

ENTRANCE HYMN *Joy to the World*

(Red Hymnal # 267)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. God, wonderful counselor, **we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

God's loving kindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High*

(Red Hymnal # 289)

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

(Red Hymnal # 282)

SECOND READING: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN *Away in a Manger*

(Red Hymnal # 277)

THIRD READING: Luke 2:8-14

HYMN *The First Noel*

(Red Hymnal # 300)

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:15-20

HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

(Red Hymnal # 283)

SERMON

Pastor Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve*

(Red Hymnal # 271)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 104)

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *What Child Is This*

(Red Hymnal # 296)

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

(Red Hymnal p. 152)

PREFACE

HOLY , HOLY, LORD MOST HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLES: John 1:1-14

HYMN OF LIGHT *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

(Red Hymnal # 281)

BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(Red Hymnal # 270)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
Thanks be to God.