

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Christmas*  
**DAY**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2022**

# *PRELUDE*

*J. Wayne Kerr*

## *THE FIRST NOWELL* *Shepherd's Noel*

Please stand.

# *CHRISTMAS LITANY*

P: Who are these angels who come to earth,

**C: Bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?**

P: Who are the shepherds who run to see,

**C: And worship the babe on bended knee?**

P: Who is this child, so small and slight.

**C: Of whom the angels sang that night?**

P: Who is this king, a manger his throne,

**C: Who humbles himself to make us his own?**

P: Who is this God who sends a Son?

**C: Into our midst is God's chosen promised one!**

# The First Noel

## ELW 300



ALL: 1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 W: 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 Cantor: 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 M: 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 ALL: 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

*Refrain*



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.

## ***GREETING***

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

**C:** **And also with you!**

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GOD***

*Walter Wangerin Jr.*

### ***ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY***

*Verse 1*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

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*Walter Wangerin Jr.*

***INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY***

*Verse 1*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

***A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GOD***

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***THAT BOY CHILD OF MARY***

*Verse 1*

That boy child of Mary  
was born in a stable,  
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.  
What shall we call him,  
child in the manger?  
What name is given in Bethlehem?  
That boy child of Mary  
was born in a stable,  
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

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***OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN***

*Verse 1*

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the world began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.  
Amen.

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***BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS IS THE SKY***

*Verse 1*

*Bright and glorious is the sky,  
Radiant are the heavens high  
Where the golden stars are shining.  
All their rays to earth inclining  
Beckon us to heav'n above  
Beckon us to heav'n above.*

***A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GOD***

*Walter Wangerin Jr.*

***ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH***

*Verse 1*

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

***A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GOD***

*Walter Wangerin Jr.*

***AWAY IN A MANGER***

***ELW 278***

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

***THE SHARING OF PEACE***

# ***OFFERING AND MEDITATION***

*Robert A. Hobby*

*GREENSLEEVES  
What Child Is This*

*Please stand.*

## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***

**P:** The people who walked in darkness

**C:** **Have seen a great light!**

**P:** Those who lived in the land of deep darkness.

**C:** **On them light has shined.**

## ***THE PROPER PREFACE***

**P:** Indeed, God's light has shined upon us and it is our right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## ***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER***

**P:** 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 to remember 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 to remember me.



# ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

*Communion will be offered in two manners this evening:  
You may come forward or you may commune in your pew.*

***If you are coming forward**, we will commune one side of the congregation  
at a time. There will be stations to receive the bread and wine and a basket  
to deposit your communion cups.*

***If you are communing in your pew**, pre-packed communion kits are  
available as you enter the Nave. After the Lord's Prayer, Pastor will give a  
blessing so that we may  
commune together.*

## ***COMMUNION MEDITATION***

*Matthew H. Corl*

*O, Holy Night*

## ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

**P:** Glory to God in the highest!

All are welcome to come to the table of peace!

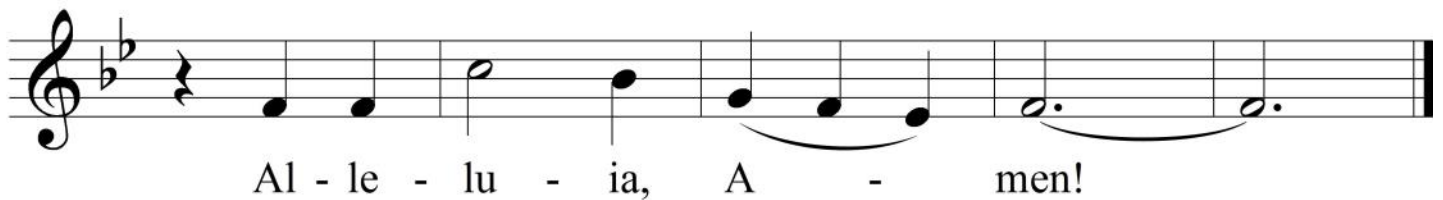
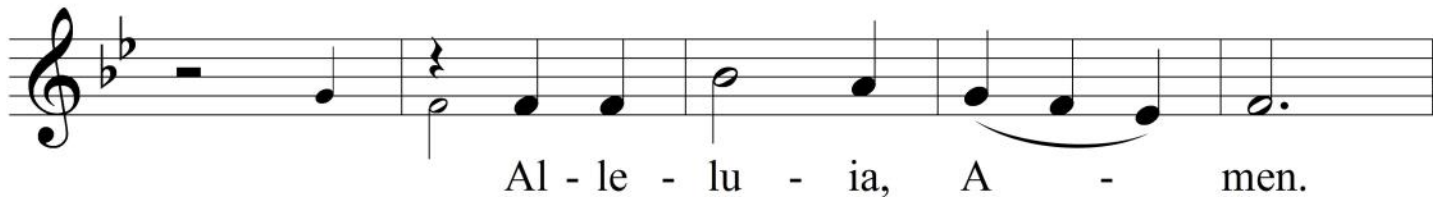
## ***TABLE BLESSING***

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## ***THE BLESSING***

**P:** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.



Please stand.

# GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

## ELW 288



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now,  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866  
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

## DISMISSAL

P: Christ the Savior is Born! Go in Peace! Proclaim the Good News!  
C: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Johann Michael Bach

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Today's Flowers* were given by Ron & Sandy Mellott  
in loving memory of their son, Greg.



## *Today's Worship Leaders*

Cantor:	Victor Welsch	Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey
Lector:		Slide Show Creator: Pastor Bailey
Host:	Nominee Family	Slide Show Operator: Andrew Bailey
Director of Music:	Curtis L. King	Worship Leader: Pastor C.J. Bailey
		Lay Leader: Pastor Philip Scherr

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May your generosity in volunteering time and talents come back to you in an abundance of blessings.

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“God is among us!”  
“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”