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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Order of Worship –9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *Have you tired of those Christmas gifts yet, or are you still enjoying them? God gave Solomon the gift of wisdom. God's wisdom was a gift Solomon displayed vividly at times, but at other times, it seemed he had regifted it. In Jesus, we see the gift of God's wisdom on full display when He is found in the temple, at age 12, asking questions and providing answers beyond His years. God continues to reveal His wisdom to us through the Bible. What is your plan for connecting with God and His wisdom this year?*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Once in Royal David's City"

by Kevin Hildebrand

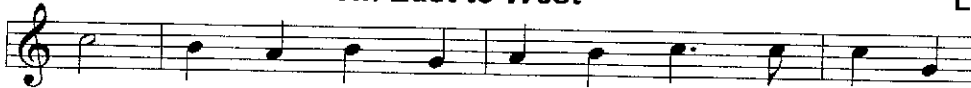
WELCOME

[♯]Means please stand; [♯]Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

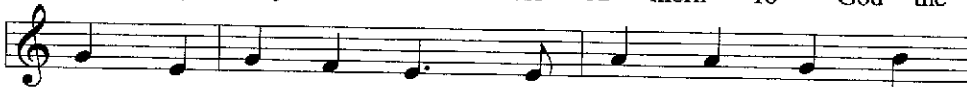
From East to West

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1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
 △ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
 bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O

(continued)

O Come, Ahh Ye Faithful



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king,
mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly. Amen.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

John 3:16; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 John 2:2

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*
- C** **For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.**
- P** *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*
- C** **He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
 - C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)
- 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.**
 - P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
 - C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

- P** *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,*
- C** **glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**
- P** *Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;*
- C** **for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- P** *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*
- C** **his understanding is beyond measure.**

P But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
C in those who hope in his steadfast love.

P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

C Praise your God, O Zion!

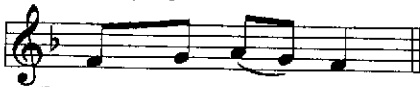
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



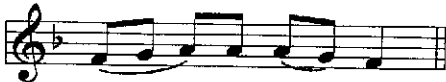
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



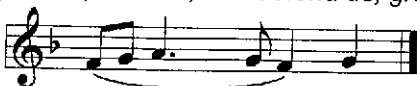
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

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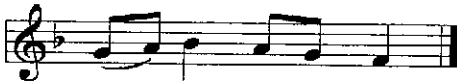
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Joy To The World

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



C *And al - so with you.*

P *Let us pray.*

All: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

1 Kings 3:4–15

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

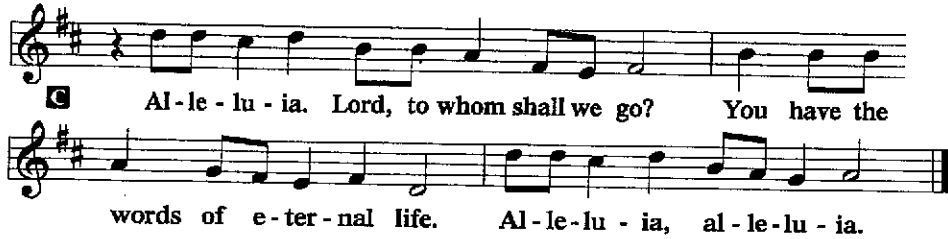
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Ephesians 1:3–14

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

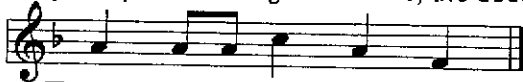


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.*



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

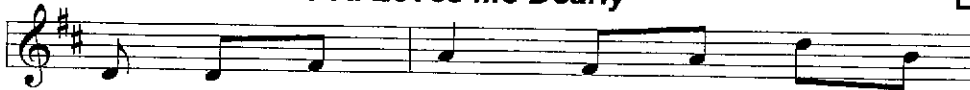


G Praise to You, O Christ.


HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loves Me Dearly

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1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

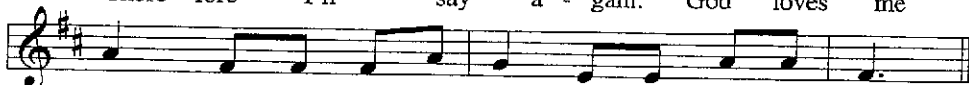


va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

Refrain



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Mark's the Herald Angel Sing

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SERMON

"THE GOOD KING'S WISDOM"

1 Kings 3:4-15

- I. King Solomon asks for wisdom but, later in his life, will foolishly support pagan worship.
- II. In Jesus, we see the true wisdom of God.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

"O Jesus, So Sweet"

by Wilbur Held

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U-nite them with the prayers we
of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with Your pres-ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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*Angels We Have Heard on High
1st Verse*

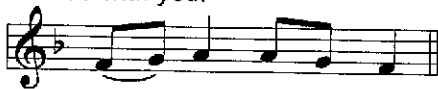
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances. Lord, we pray for this New Year that is here, that You continue to bless us, Your people chosen before the foundation of the world, so that we may be a blessing to others. Fill us with the wisdom of Your Word. Lead and guide our visioning, goal setting, and planning so that we have a positive impact in our world both now and for eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, we pray for all who lead—in government, in the public and private sectors, and in Your Church—that they lead with Your wisdom so that the decisions they make are in line with Your will for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, we pray for all who are hurting, grieving, and struggling in their heart, soul, strength, and mind, [especially . . .] that they experience Your dear, sweet love for them as You lead, guide, and provide for them. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord, we pray for those who are beginning this year with goals to read the Bible and learn more about You, that You connect them with Your people so that, as with Philip and the Ethiopian, there is someone to help them understand the mystery of Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your dear love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*



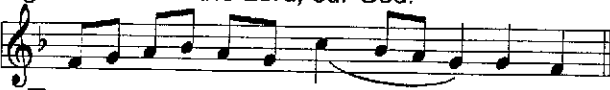
- C** *And al - so with you.*

- 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was born of Mary, visited by the Magi, and who amazed those in the temple with His understanding and answers. Through Jesus, You have revealed Your love for all humanity through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for in Your divine wisdom and in the fullness of time You sent Your beloved Son to be born of Mary. In the mystery of Your will and Your great love for humanity, He not only became human but also sacrificed His body and His blood on the cross as He died for the sins of the world before rising to life again. We receive this immense gift of grace with repentant joy. As we gather here in Your name, Lord Jesus, we beg You to give us redemption through Your blood, the forgiveness for our trespasses according to the riches of Your grace. Grant us faithfully to eat Your body and drink Your blood and fill us with Your wisdom and Your grace. Gather us together, Holy Spirit, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver, enlighten, and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

PAX DOMINI

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

C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

♩ 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.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His
 in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose
 heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Away in a Manger

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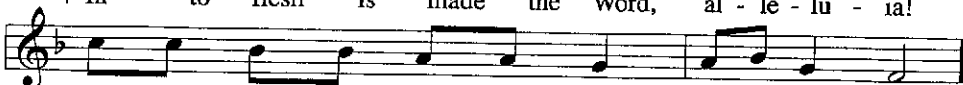
Let Our Gladness Have No End

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1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Proph - e - sied in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!

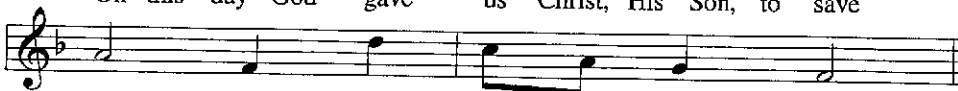


For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



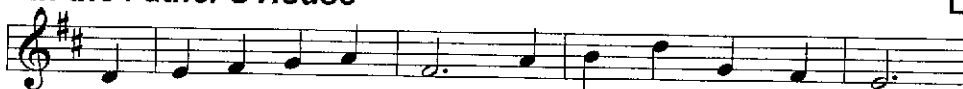
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

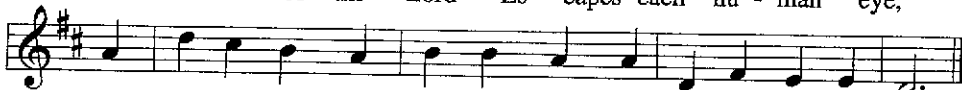
Within the Father's House

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1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,
 2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drou child
 3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
 4 The se-cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
 And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
 To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
 And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5. Lord, visit Thou our souls
 And teach us by Thy grace
 Each dim revealing of Thyself
 With loving awe to trace

6. Till we behold Thy face
 And know as we are known
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Coequal Three in One. Amen.

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What child is this

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

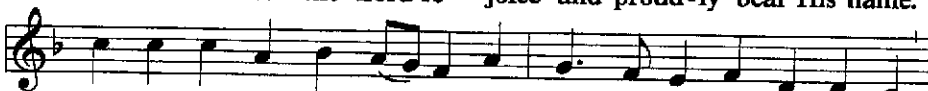
Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



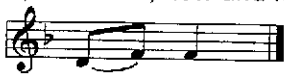
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P *Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You Have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

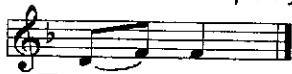


C A - men.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 His peace.*



C A - men.

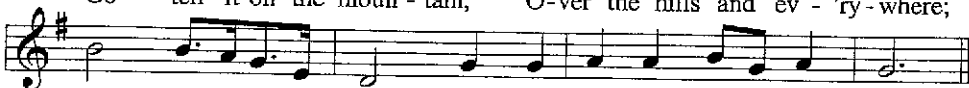
CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

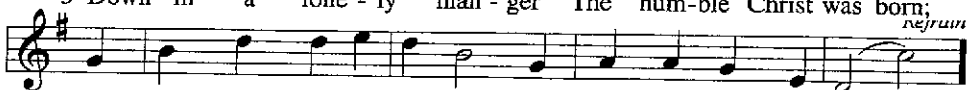


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

(continued)



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;



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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"A Hymn of Glory"

by Edward Broughton

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte Steve Rolen
 Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
 Coffee Hosts Al & Lisa Axford
 Communion Assistant Bill Milliken
 Counters..... Marisa Showalter & Rob Hatton
 Greeter Viola Wilson
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Brian Albee
 Ushers *Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Tim Cueva, Cameron Hatton, Devin Monasmith

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