



Merry  
Monday  
and  
Happy  
New Week

**Christmas Day**  
**December 25, 2017**

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

<b>Elder:</b>	<b>Mike Bandman</b>
<b>Comm. Elder:</b>	<b>John Kozlik</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>Sam Squires, Jude Squires</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Lance Rasmussen, OPEN</b>
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	<b>Jacob Stoltzman, Pat Rasmussen</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>Al Diercks, OPEN</b>

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**TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE:**  
**ADVENT PROPHETS INTO THE CHRISTMAS FULFILLMENT**

This service draws from the Old Testament prophets who pointed to the first Advent of Jesus, His birth,  
and now reveal to us how Christmas is the fulfillment of those promises.

**Prelude Anthem**

**“Fanfare for Christmas”**

**Adult Choir**

- Use the time of the anthem to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

**Entrance Words and Invocation**

*based on Jeremiah 33:14-16*

P: “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD.

**C: And have now come!**

P: When He will fulfill the promise He made to all of His people:

**C: Jesus, the Promised Son of David, has now come into the flesh.**

P: In these days the LORD’s people are saved,

**C: And His Church, His people, are secure in Him.**

P: And this is the name by which the Church is called:

**C: The LORD is our righteousness.**

P: What does that name mean?

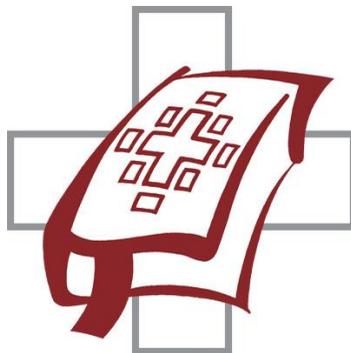
**C: We, His people, are righteous through His righteousness.**

**We are holy because He makes us holy through His Son.**

P: Let us remember our baptisms, when the Lord became our righteousness...

in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**



**Opening Hymn**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

LSB 379, sts. 1-2



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



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

**Gradual (Words for Approaching Altar)** *Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 98:1a; antiphon (repeated): Matthew 1:21*

P: Alleluia. Mary will bear a son, and she will call His Name Jesus,

**C: for He will save His people from their sins. Alleluia.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

P: And his name shall be called

**C: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C: for he has done marvelous things!**

P: Alleluia. She has given birth to a son, and she has named Him Jesus,

**C: for He has saved His people from their sins. Alleluia.**

### ***Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: *And also with you.***

P: Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: *Amen.***

### ***Preparation for God's Word***

*based on Luke 2:30,32; Psalm 98:1-4; Malachi 3:1-7b*

P: Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation;

**C: *a light for revelation to the Gentiles,***

P: and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

**C: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!***

P: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C: *The LORD has made known his salvation;***

P: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**C: *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.***

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;***

P: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

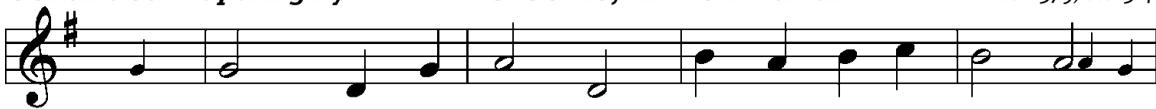
**C: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

P: And the LORD declares to you today that His mercies are new every morning. He says: "I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. Your LORD has drawn you back to Himself through His Son, Jesus. You have returned to the LORD through the work of the Holy Spirit. You have returned and find forgiveness for all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen.***

P: And this is the name by which the Church is called:

**C: *The LORD is our righteousness. Amen.***



3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!

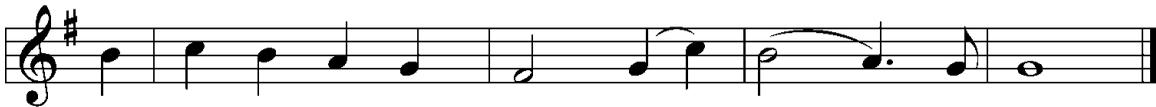


Glo - ry to God In the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



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

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 52:7-10 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup>How 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."

<sup>8</sup>The 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.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**Hebrews 1:1-6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but 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. <sup>3</sup>He 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, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For 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”? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.    C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Proclamation    Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

LSB 380



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 Righ-teous-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 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.

*Refrain*



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

## **Versicles**

Isaiah 9:2a; John 1:5; Isaiah 9:2b; John 1:14b; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:4

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: *The light shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness has not understood it.***

P: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

**C: *We have seen His glory,  
the glory of the one and only Son  
who came from the Father.***

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: *In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.***

## **Holy Gospel**

***Luke 2:1-14 (ESV)***

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C: *But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.***

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *Thanks be to God.***

**Anthem****“Star-Led and Wonder Bound”****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

**Verse 1** You don't have to be a king to worship Him  
You don't have to be a king to follow the star  
You don't have to be a king to worship Him  
Just come as you are  
You can be star-led and wonder bound  
Led by a star's light to Bethlehem town  
Bound for the wonder that waits to be found  
Star-led and wonder bound

**Verse 2** You don't have to travel far to welcome Him  
You don't have to travel far to look on His face  
You don't have to travel far to welcome Him  
He's here in this place  
Come and be star-led and wonder bound  
Led by a star's light to Bethlehem town  
Bound for the wonder that waits to be found  
Star-led and wonder bound wonder bound

**Verse 3** You don't have to bring a gift to honor Him  
You don't have to bring a gift of silver or gold  
You don't have to bring a gift to honor Him  
Just come come and behold  
Come and be star-led and wonder bound  
Led by a star's light to Bethlehem town  
Bound for the wonder that waits to be found  
Star-led wonder bound  
Star-led and wonder bound

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**Sermon****“That Was Last Night... Today’s Just Another Manic Monday”**

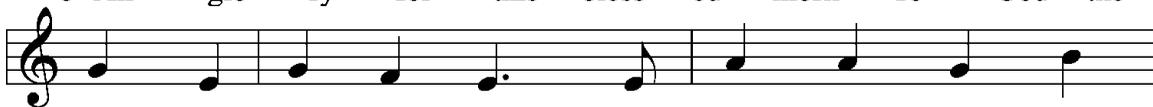
## Hymn of Response

## From East to West

LSB 385 sts. 1, 4-5



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry  
4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -  
5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom  
bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the  
Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



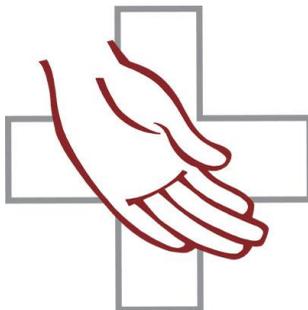
Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.  
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.  
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

## Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering



## ***Prayers of the Church***

P: Almighty God, in the person of Your Son Jesus Christ, You reveal Your strength before the eyes of all nations. Grant that we may break forth in joyous song as we thank You for our redemption from sin, death, and the devil's power.

Jesus Christ—the one and only Light—has come into the world;

**C: *Oh come, let us worship Him.***

P: Eternal God, in the mystery of Your holy incarnation and blessed nativity You took upon our human flesh. It is in the very flesh of Jesus that we behold Your glory, receive grace and understand Your truth. Increase our faith that we may be bold witnesses concerning the complete revelation of Your Word. Jesus Christ—the one and only Light—has come into the world;

**C: *Oh come, let us worship Him.***

P: With the shepherds, O Lord, we marvel at the miracle of Your nativity. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people so that, without reservation, we would spread the good news of salvation revealed to us through the Word made flesh. Jesus Christ—the one and only Light—has come into the world;

**C: *Oh come, let us worship Him.***

P: O Lord, in humility, You who were rich became poor to redeem us from sin's curse. Comfort those who face economic challenges granting them courage to endure hardship; send them persons who would support and encourage them to look in trust to You. Jesus Christ—the one and only Light—has come into the world;

**C: *Oh come, let us worship Him.***

P: Almighty God, grant Your blessing to those in need. Banish their sadness, anxiety, and sorrow with the certainty of forgiveness and life everlasting. Cheer their weary spirits by Your gracious visitation. Keep us ever mindful that Your only begotten Son bears our burdens and grief. Jesus Christ—the one and only Light—has come into the world;

**C: *Oh come, let us worship Him.***

P: O Lord, in the Sacrament of Your body and blood You dwell with us and give us pardon from sin and peace everlasting. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins that we may wholeheartedly give thanks to You. Jesus Christ—the one and only Light—has come into the world;

**C: *Oh come, let us worship Him.***

P: Through the gracious works of our Prince of Peace, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: *Amen.***

## ***The Lord's Supper: What We Believe***

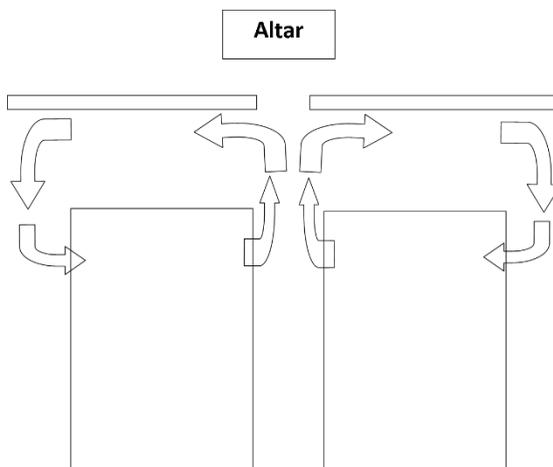
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## ***Communion Distribution***

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



**Preface Verse**

**Let All Together Praise Our God**

LSB 389 st. 1

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
 glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
 give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: We pray: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

**Let All Together Praise Our God**

LSB 389 sts. 3-4

3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

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

**C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

### **First Distribution Hymn**

### **Angels From the Realms of Glory**

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
 Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

**Second Distribution Hymn**

**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

LSB 388

*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.

**Anthem****“Good News! Everybody Listen!”****Adult Choir**

Good news, ev’rybody listen! Good news, ev’rybody listen!  
Good news, hear the good news that Jesus Christ is born.  
Sing glory, good news shout it from the mountains.  
Good news, sing it in the valleys.  
Good news, share the good news that Jesus Christ is born.

Angels announce His birth in Bethlehem.  
A star proclaims to all the world’s true Light.  
The shepherds run to see the newborn King,  
To worship Him this holy day of days.

Good news, listen children. Good news, listen children. Christ is born.  
Good news, glory hallelujah! Good news, glory hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born.  
Oh, Jesus Christ the Lord is born.

**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: **Amen.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** P: In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us, so that faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Benediction**

*based on Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

P: To you a child is born, to you a son is given; and the government is upon his shoulder.  
And his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things for you,  
in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Joy to the World**

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

**Announcements**

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# What Would Happen If You Told the Pastor?

If you come to me and confess your sin of \_\_\_\_\_,

I will listen.

I may ask why, what led to this,  
to see if you understand  
the nature of the temptation and consequences.

I will affirm God's Law.

I will APPLY GOD'S FORGIVENESS directly to you.

I will pray for you.

I will offer a blessing for you from God.

I will ask how I can  
support, encourage, and hold you accountable.

I will point you towards the work of the Holy Spirit in you  
for your transformation day by day.

If you come to me and express your frustration or fear or  
confusion or what you think might be an error in our ministry,  
I will listen.

I will admit to my own failures and seek your forgiveness.

I will affirm God's Law.

I will affirm God's Gospel.

We will pray together, asking for God's blessing on us  
as the Lord calls us to be on His mission together.

I will celebrate that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

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# Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study January 7—March 18 9:30-10:30AM

*with Pastor Squires*

## ***What does it mean to have a spiritual conversation?***

One of the goals of Bethel is to encourage one another to have **spiritual conversations** with people in our day-to-day lives—family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, schoolmates, etc. But what does it mean to have a spiritual conversation? How do we even start?

We went through “The Arts of Spiritual Conversation” back in 2016, and the result was groundbreaking for many participants. To realize that God can use us with these basic friendship skills as a way to encourage others in the Gospel.

We’re going back to review and learn even more. Jump in with us on Sundays to learn “The Arts”. We start with a short introduction video each week, and then we split up into small discussion tables hosted by folks from the congregation. You can join at any time and experience where God may be leading you.

## the **arts** of **spiritual conversations**

