



And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped
him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, ...
Luke 2:7

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

Augsburg Lutheran Church
845 West Fifth Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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7:30 and 11:00 P.M.

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We welcome you to this 2017 Christmas Eve service at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. After our weeks of preparation during Advent, on this evening we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Communion distribution on this festive night will be by the method of intinction. You will be presented a wafer, and are invited then to dip the wafer into the chalice of wine held by the communion assistant. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Communion is shared with all who are baptized. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

The Christmas envelope (a special envelope included in members' offering packets) will be credited to Augsburg's Charity Reserve Fund for distribution to Crisis Control unless other instructions are received. This fund provides for the emergency needs of families and individuals.

At the conclusion of this service, weather permitting, we will all exit to the front steps of the sanctuary for the benediction. Please follow the instructions given by your ushers and remember to take all coats, purses and other belongings with you as you depart.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the carols as printed in this guide to worship. If you are able, you are invited to stand when indicated.

✠ GATHERING ✠

Noël Suisse (7:30)

Louis-Claude Daquin

A Rose E'er Blooming (11:00)

Evelyn R. Larter

Suzy Perkins, violin

Maria durch ein' Dornwald ging

Medieval German

Maria walks amid the thorn, Kyrie eleison.

Maria walks amid the thorn, Which seven years no leaf has born.

Jesus and Maria.

What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear? Kyrie eleison.

A little child doth Mary bear, Beneath her heart He nestles there.

Jesus and Maria.

And as the two are passing near, Kyrie eleison,

Lo! roses on the thorns appear, Lo! roses on the thorns appear.

Jesus and Maria.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

arr. David Willcocks

In dulci jubilo, BWV 608

Johann Sebastian Bach

Choral Prelude on IRBY

C. P. Cowell

Shepherds Left Their Flocks A-straying

arr. John Rutter

Of the Father's Love Begotten

John Blackburn

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Following the singing of stanzas 1-2 by the choir, the assembly is invited to sing stanzas 3-6



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is
 3 And through all his won - drous child - hood, he would
 4 For he is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by
 5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 hon - or and o - bey, love and watch the low - ly
 day like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and
 own re - deem - ing love, for that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see him; but in



ba - by in a man - ger for his bed; Mar - y
 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay; Chris - tian
 help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he
 gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he
 heav - en, set at God's right hand on high; where like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1823-1895
Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

Angels We Have Heard on High/O Come, All Ye Faithful (7:30)

arr. Bruce Tippette

Jacob Andrews, horn

Fantasia on GREENSLEEVES (11:00)

R. Vaughan Williams
arr. Michael Mullinar

Suzy Perkins, violin

RINGING OF THE BELL

We stand.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 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.
 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.

In the mercy of almighty ... Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

ENTRANCE HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 283)



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

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

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

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

come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord!

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

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

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH AND HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 289)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long.
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON 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 Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

Refrain (Sung once by the choir, repeated by the assembly)



Psalm Tone (verses sung by the assembly)



- ¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
- ³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. **℟**
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
- ⁶Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. **℟**
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.
- ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo- | ples with equity."
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
- ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.
- ¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **℟**

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.



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

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.

The gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

Pastor Wollner

HYMN OF THE DAY Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 270)

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 right-cous - 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 you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*Each portion of the prayers concludes: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

Please be considerate of those who may be reluctant to shake hands in this flu season.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

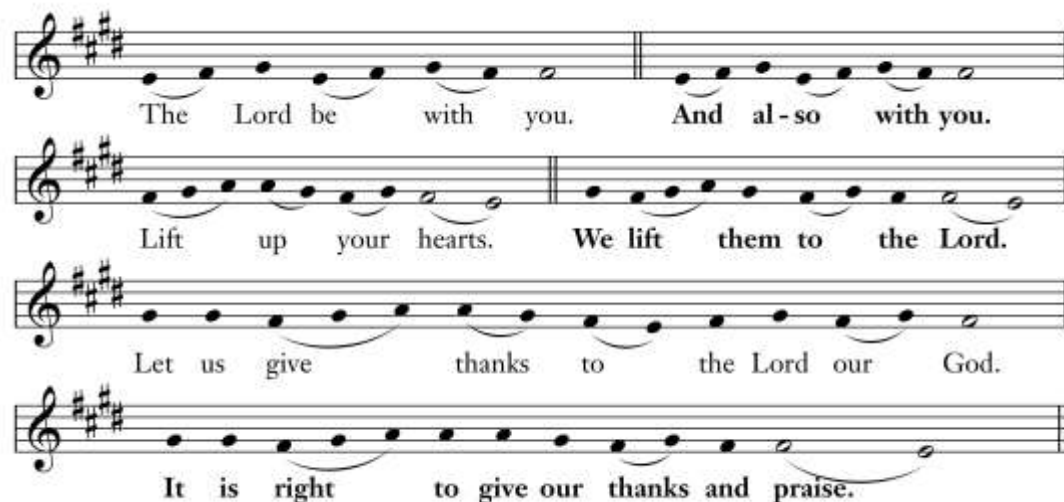
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

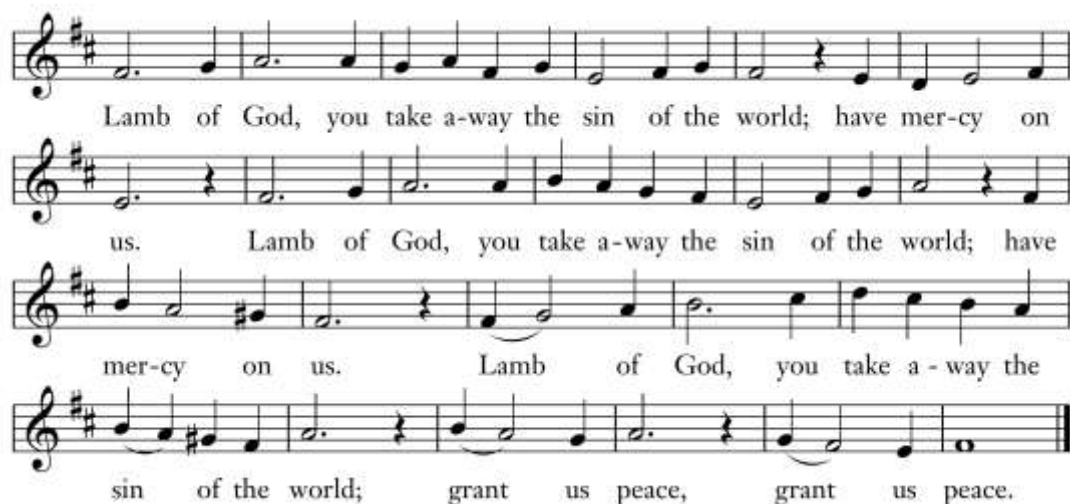
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



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

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who choose not to receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Christmas Night

arr. John Rutter

Softly through the winter's darkness shines a light,
Clear and still in Bethlehem on Christmas Night
Round the stable where a virgin mother mild
Watches over Jesus Christ the holy child.

Shepherds kneel in adoration by his bed;
Seraphim in glory hover round his head.
Wise men, guided by the leading of a star,
Bring him gifts of precious treasure from afar.

Choirs of angels sing to greet his wondrous birth:
Christ our Lord in human form comes down to earth
"Glory to God in highest heaven" their joyful strain:
"Peace on earth, goodwill to men" the glad refrain.

Lullaby! the child lies sleeping: sing lullaby!
Safe in Mary's tender keeping: sing lullaby!
Guardian angels keep their watch till break of day:
Lullaby! sweet Jesus sleeps among the hay.

Alleluia! let the earth rejoice today!
Christ is born to take our sins and guilt away.
Praise the Lord who sent him down from heaven above:
Holy infant, born of God the Father's love.

HYMNS

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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

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

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

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

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 272)

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know; bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half-spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half-spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2;

Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

Music: *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 277)

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear child - ren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.
 Music: James R. Murray, 1841-1905

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christ - ian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not
 fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to
 gain the ev - er - last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
 Music: German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795-1856

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
 that you have refreshed us
 through the healing power of this gift of life.
 In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
 in faith toward you
 and in fervent love toward one another;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION John 1:1-5

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.

Light is passed from the altar to the congregation. Please do not tilt a lighted candle.

At the conclusion of the service, weather permitting, all exit to the front steps of the sanctuary for the benediction. Please follow the instructions given by the ushers and remember to take all coats, purses and other belongings with you as you depart.

CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Following the singing of one stanza in German by the choir, the Congregation is invited to sing stanzas 1–3. (A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 281)

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,
Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly, hosts ... sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

✠ SENDING ✠

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world.

DEPARTURE CAROLS Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 267)



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 300)



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

(A harmonized setting of this hymn may be found at ELW 282)



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

ADDITIONAL DEPARTURE CAROLS

O Come, All Ye Faithful (page 4 of this Guide to Worship)
Angels We Have Heard on High (page 6 of this Guide to Worship)

THE BENEDICTION (Delivered on the church steps, weather permitting.)

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.

The service is concluded. Joyfully greet one another with wishes of a Merry Christmas!

***Hodie Christus natus est!
Today Christ is born!***

Bulletin Cover Artist

Cary Stevens

Acolytes

7:30 Julia Grossnickle and Mason Paschold

11:00 Meghan Ballard and TBD

Crucifers

7:30 Harrison Hickman

11:00 Alex Ballard

Torch Bearer

7:30 David Johnson and Walker Paschold

11:00 TBD

Banner Bearers

7:30 Zane Johnson

11:00 Zachary Olsen

Communion Assistants

7:30 John Bandle and Dick DiBlasio

11:00 Edith and Jim Eubanks

Lay Readers

7:30 Kevin Kooken

11:00 Peter DeBaugh

Liturgists

7:30 Rob Ulery

11:00 Daniele Olsen

Instrumentalists

7:30 Jacob Andrews, horn

11:00 Susan Perkins, violin

Ushers7:30 Chris Almerini, Clarence Dixon,
Don Eppert and Carol Epting

11:00 Kevin Lynch and TBD

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Stella and Fred Hasecke and Bernice and H. W. (Chris) Vaughan, by Keith and Lydia Vaughan.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Offerings. All undesignated money received in the offering plate will be used for the Pastors' Discretionary Fund. This fund account is a confidential fund administered by the pastors to assist those in need, both members and non-members.

*The officers and staff of Augsburg Lutheran Church extend you our best wishes
for a most blessed Christmas and happy new year!*

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2017 FESTIVE DECORATIONS

The poinsettias in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God in honor of

My children Kenneth, Alan, & Karen, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren	Eleanore Regenthal
Karla and Dan Simmons	Helen DeLooper
Chris & Melissa Vaughan	Keith & Lydia Vaughan
Fritz & Elizabeth Vaughan	Keith & Lydia Vaughan
Our grandchildren: Maggie, Hardy, Waverly and Winnie	Keith & Lydia Vaughan
The staff of Augsburg Lutheran Church	Don & Mary Armitage
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The many musicians & artists of Augsburg Lutheran Church	Don & Mary Armitage
Gene S. Hill and Sue Hill (Sharon Schoderbek's parents)	Charles and Sharon Schoderbek
Our 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild	Bob and Jean Deaton
Our children and grandchildren in Doran and Robinson Families	James and Vera Robinson
All of Augsburg's Outreach Programs	Lara Eppert Carter
Frances Kimball and Tom Peatross	Susan, Craig, Sarah and Will Peatross
My children and grandchildren: Darin, Gwen & Daniel Nolting and Kimberly, Kirk & Drew Milhoan	Margee Nolting
The Wollner Family	The Grossnickle Family
Our children and grandchildren, Rick, Beth and Rusty; Hanna, Niels and Frederick	Fred and Mary Elizabeth Newman
Cantor Tim, Bruce Tippet and the Augsburg Choirs	Anne Bishop
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Katie Fitzgerald	Mike, Karen and Sarah Fitzgerald
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My parents; husbands Bill Regenthal and Pastor Troutman and granddaughter, Kenna Angell	Eleanore Regenthal
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