

# Christmas Day, December 25, 2025

## A Service of Word and Song

9:30 AM

*\*-please stand*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn #275 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” PD**

### \*Confession & Forgiveness

A: Amid the shadows of this world, let us confess our sins and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of grace and truth,

**C: in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, nor trusted the good news of great joy. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the fullness of your love, trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The angel said, You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. With great joy, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

### \*Apostles Creed

A: *“Let us celebrate our common faith, using the words of the 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**

### \*Prayer of the Day

**Hymn #272 v.v. 1 & 4 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” PD**

### Psalm 98 (responsive reading)

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C: The LORD has made known his salvation;  
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. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

P: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,**

P: for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness,

**C: and the peoples with equity.**

### Hymn #276 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” PD

### Luke 2:8-12

R: 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 great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of 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.”

### Hymn #279 v.v. 1 & 2 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” PD

### Luke 2:13-15

P: 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.”

### Hymn #277 v.v. 1 & 2 “Away in a Manger” PD

### Luke 2:16-20

R: 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.

### **Christmas Message by Pastor Mike**

**\*Hymn #289** v.v. 1 & 3 “Angels We Have Heard On High” PD

**\*Prayers of the Church**

### **Offering & Special Reflection Music**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Sharing the Meal**

Our Lord Jesus is the host of this communion meal. We welcome all baptized Christians to join us.

**Hymn #300** v.v. 1 - 4 “The First Noel” PD

**\*Communion Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Hymn #290** “Go Tell it on the Mountain” PD

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

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