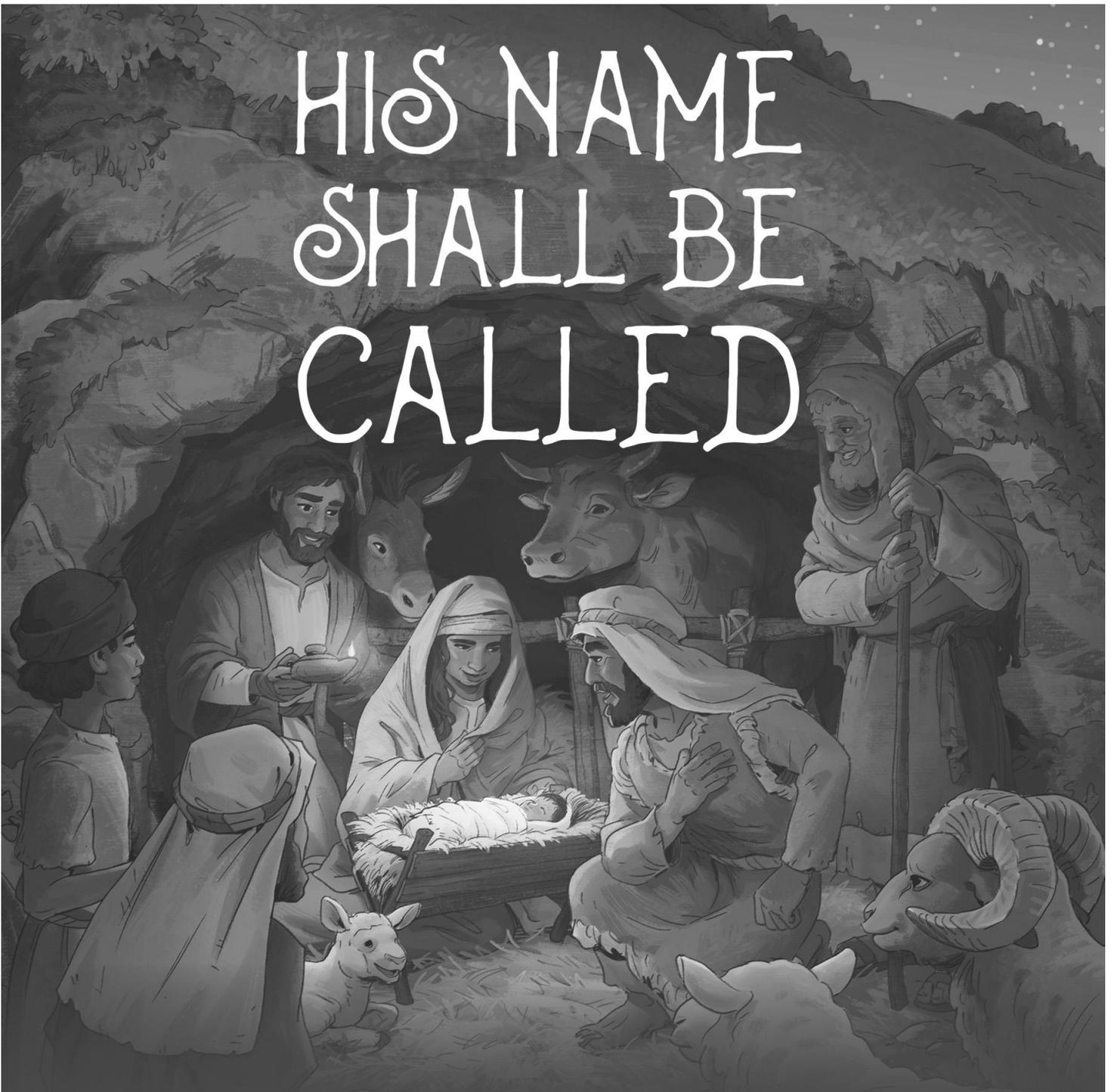


# HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED



*The Nativity of Our Lord  
Festival Worship Service*

**Christmas Day**

December 25, 2024

9:00 AM

## *PRINCE OF PEACE*

During the season of Advent, we have prepared to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means "God saves." However, in addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles that describe something about His person or work. We will examine the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—and will study how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

We long for peace in this world but fail to obtain it. Peace comes only through the gift of God in our Savior, Jesus Christ, come into the flesh for us at Christmas. He alone offers us true and lasting peace. Therefore, Jesus is given the title Prince of Peace. He rules over creation and gives us peace with God through His sacrifice for us, which also results in believers being at peace with one another.

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### **OPENING HYMN: ♪"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"**

**LSB 379**

- 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**

*Refrain:*

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,**  
**O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,**  
**Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;**  
**Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**
- 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**

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### *Stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** **Amen.**  
**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN: ♪ "LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING"**

**LSB 359**

**Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen  
ause einer Wurzel zart,  
Als uns die Alten sung:  
von Jesse kam die Art,  
Und hat ein Blumlein bracht  
mitten im kalten Winter  
Wohl zu der halben Nacht.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**Das Blümelein, so kleine,  
das duftet uns so süß,  
mit seinem hellen Scheine  
vertreibt's die Finsternis.  
Wahr Mensch und wahrer Gott,  
hilft uns aus allem Leide,  
rettet von Sünd und Tod.**

O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.

*Stand*

**INTROIT**

**PSALM 98:1-4**

- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
**C** **and the government shall be upon His shoulder,**  
**P** and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
**C** **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
**P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!  
**C** **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**  
**P** The LORD has made known His salvation;  
**C** **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
**P** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
**C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**  
**P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
**C** **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**  
**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.**

**KYRIE**

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**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 mercy.**  
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

- 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 host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” *Refrain***

*Refrain:*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain***
- 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain***

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*Stand*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN: ♪“GOTT IST DIE LIEBE”**

**Gott ist die Liebe, laszt mich erlösen;  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.  
Drum sag’ ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

**Ich lag in Banden Der Schnöden Sünde;  
Ich lag in Banden und Konnt’ nicht los.  
Drum sag’ ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

**Er sandte Jesum, den treuen heiland  
Er sandte Jesum und macht mich los  
Drum sag’ ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

**Dich will ich preisen, du ew’ge Liebe;  
Dich will ich loben, so lang ich bin.  
Drum sag’ ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**ISAIAH 9:1–2, 6–7**

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪“FOR UNTO US”**

**SECOND READING**

**MICAH 5:2–5A**

**P** The Second Reading is from Micah, the fifth chapter.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: ♪"DING, DONG MERRILY ON HIGH"**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**G** ♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**LUKE 2:1–20**

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Sit*

- 1 Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined,  
To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place,  
Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race  
Who have found His favor.**
  
- 2 Angels sang about His birth,  
Wise Men sought and found Him;  
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth  
Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,  
Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night,  
All the hills were ringing.**
  
- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined  
But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth,  
Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth;  
Hail the King of glory!**

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**SERMON: “PRINCE OF PEACE”**

By Pastor John Schmidt

*Stand*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**G** Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**☪** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*“The First Noel”* By Madilyn Kalbas

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

**OFFERING HYMN:**

♪ **"WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN" LSB 781 V. 1-2**

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
  
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

*Sit*

**HYMN: ♪ "O DU FROHLICHE"**

**O du fröhliche, O du selige,  
Gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit!  
Welt gig verloren, Christ ward geboren:  
Freue, freue dich, O Christenheit!**

**O du fröhliche, O du selige,  
Friedenbringende Weihnachtszeit!  
Christ ist erschienen Uns zu versöhnen:  
Freue, Freue dich, O Christenheit!**

**O du fröhliche, O du selige,  
Lebenbringende Weihnachtszeit!  
König der Ehren, Dich voll'n wir ehren:  
Freue, Freue dich, O Christenheit!**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

Let us pray for all in authority—our national, state, and local leaders. Lord over all, give Your people wise and caring governments. Rule in their hearts and help those in authority make decisions and enact laws that work for the good of those under them and for their neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

Let us pray for all the families of this earth. Wonderful Counselor, open the hearts and minds of parents and children, and bestow a measure of love on all who live in families. Inspire each member to turn expressions of love into actions that increase Christian love and family togetherness. Guard and protect them from the assaults of all who would cause their love to grow cold. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Let us pray for all who are homeless, without adequate food, or needing warm clothing. Mighty God, come to their aid, we implore You. Surround them with faithful people to meet their needs not only of food, clothing, and shelter but also for warmth, acceptance, and personal care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Let us pray for all who toil at work this day. Everlasting Father, in Your great ordering of all things, grant them faithful managers, healthy minds and bodies, strength of purpose, and resolve to do their best. Give them opportunity to celebrate this day, knowing they give others time to thank You for the gift of Your Son, in whose name we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.

Let us pray for all who have not heard and believed the joyful news. Prince of Peace, give opportunity and guidance to the church here and around the world so that the Gospel may be proclaimed and fearful people may be released from their bondage to sin. Grant that they find in You the answer to their deepest needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, for we pray in the name of the One whom You sent, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

**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.**

*Sit*

### **HYMN: ♪"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**

**LSB 361**

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**
  
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!**

**3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.**

**4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!**

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*Stand*

**COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

**G** Amen.

**GERMAN BENEDICTION**

**P** Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!  
Der Herr erleuchte dein Angesicht über dich  
Und sei dir gnädig!  
Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich und  
Gebe dir Frieden!

**G** Amen, Amen, Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪"JOY TO THE WORLD"**

**LSB 387**

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**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.**

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***ADULT CHOIR: ♪ "CHORAL BENEDICTION"***

***SILENT PRAYER***

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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