

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

December 25, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor William Prann, Director of Christian Education (DCE) Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music

CHRISTMAS DAY

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

"If it bleeds, it leads." That's the mantra of modern news media. Good news doesn't seem to get the traction that destruction and division do. But good news is what God speaks through His Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. God publishes peace, salvation, and the good news of happiness through the Word and reminds us, "Your God reigns" (Isaiah 52:7) That's good news!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John* 1:14

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Please use this time to prepare your hearts for coming into the presence of Jesus.

CROSS PROCESSIONAL

Please rise and face the cross as it leads us into worship

WELCOME

▼ PREPARATION ▼

OPENING CAROL

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The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. $[\mathbf{P}]$
- $|\mathbf{C}|$ Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 26:8; 1 Kings 8:27; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14

- P O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- Will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built!
- "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
- And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 52:7; John 1:12-13, adapt.

- **P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, the Word, to become flesh and dwell among us. We confess we struggle to see His glory when life is difficult or when we are suffering. We look elsewhere for grace and truth instead of focusing on Your eternal Word. We have heard the Good News and struggle to share it. Forgive us, for the sake of You Son, Jesus Christ. Shine the light of Your love on us and dispel the darkness of our hearts.
- People of God, I have good news for you, "Your God reigns." In the mercy of our almighty God, Jesus Christ was born to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you for all of your sins.
- C Alleluia! Amen!
- P To all who receive Him, who believe in His name, He gives the right to become children of God, who are born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but of God.
- C Alleluia! Amen!

KYRIE

- **P** Lord, have mercy on us.
- Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

CAROL

367 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



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SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

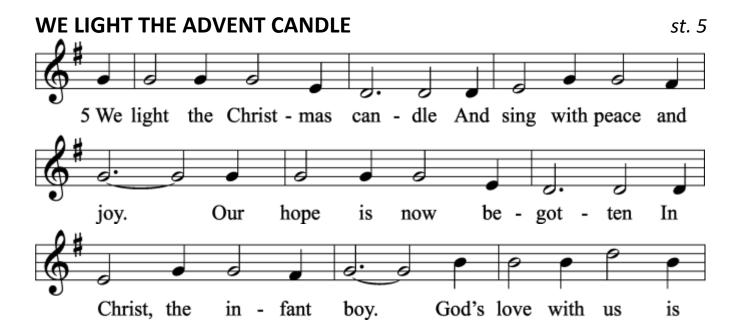
Heavenly Father, in ages past, You spoke through the prophets. Today You have spoken to us through Your Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. Tune our ears to Your Word and nourish us with the flesh and blood of Your Son, who is always with us; through the same Jesus Christ, who rules and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C Amen.

Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light the Advent Wreath, including the Christmas Candle, as we sing the following hymn.





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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

(The feet of the one who brings good news of peace, happiness, and salvation are beautiful.)

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

- **P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
- and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
- P And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
- **C** Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- P Sing to the Lord a new song,
- for he has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE Hebrews 1:1–12

(God used to speak through prophets; now He speaks to us through Jesus.)

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

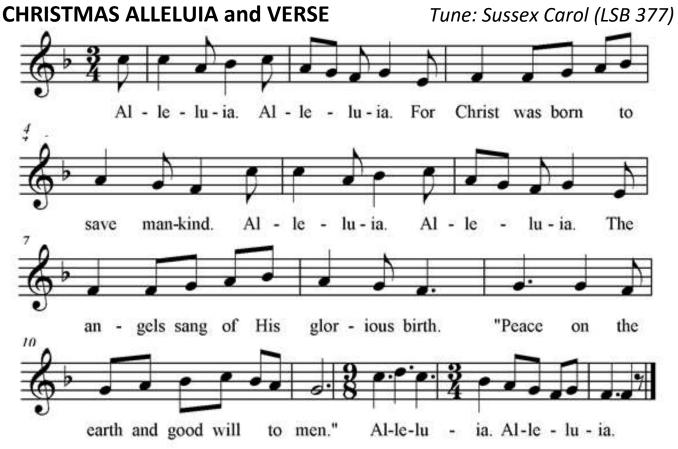
¹⁰And,

"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Text by: Michael Schmidt

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1–18

(God becomes a human being.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

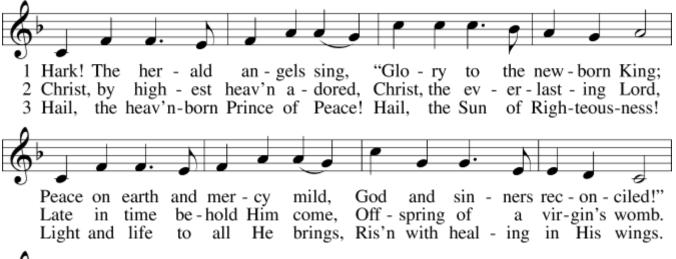
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

CAROL

380 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING





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



With the 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!"

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SERMON

VOTUM

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

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I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

whose kingdom will have no end.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Holy Lord, almighty God and Father, You laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. You nourish us and all creatures through Your created world. Guide us in being good stewards of Your world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord Jesus, the world we live in was created through You. In these last days, our Father has spoken to us through You. Give us ears to hear Your voice and willing hearts and minds to not only receive grace and truth but also live them out in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy Spirit, we thank and praise You for the feet of those who brought us the Good News. We ask for Your blessing on all pastors, parents, grandparents, and servants in Christ's church that they may continue to share the good news of peace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Great physician and healer, comfort all who are struggling physically, emotionally, or spiritually, [especially . . .]. Give them healing and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of family. Knit families together with Your love, mercy, and grace. Give parents and children calm minds and quiet hearts focused on Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Silence for personal prayer.

- P O God, we boldly and confidently lift these prayers to You, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

- Please send your offerings to St. Luke's Lutheran Church 4801 Anderson Avenue Manhattan, KS 66503
- 2. Electronic Funds Transfer Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 1:5 – "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and loneliness, Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst of our pettiness, against all our pride, Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.

SPECIAL MUSIC – Max Peterson
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

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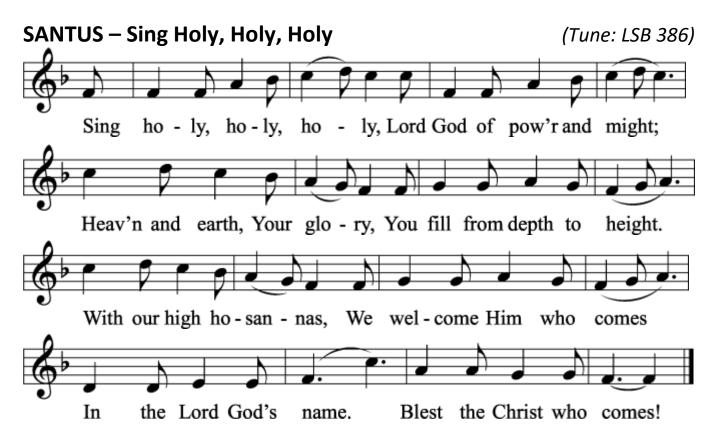
₩ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for sending Your Son, the Word who became flesh, to dwell among us. We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the heavenly host, we praise and honor Your glorious name and join in their unending hymn.



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have sent Your Son to be the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us so that whoever believes in His name will have the right to become children of God.

Through the Word who became flesh, You have created all things and have spoken grace and truth. Let the Word dwell among us, that faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood we may receive a full measure of Your gifts through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hear us as we confidently pray in His name the prayer He taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

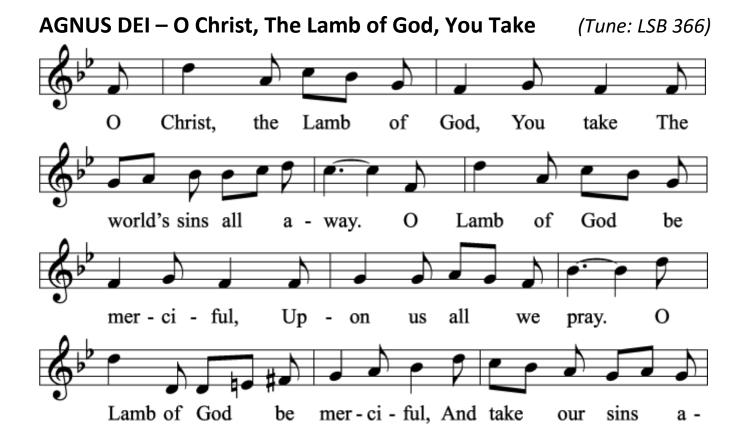
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

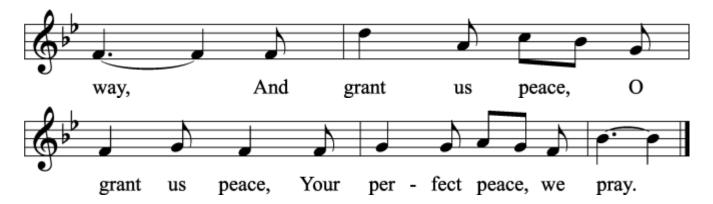
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





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Sit

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS





- 1 A great and might y won der, A full and ho ly cure: 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re-mains on high,
- 3 While thus they sing your Mon arch, Those bright an gel ic bands,
- 4 Since all He comes to ran som, By all be He a dored
- 5 All i dols then shall per ish And Sa-tan's ly-ing cease,



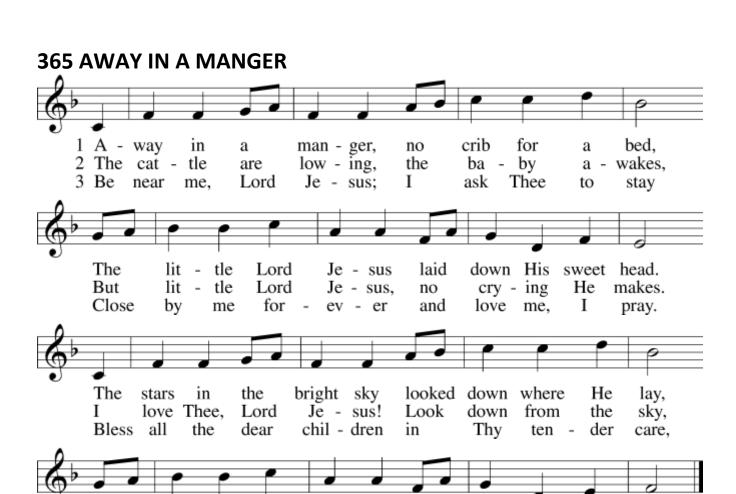
The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure! And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep-herds from the sky. Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands. The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord. And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.



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DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Tune: Angels from the Realm of Glory (LSB 367)

- Thank the Lord, His praises voicing For His promised faithfulness!
 All who seek the Lord, rejoicing Tell His love, His name confess For He leads us, with thanksgiving in the paths of righteousness.
- At Your Word, Lord, let Your servant Go in peace, for with my eyes I have seen Your bright salvation, Israel's Light, begin to rise As the Glory of the nations, Leading us to Paradise.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, we give You thanks and praise for nourishing us with Your body and blood in this Holy Meal. Strengthen our faith and lead us with Your grace and truth; for You reign, one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:14; Isaiah 52:10

- P All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
- "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
- P And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

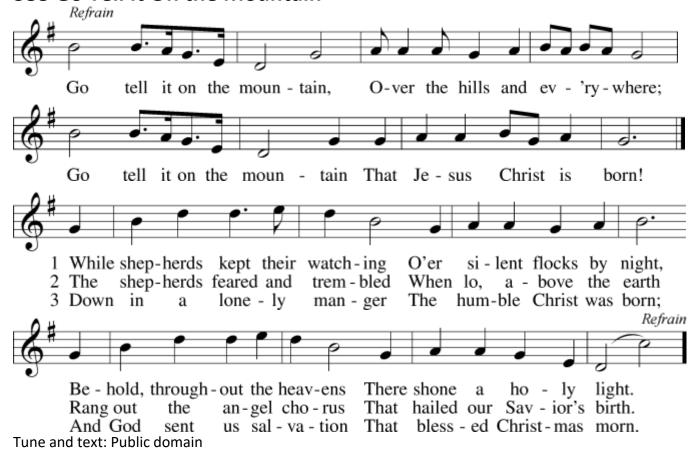
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

Please greet one another with "Merry Christmas!"

388 Go Tell It On the Mountain



POSTLUDE

Merry Christmas! Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Please continue to greet the people around you as you exit the Sanctuary.

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