

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 2024 | 8:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



For families worshiping with children:

Our professionally staffed childcare center, located downstairs in the Riker building, is open this evening should your family wish to take advantage of additional care. Children, infants through age 5, may be dropped off and/or picked up from the center at any time during the service. Many families retrieve their children at the distribution of communion so that they can participate as a family.



We see the presence of children in worship as a gift and we welcome them to join us in our praise of God. Our aim is to help young people grow in faith and to nurture the spiritual capacities fostered through worship: reverence, contemplation, awe, joy, connection, and a renewed awareness of God's love for us and our neighbor.

Here are some tips which might make worship more enjoyable and meaningful for you and your child.

Before the service

- Pick up kids' worship materials; we have 'busy bags' containing worship bulletins, stickers and activities at the Welcome Center in the lobby. These are yours to take home.
- Consider sitting toward the front so your child can see and hear what is happening in the service.
- Encourage your child to use the restroom and get a drink of water before the service begins.
- Children's Bibles are in the pew; kids may enjoy reading these or looking at the pictures.

During the service

- Breathe! Our worship values participation over perfection and seeks to nurture reverence rather than rigidity.
- Quietly explain what is happening in the service to your child. You might point out the priests, the choir, kids serving on the altar, the gospel book, the candles, the offering plate, etc.
- Encourage participation: Sing the hymns, pray, and say the responses. Children learn by example!
- Sometimes participating reverently for more than a few minutes can be a challenge for children. If you need to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
- We have a Comfort Center with a restroom, chairs for nursing mothers and a diaper changing table to your immediate right as you exit the Sanctuary.
- You are also invited to walk around the Lobby, step outside, or even take your child downstairs to the childcare area during the service.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In Honor of Darren Grissom by Peach
In Honor of Sarah Grissom by Mom
In Thanksgiving for Grace Grissom by Grandma Peach
In Thanksgiving for Libby Grissom by Grandma Peach
In Thanksgiving for and In Honor of Luke Whitfield by Grandma Peach
In Honor of Laura Whitfield by Peach
In Honor of Josh Whitfield by Peach
In Memory of Robert Spiczka, Mary Spiczka, Elaine Sturch, Faye Beinke, Vernon Beinke by The Beinke Family
In Thanksgiving for blessings received by Joan Brown
In Honor of and to the glory of God
In Memory of Ken Bickel and Nancy Wilson by Austin & Katie Collins
In Thanksgiving for the Rev. Kathy Pfister and her first year at St. Luke's.
In Memory of my beloved family members Charlotte, Janet, and Jay by Phyllis Day
In Memory of my parents, brothers, and dear friends by Suzanne De Vos
In Memory of Mary Duggan and in honor of what would have been our 60th wedding anniversary by Jan Duggan
In Memory of my 3 sisters: Mary Sue King, Catherine Knight Rowland, & Anne Christian Disch by Carol Ferree
In Celebration of Christmas by The Gregorys
In Memory of our parents and sister by Donna & Gerald Hill
In Thanksgiving for our family and the blessed gift of friendships by Peggie and Jon Klema
In Memory of Jesse Nelle Reid Hahn & Herbert E Hahn - dedicated grandparents of Rachel, Travis,
& Sarahnelle and followers of Jesus by their words, their actions, & their lives
In Memory of loved ones by The Mahaffey family
In Thanksgiving for many blessings by The Mahaffey family
In Grateful Thanksgiving for the lives of our parents and our son Wynn by Perry and Sherry Martin
In Memory of our parents and brother-in-law by Amanda Masterson & David Ingold
In Memory of Thomas & Elizabeth McIlheran by Sarah McIlheran & Mark Ridlehuber
In Memory of Charles & Eleanor Ridlehuber by Sarah McIlheran & Mark Ridlehuber
In Memory of Sandy Millar (Ouma) by Craig, Casey, Brody, and Connor Millar
In Memory of John and Sally Morley, and John Morley, Jr. by David and Anne Morley
In Memory of my husband Pete Paul, and grandson Richard Paul by Betty Paul
In Memory of Father Ted Wezolowski by Georgine and Gordon Peacock
In Thanksgiving for family, friends, and neighbors by the Perkins Family
In Thanksgiving for the team-spirit, creativity and dedication of the St. Luke's staff
In Celebration of the lay-leadership of this parish who make it all happen beautifully by the Rev. Kathy Pfister
In Memory of June Gecan by Chris Rhoads
In Memory of Glen, Miriam, and Jan Rollins by David Rollins
In Thanksgiving for our family and God's many blessings by Deborah and Jim Smith
In Memory of my beloved husband, Fred W. Sternenberg by Jan Sternenberg
In Memory of Martha and Rosemary Sutherland by Patrick Sutherland in honor of his Mother and Grandmother
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Odom and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Thomas by the Thomas family
In Memory of beloved mother & Grammy Suzanne Searle and best dog Topper by Amy & Avery Yates

Dear Parish Family & Friends,

Merry Christmas! Welcome! We are so glad you're here! We gather this glorious night to proclaim the birth of the infant King, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through music and scripture, we remember God's unending love for us. In our celebration of Holy Communion our eyes are opened to see that the miracle of the Incarnate Word persists. And in our fellowship and prayer, we greet Emmanuel- God with us- in the faces of our brothers and sisters, friends and strangers.

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are altogether new to the faith; whether you are looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to celebrate Christmas; your presence is a gift to us, and you are welcome here. Please participate as you feel comfortable.

For over sixty years, St. Luke's has been a community of Christ for all. Together, we deepen our faith and connection to God through service, learning, prayer and worship. We seek to be a place of love and belonging for all who desire it. If you are a guest today and would like for us to be in touch with you, we invite you to fill out the brief Connection Card located in the pew in front of you. Once completed, please drop your connection card into the offertory plate as it passes. Alternatively, you may use the QR code to complete an online Connection Card. If you have questions about our church or would just like to talk, please send us an email. We look forward to knowing you.



God's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister, Rector

THE WELCOME

PRELUDE

WELCOME

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

A note on the service:

Throughout the bulletin, you'll find sections of blue text to the right of the liturgy which will comment on different portions of it. Whether you are familiar with liturgical worship, or this is your first experience, we invite you to reflect on these moments in the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell

We offer our prayers as a community, remembering that worship is not a performance. Rather, these prayers belong to all of us, and we are so grateful you have decided to add your voice and presence to them today.

A Collect is a form of prayer that collects the attention of the congregation to shared worship.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People *And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever.*
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE | *O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles) V 1-3, 6*

HYMNAL 83

*1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

*2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; [Refrain]*

*3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; [Refrain]*

*6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]*

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Celebrant Let us pray,
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*
Please be seated for the lessons

There is a unique Collect for each Sunday of the year and for other occasions which can be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 159 in traditional language and page 211 in contemporary language.

THE LESSONS

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
³You 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.
⁴For 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.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments
rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For 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.
⁷His 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. (*Isaiah 9:2-7*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Lector Please join me in reading today's Psalm responsively by whole verse.
The Reader leads the Psalm; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
²***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; ****
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
⁴***For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; ****
he is more to be feared than all gods.
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
⁶***Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! ****
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸***Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; ****
bring offerings and come into his courts.

In this part of the service, The Word of God, we learn about God's work in the world by hearing and responding to scripture, in sermon and prayer.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called the Revised Common Lectionary. These are the readings being heard in congregations of many types throughout the world today including: Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic. This typically includes readings from the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament, a Psalm, the Greek Scriptures of the New Testament, and one of the four Gospels.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰*Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! **

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples 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.

¹²*Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy*

*before the LORD when he comes, **

when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth. (Psalm 96)

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Hark the herald angels sing*

HYMNAL 87

*1. Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!*

*2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!*

*3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!*

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. **(Luke 2:1-20)**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kathy Rock Pfister, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 355

Celebrant Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We affirm our faith as members of the catholic (Greek for “universal”) Church by saying together a Creed (from the Latin “credo” for “I believe”), a statement of faith and trust in God. The Nicene Creed was composed at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. As Episcopalians, we view it as a sufficient (though not exhaustive) statement of the Christian faith and is said on all Sundays and major feasts.

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
^^ the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Christ is born for us, the Son of God is given for us;
Help us to know you, to love you, and to love and serve our neighbors

Celebrant Eternal God, in the stillness of this night, you sent your almighty Word, to pierce the darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

In this prayer of confession, we use the plural "we" so that we can confess the individual ways that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and the ways that we as a people collectively have fallen into sin.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

In the absolution, we receive the forgiveness of God, not as a vague promise but as a lived reality. Having just received forgiveness and restoration, we share a sign of peace with each other.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

- † *All people of any age who are baptized as Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- † *You may take consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice, or by intinction [dipping] of your wafer. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion if you prefer not to take wine.*
- † *If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please do so by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- † *You may also remain in your pew.*

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM | *Dost Thou in a Manger Lie (Piae cantiones)*

Choir

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380

Please stand as you are able as the gifts of money, bread, and wine are presented and placed on the altar.

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

...here a Proper Preface is said...

In the Eucharistic ("Thanksgiving") Prayer: we give thanks for God's work in creation and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ. We believe that the entire congregation prays this prayer, and that the entire prayer acts to consecrate the bread and wine as Christ's Body and Blood.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN | *The First Nowell*

HYMNAL 109

*1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

*2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]*

*3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]*

*4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]*

*5. Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]*

*6. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Candlelighting for the Christmas Hymn will be started by ushers and worship ministers and passed through the congregation. To light your candle, turn it horizontally to light the flame from another candle. Once your candle is lit, please hold it upright.

Please kneel as you are able.

1. *Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.*

2. *Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

3. *Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant:

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

*Please extinguish your candle and allow it to cool in an upright position.
After the dismissal, return your candle to the designated baskets
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

Please stand as you are able.

RECESSIONAL HYMN | Joy to the world v.1, 2, and 4
HYMNAL 100

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

STAFF OF ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE

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