

**Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**



**CHRISTMAS EVE 2025**

**Merry Christmas and welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!**

**Today we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We invite everyone to the Lord's table who recognizes Christ's presence in His holy sacrament. We will be communing using the continuous method today. When the time comes, the ushers will direct you forward—simply receive the bread from the Pastor and move to the side to the communion server to receive the wine (or grape juice). When you have received both elements, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley, Sherri Schaeffer, Tammy Kemp, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel and Sandy Schaffer.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Dennis Weller, Dennis Groves, Ariel Kim, Tanner Antalosky, David Turner, Scott Thomas, Rev. Michael Ware, Robert McCarron and Glenn Monesmith.

**Families of:**

Donald Hays, John Moore and Jean Daily.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

**Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.  
(Website: [Kirche-bornae-land.de](http://Kirche-bornae-land.de))**

## **December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve**

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Leiby, in Honor of their Children and also by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of those who are away from their families this holiday season.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God, by Sara Wagner, in Loving Memory of Husband LCDR Fernley R. Wagner, Jr. USN-Retired and also in Loving Memory of Son, Col. Glenn L. Wagner, USMC-Retired.

**The Eternal Flame Candle** is presented to the glory of God by Chester Heydt, in Memory of Esther, Lester & Janet Heydt.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO GRAB HOLD OF THE POLES OF THE PEW CANDLES.**

### **Christmas Eve Worship Assistants 3:00PM**

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee  
 Server: Jenn McCarron  
 Ushers: Kay McGowan\* & Randy Kehl  
 Lector: Mardell Blanford  
 Acolyte: Jenn McCarron  
 Crucifer: Bob McElwee  
 Pole Candles: Rich Deskie & Dennis Schaeffer  
 Banner Bearer: Mark Sheetz

### **Christmas Eve Worship Assistants 8:00PM**

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser  
 Server: Diane McElwee  
 Ushers: Dennis Schaeffer\* & Bob McElwee  
 Lector: Sheila Eddinger  
 Acolyte: Vicki Mest  
 Crucifer: Bob McElwee  
 Pole Candles: Connor & Drevyn Deskie  
 Banner Bearer: Jenn McCarron

- (those who are able may stand)

## **Prelude – Harp Selections by Betsy Chapman**

### **Hand Bell Choir**

- "Carol of the Bells (3PM)
- "Still, Still, Still"(8PM)

### **A Word of Welcome**

- **Processional Hymn w/Kurt Yescavage - Trumpet**  
(3:00PM)

LBW# 45 – "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"

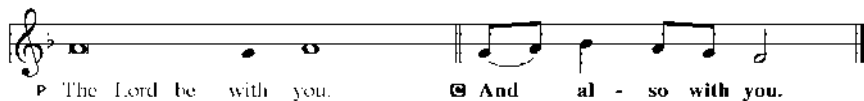
- **Greeting**

P The grace and loving kindness of our Savior  
Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of  
the Virgin Mary, be with you all.  
Virgin Mary, be with you all.

C And also with you.

- **Hymn of Praise** LBW# 71  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

- **Prayer of the Day**



P Let us Pray . . .

C 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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Originally, this poem was written to celebrate either the birth or the coronation of a new Davidic king. After the fall of Jerusalem, this poem came to be viewed as an expression of the hope that eventually God would raise up a new ruler who would possess the qualities described in the text.*

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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

**Piano & Organ Selection by Jenn McCarron & LaRue Sheetz (3:00PM)**

**Senior Choir Anthem “Celtic Christmas Lullaby” J. Raney (8:00PM)**

“Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”

LBW# 34

**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

*The brief letter to Titus is concerned with matters regarding church leadership. Here the letter cites an early confession of faith as an example of sound Christian doctrine.*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>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.

**Gospel Hymn**

LBW# 55

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" (v. 1)

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

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

**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

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.

<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."

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>4</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.]

## P The Gospel of the Lord



## Gospel Hymn

LBW# 55

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" (v.2)

Vocal and Harp Selection by Rebecca Shoemaker &  
Betsy Chapman (3:00PM)

Vocal Duet by Connor & Drevyn Deskie (8:00PM)

Christmas Message

Flute Selection by Jennifer McCarron(3:00PM)

Senior Choir Anthem "Love Has Come" French Carol  
(8:00PM)

- Hymn of the Day LBW# 60  
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

- Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father. He will come  
again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

- **The Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy.

**C hear our prayer**

**The prayers conclude:**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

- **Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**



## • The Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you. **☩** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## • The Proper Preface

**P** It is indeed right and salutary...  
 (Here the minister continues with the preface  
 appropriate to the day or season,  
 concluding) ...we praise your name and join their  
 unending hymn:

**☩** 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.

- **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 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.

- **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

☞ 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.

## Communion

### • Post-communion Blessing

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

C Amen

### • Post-Communion Canticle

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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 Prayer**

P     God of light, with our eyes we have seen  
       your salvation in this holy feast you have  
       prepared for us. Send forth into the world  
       to be your holy people, revealing your glory  
       made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C     **Amen**

**Candle Lighting Ceremony "O Holy Night"**  
**Solo By Rebecca Shoemaker**

- **Candle Lighting Hymn** LBW# 65  
    "Silent Night"

- **Christmas Prayer**  
                                  (following the prayer, please  
                                  extinguish your candles.)

- **Recessional Hymn** LBW# 39  
                                  "Joy to the World"

- **Dismissal**

P     Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C     **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Caroling, Caroling"  
A. Burt

A Special Thank You to the Hand Bell Choir,  
 Senior Choir, Betsy Chapman,  
 Connor & Drevyn Deskie, Jennifer McCarron,  
 Rebecca Shoemaker, Kurt Yescavage, Pastor Gene &  
 Erika Zaiser for sharing their talents with us  
 this day.

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias  
 and luminaries and helped decorate the church for  
 Christmas.

THANK YOU to Dennis Brooke and Shelly Fullwood  
 and Family for sponsoring the Christmas Tree in  
 Memory of Ruth Brooke and in Honor of Brady,  
 Sallyann, and William Fullwood.

Thank You to Bobby Eshbach, Howard Shafer, and  
 Dennis Schaeffer for transporting and setting up  
 the tree and to everyone who helped to decorate  
 the church for Christmas.

Please join us for an Encore Presentation of our  
 Christmas Cantata, under the direction of our  
 Music Director LaRue Sheetz on Sunday, January  
 4th at 3:00PM, followed by light refreshments.

Please join us on Monday, January 5 at 6:00PM to  
 take down Christmas decorations.





*The Poinsettias which adorn our sanctuary are  
presented to the Glory of God and.....*



***In Honor Of....***

My Grandchildren Gavin, Nathan and Sarah Freese  
By Linda Bewley

Justin and Megan Miller  
By Mardell & Tim Blanford

Children and Grandchildren Jenn, Drew, Adam, Brennen, Tim, Rebekah,  
Nick and Katie  
By Bill & Sheila Eddinger

Sons Jacob and Bradley  
By Robert Eshbach

Daughter and Son-In-Law Michelle and Thomas Hiriak  
By Lois Schwager

Son and Daughter-In-Law Michael and Dani Schwager  
By Lois Schwager

Grandchildren Samantha, Nathan, Matthew, Olivia, Cora, Faythe and  
Elizabeth  
By Lois Schwager

Grandson Mark  
By Janice Sheetz

Granddaughter Desiree  
By Janice Sheetz

Our 7 Grandchildren  
By Grams & PopPop Yarnall

3 Children and Their Spouses  
By Sandy & Mark Yarnall



*The Poinsettias which adorn our sanctuary are  
presented to the Glory of God and.....*



***In Memory Of....***

Royden and Grace Eddinger, Stanley and Sue Stoudt, Stuart Stoudt and  
Jeffrey Kulp

By Bill & Sheila Eddinger

Parents Robert and Cynthia Eshbach

By Robert Eshbach

James Eshbach

By Robert Eshbach

Our Son Ricky Farrington

By Rick & Kathy Farrington

Loved Ones

By Eileen Heffner

Esther Heydt

By Chester Heydt

Lester Heydt

By Chester Heydt

Janet Heydt

By Chester Heydt

Martha Kehl

By The Family

Susan K. Kehl

By Randy

Our Kristin Kuser

By Dan & Kathy Kuser

Andrew Kuser

By Dan & Kathy Kuser



*The Poinsettias which adorn our sanctuary are  
presented to the Glory of God and.....*



***In Memory Of..***

Daniel Ritter

By Wife Linda & Family

My Mother, Gladys Baker

By Carol Rothermel

Grandson Colin Hiriak

By Lois Schwager

Husband Ronald Schwager

By Lois Schwager

Ted Sheetz, Sr.

By Janice

Robert Wolfgang

By Wife Louise Wolfgang

Loved Ones

By Mike & Maddy Wyda

Karl Zimmermann

By Kurt, Heidi & Bradley

Carl Yescavage

By Kurt, Heidi & Bradley

Donald Hays

By Pastor Gene & Erika Zaiser

Hans Hahn and Gerhard Hahn

By Pastor Gene & Erika Zaiser

Oscar Smith's Mother, Father and Sisters

By Oscar Smith

Angie's Mother

By Oscar Smith





***The Luminaries are presented to the  
Glory of God and.....***



***In Honor Of...***

Clarence and Teresa Bauer  
By Bill & Sheila Eddinger

Ramona Peifer  
By Bill & Sheila Eddinger

Neil & Cindy Eddinger  
By Bill & Sheila Eddinger

The Cantata Choir  
By Lori & Brett Moyer

Katie MacDonald  
By Jennifer McCarron

Pastor Zaiser and The Trinity Staff  
By Kay McGowan

***Prayers....***

For World Peace  
By Mike & Maddy Wyda

***In Memory Of....***

Parents, Dorothy and Carroll Bewley  
By Linda Bewley

J. Keith Freese  
By Linda Bewley

James Eshbach  
By Robert Eshbach



*The Luminaries are presented to the Glory of God  
and.....*



*In Memory Of...*

Roert and Cynthia Eshbach  
By Robert Eshbach

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Eshbach  
By Mardell & Tim Blanford

James Eshbach  
By Mardell & Tim Blanford

Ricky Farrington  
By Rick & Kathy Farrington

John Graef  
By Lori & Bob Graef

Greg Miller  
By Lori & Bob Graef

Larry Swavely  
By Lori & Bob Graef

Susan K. Kehl  
By Randy Kehl

Martha Kehl  
By Randy Kehl

Andrew Kuser  
By Dan & Kathy Kuser

Kristn Kuser  
By Dan & Kathy Kuser

Melvin Kuser  
By Dan & Kathy Kuser



***The Luminaries are presented to the Glory of God  
and.....***



***In Memory Of...***

Virginia Kuser

By Dan & Kathy Kuser

Alice Weller

By Dan & Kathy Kuser

Paul Weller

By Dan & Kathy Kuser

William & Sharon Miller

By Jennifer McCarron

Ward Smith

By Jennifer McCarron

Jean Daily

By Jennifer McCarron

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. McGowan

By Kay McGowan

Michael McGowan

By Kay McGowan

Mr. & Mrs. Karl F. Haas

By Kay McGowan

Daniel Ritter

By Linda Ritter

Thelma Stauffer

By Lori & Brett Moyer

Raymond Stauffer

By Lori & Brett Moyer

Brian Stauffer

By Lori & Brett Moyer



*The Luminaries are presented to the Glory of God  
and.....*



*In Memory Of...*

Sandy Smith

By Lori & Brett Moyer

John Paul Moyer

By Lori & Brett Moyer

Grandson, Colin Hiriak

By Lois Schwager

Husband, Ronald Schwager

By Lois Schwager

Ralph and Sarah Wolfgang

By Louise Wolfgang

Roger and Ruth Yoder

By Louise Wolfgang

Bobby Gephart

By Mike & Maddy Wyda

Donald Hays

By The Zaiser's

Gerhard Hahn

By The Zaiser's

Hans Hahn

By The Zaiser's



## **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,  
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music  
Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton  
The Members of this Congregation are its  
Ministers

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## Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,  
 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;

Text: attr. Jo  
 Tune: attr. Jo

come ye, oh, 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!

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Come and be - hold him Born the king of an - gels:  
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 Glo - ry to God . . . In . . . the . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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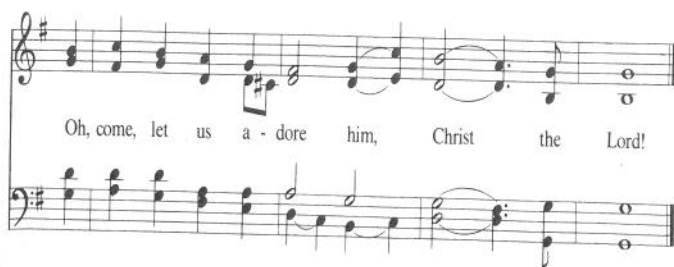


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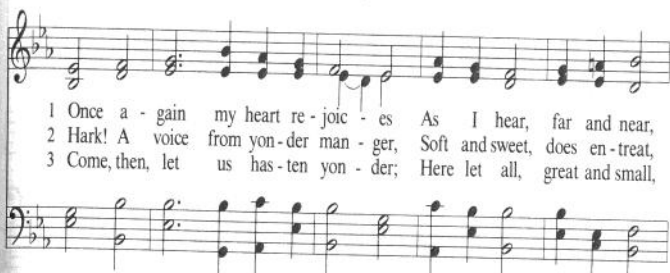
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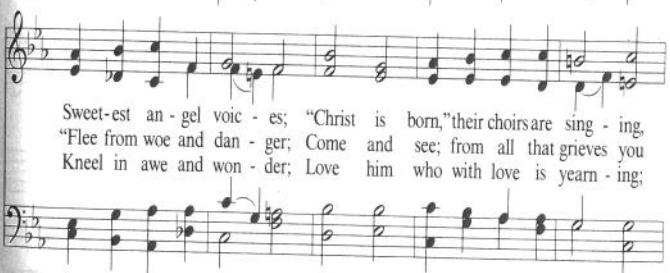
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## Once Again My Heart Rejoices

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- 1 Once a - gain my heart re - joic - es As I hear, far and near,  
2 Hark! A voice from yon - der man - ger, Soft and sweet, does en - treat,  
3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; Here let all, great and small,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing,  
"Flee from woe and dan - ger; Come and see; from all that grieves you  
Kneel in awe and won - der; Love him who with love is yearn - ing;



Till the air ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.  
You are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."  
Hail the star that from far Bright with hope is burn - ing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878; alt.  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662FRÖHLICH SOLL MEIN HERZE SPRINGEN  
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## Angels We Have Heard on High

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.

*Refrain*

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Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862  
 Tune: French carol

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## Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on  
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's  
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Text: Pault  
 Tune: Frem

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save  
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

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Re-joice!



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5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

*Text: Psalterium Cantionum Catholicorum, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Tune: French processional, 15th cent.*

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## Hark, the Glad Sound!

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of heart be -  
soul to cure, And with the brass trea -  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song,  
fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

*Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
Tune: arr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820*

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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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- 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;

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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!

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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 his ev - er - last - ing hall.

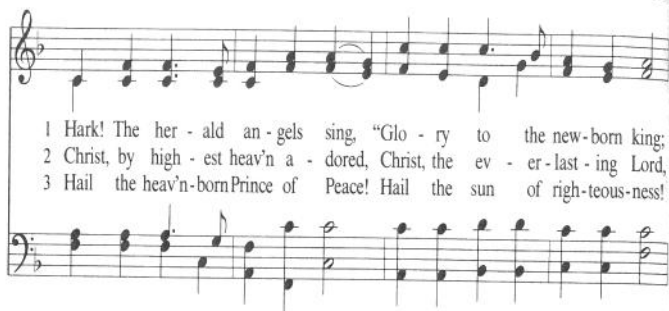
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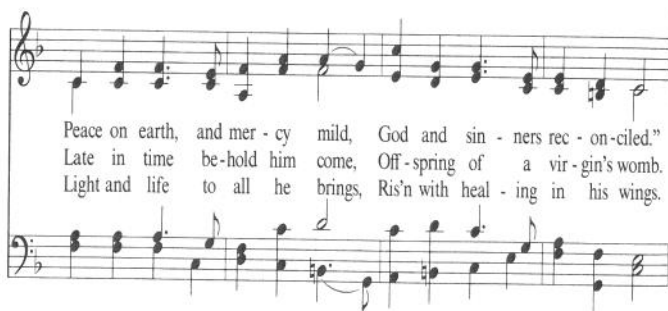


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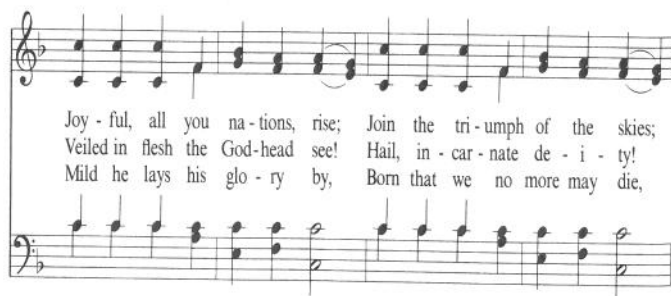
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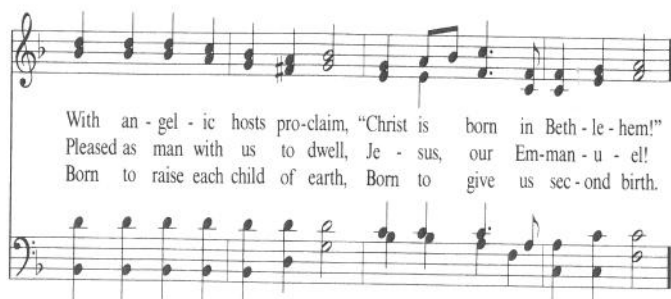
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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.

Text: Charles  
 Tune: Felix !

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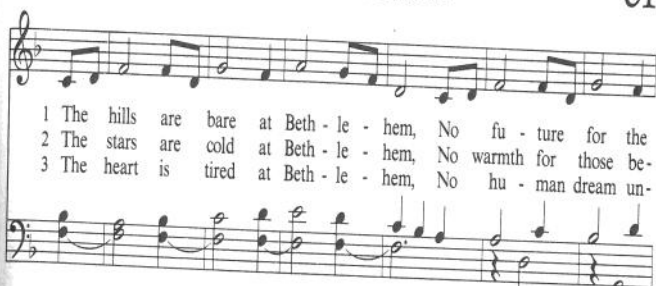
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847MENDELSSOHN  
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## The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem

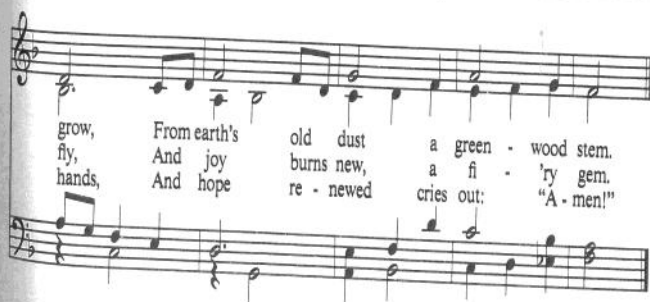
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1 The hills are bare at Beth - le - hem, No fu - ture for the  
 2 The stars are cold at Beth - le - hem, No warmth for those be -  
 3 The heart is tired at Beth - le - hem, No hu - man dream un -



world they show; Yet here new life be - gins to  
 neath the sky; Yet here the ra - diant an - gels  
 bro - ken stands; Yet here God comes to mor - tal



grow, From earth's old dust a green - wood stem.  
 fly, And joy burns new, a fi - ry gem.  
 hands, And hope re - newed cries out: "A - men!"

© Text: Royce J. Scherf, b. 1929, alt.  
Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835PROSPECT  
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5 All glory for this blessed morn  
To God the Father ever be;  
All praise to you, O Virgin-born,  
And Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen

Text: Coelius Sedulius, d. c. 450; tr. John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.  
Tune: Sarum plainsong, mode III

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# Silent Night, Holy Night!

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1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
beams from your ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,  
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
Je - sus, Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.



Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885  
Tune: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

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