share God's love here in our congregation and throughout the wider community. Thank you!



SPECIAL MUSIC

God the Son

Bergthold, Taylor,
Redman, Trotter

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them now for the sake of him who was born among us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
A: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
A: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant...lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SONG OF PRAISE

—tune of “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be given!
All your glory fills the earth,
all your power fills the heavens.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Blessed is the child who comes,
bringing love and light divine.
Blessed is the one who's here,
in the bread and in the wine.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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