

*Christmas Day
2011*



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PRAYER before WORSHIP

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

(“O Little Town of Bethlehem”, verse 4)

HOLY COMMUNION - The Scriptures teach that in the Holy Communion Christ’s body and blood are given to us for the forgiveness of sins, strength for our faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection and who trust that these gifts are “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” are invited to receive the sacrament.

TODAY’S SERMON *“Go, Tell It”*

Isaiah 52:7-10: Christmas Day is a time to step back from the familiar account of manger, angels, and shepherds and simply dwell in the mystery of the Incarnation.

One of the carols we sing is a spiritual titled *“Go, Tell It On The Mountain.”* It is based on today’s Old Testament lesson, Isaiah 52.

We may not fully understand how the fullness of God can dwell in the form of a child, but all of our Christmas singing and celebrations help us to *“Go, Tell It”* to the world.

Tell of God’s reign (7-8)

Tell of God’s Salvation (9-10)

NEXT SUNDAY, January 1, 2012,
will be a one-service Sunday. Worship (with Holy Communion) will begin at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School and adult Bible classes will NOT be held.

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Music of the Nativity

“*Fanfare for Christmas Day*” Shaw
Hosanna Choir, trumpets

“*What You Gonna Call Him?*” spiritual, arr. Fettke
Hosanna Choir

“*Cantate Domino*” Music for Piano and Organ Hassler
Hosanna Choir

“*And All in the Morning*” Near
Hosanna Choir

“*A Gift of Alleluia*” Music for Violin and Organ Martin
Hosanna Choir

“*Shepherds, Rejoice, Lift Up Your Eyes!*” Ehert
Hosanna Choir

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Lindsay Hemphill

VIOLIN

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PIANO

Rebecca Hodge

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TRUMPETS

Susan Rider, Lisa Marie Warnick

HORN

Julia Piorkowski, Elliot Lay

EUPONIUM

Meghan Benson



Stand

Processional Hymn

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

LSB 373

(Turn and face the Processional Cross)



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”

Interlude
between
stanzas

Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Christmas Exhortation

P The Gospel of Luke, the second chapter: “When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” Beloved in the Lord, we are gathered to sing the praises of the child that was born and to seek Him in the Word and in the Sacrament this day.

P Sing to the Lord, a new song,
C for He has done marvelous things.
 P He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
C all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Kneel

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Christmas Absolution

P Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
 P "When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.
C "and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.
 P But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

We sing,

Stand



Service of the Word

Carol

"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!"

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.
 P Let us pray.
 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading (setting by Carter, sung by Hosanna Choir) Isaiah 52:7-10

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-6

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,

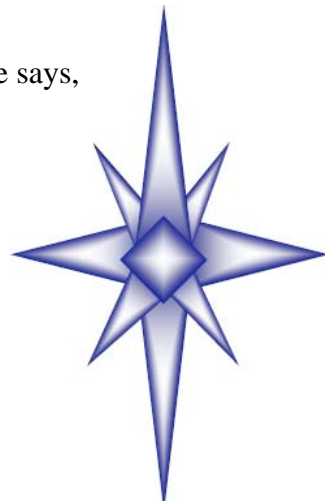
“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



L Alleluia. 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. Alleluia. (John 1:14)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

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

C **Glory be to Thee, 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.

The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

Gradual Carol

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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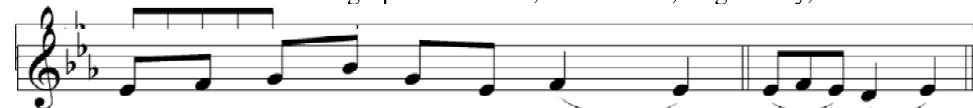
1 Of the Fa - ther’s love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
4 O ye heights of heav’n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



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 - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



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.

Sermon

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

Anthem Hosanna Choir

“Christmas Day”

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering Hosanna Choir

“Joy, Joy!”

arr. Harlan

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

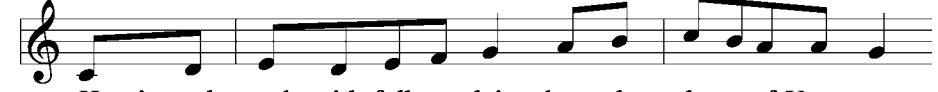
Preface

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 It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:
C **Amen.**

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav’n and earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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 that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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 Institution

P 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."

P 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.

We share God's peace with one another.

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution and Hymns

*"Joy to the World" arr. Rutter
(Instrumental interlude between verses)*

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| <p>1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its 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.</p> | <p>3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

1. A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure;
The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure! *Refrain*
Refrain: Proclaim the Savior’s birth: “To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!”
2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*
3. While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans clap your hands. *Refrain*
4. Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethlehem, The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*
5. All idols then shall perish And Satan’s lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



Christmas Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, Almighty Father, for the incarnate Word who still descends to forgive and strengthen Your people. Increase our love of You and one another as we leave this feast to publish the glad tidings of great joy that have come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

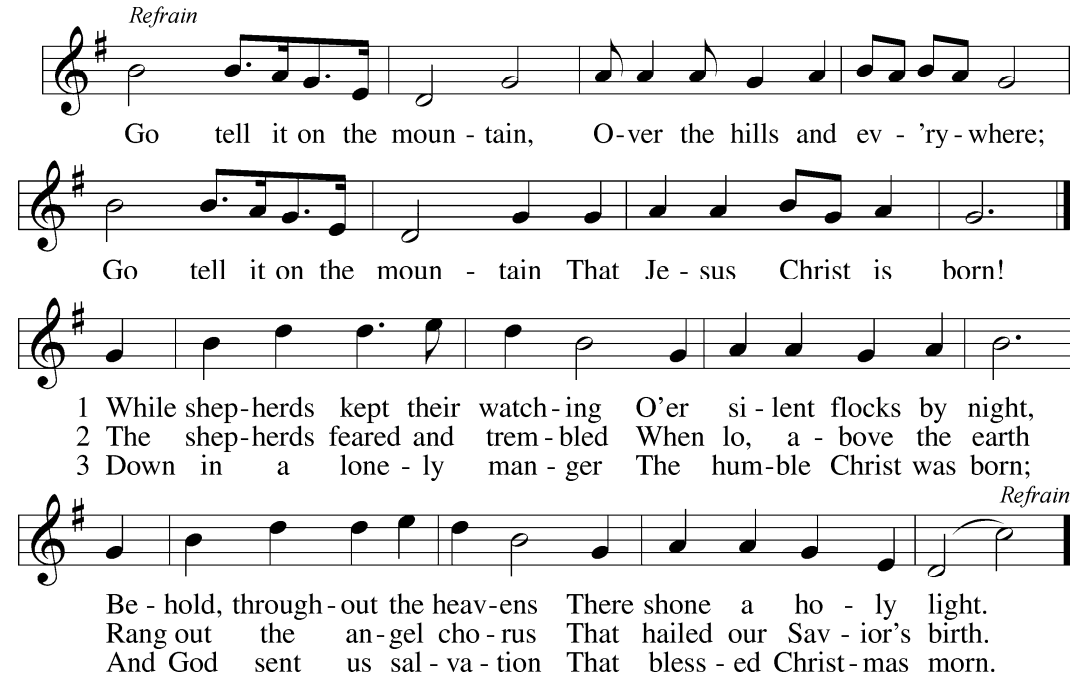
Christmas Benediction

A How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news.
 C who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
 A who publishes salvation,
 C who says to Zion, "YOUR GOD REIGNS!"
 P The Lord bless you and keep you
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.
 C Amen.



Carol

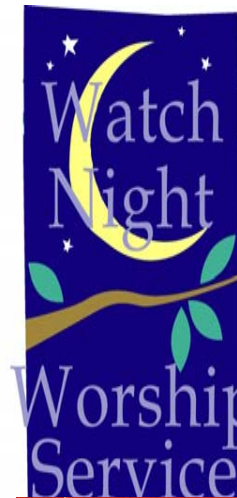
"Go Tell It on the Mountain"



Pastlude

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

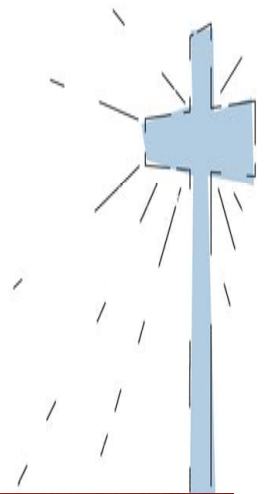
arr. Sterling/Wiley/Winkler



**COMMUNITY
 WATCH NIGHT
 SERVICE**

Saturday, December 31
 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. (2012)

Hosted by
 Bethany's African Immigrant Ministry



A BETHANY TRADITION - Those who purchased the poinsettias adorning the altar this morning may take them home with them after our worship today.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, December 26.

PASTOR JAGOW will be out of the office through December 30.

WEDNESDAY WORD will NOT meet this week.

LIVING WATER will next meet on Sunday, January 15.

**THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
FOR JOSEPH B. DAVIS
AS OUR SPECIAL MISSION PASTOR**

**THE REV. GLEN LUCAS, INSTALLER
THE REV. KARL K. SCHMIDT, PREACHER**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 AT 3:00 P.M.
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW.**

SERVING TODAY

Lay Liturgist: Pastor-elect Davis
Lay Minister: Terry Frye
Ushers: Beth Leeman
Rob Hodge
Acolyte: Torrie Bolger
Crucifer: Sarah Busch
Reader: Joel Schmick
Stewards: The Leemans

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