



*Gloria Dei Lutheran Church*  
*The Nativity of Our Lord*  
*Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025*  
*5:00 p.m.*

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us this Christmas Eve!  
Our entire service is provided in this bulletin.  
Please assist your children with this service especially designed for them.

CAROL 283

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**  
*(Sing verses 1, 3, and 4)*

*Adeste Fidelis*

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!*

3 *Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
in the highest: Refrain*

4 *Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing: Refrain*

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Congregation sits.*

*Children are invited to come forward during the song and sit on the carpet in front of the chancel rails.*

## CAROL

### This Little Light

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

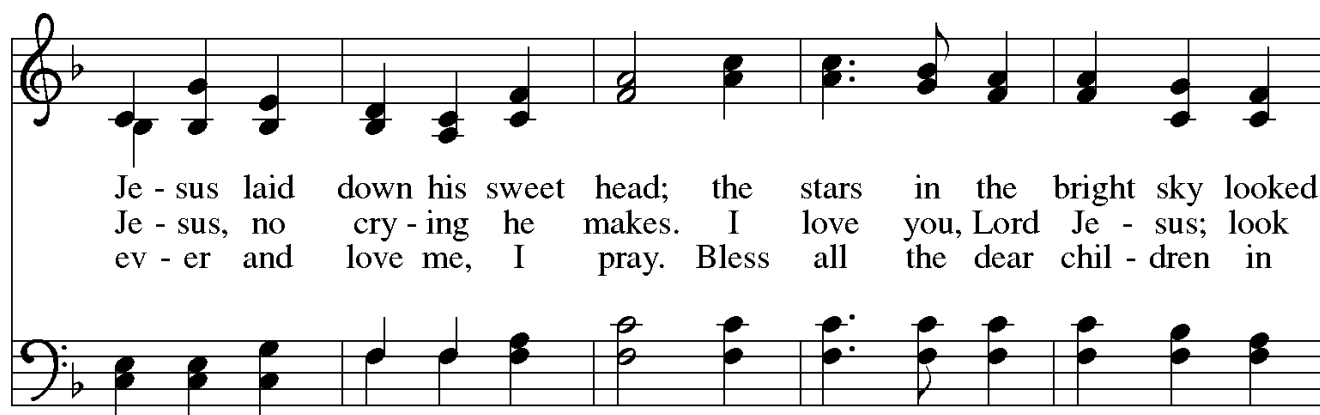
## A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

### CHRISTMAS STORY: LUKE 2:1-7

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



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 chil - dren 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.

## CHRISTMAS STORY CONTINUES: LUKE 2:8-12

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

*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.

## CHRISTMAS STORY CONTINUES: LUKE 2:13-20

<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 heaven,  
 and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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



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!



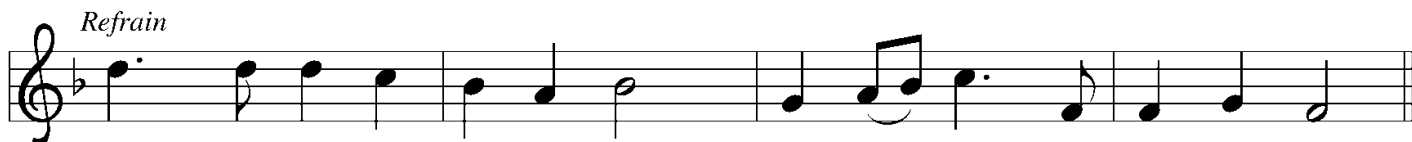
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all 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 - man - u - 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!"

## BENEDICTION

Grace from God's own heart,  
 peace from the ✠ Child in the manger,  
 and strength from the Spirit of life  
 be blessings for us today and forever.

**Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND GLOWSTICKS

*The torches will pass down the center aisle. Those who are seated closest to the center will need to move toward the torch and light your candle, turn and share your light with others in your pew.*

**\*\*\*Important\*\*\* Tip the unlit candle into the lit candle.**

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
 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,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 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,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 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

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

EXTINGUISH CANDLES

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

*The Offering Plate has been placed at the main entrance in the Nave.  
 You may place your offering in this plate as you leave the Nave.*



## To the Glory of God

Anonymous  
Tom Clasen  
Tad and Rita Foringer

Jim and Jeane Fullen  
Chip and Dawn Lomax, III  
Craig Peterson

Jack Adams

In memory of Marie L. Adams

In honor of Ashley, Michael, Micaela, Jacob, and Isabella  
Spencer, Maya, Emily, Aaliyah, Lochlan, and Lincoln

Vivian Griesse

In honor of Richard, Stephanie, Sophia, and James Williams

In honor of Nick, Sarah, Harper, and Luke Griesse

Bob and Nancy Haberman

In memory of Henry and Ruth Jurgens, Henry Jurgens, Jr.

Miles and Betsy Haberman, and William Schulze

Joy Hough

In memory of Pastor Stowe

Chip and Dawn Lomax, III

In honor of Chip's mom, Suzie Marcucci

Derry and Mary Mace

In memory of Betty and Bill Mace

In memory of Charles Bobb

Ann Myers

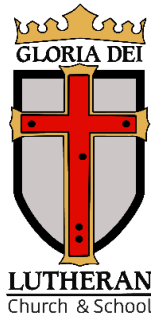
In honor of Fred Bradley

Mike and Ann Riley

In honor of John Henry and Joanna

Aaron and Jenny Sutherland

In memory of Travis and Gay Brown



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*The flowers this evening are given to the glory of God by  
John and Carolyn Campbell in celebration of Sammie Campbell's birthday.*

### Greeter

Michelle Robertson

### Usher

Don Padula

### Technical Team

Jeremiah Green, Barry Hutchison,  
Derry Mace, Mike Riley,  
Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

### Worship Steward

Ruth Hutchison

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