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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Greeter: Anne Winkle (9am)

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." In Jesus, who is Savior, Christ and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

**Carol:** Hymn #267 *"Joy to the World"*

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Carol:** Hymn #272 *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

**The Second Lesson:** Luke 1:26-38

**Carol:** Hymn #292 *"Love Has Come"*

**The Third Lesson:** Luke 1:39-58

**Carol:** Hymn #251 *"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"*

**The Fourth Lesson:** Luke 2:1-7

**Carol:** Hymn #296 *"What Child is This"*

**The Fifth Lesson:** Luke 2:8-20

**Carol:** Hymn #269 *"Once in Royal David's City"*

## **The Sixth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12**

As the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us now bring our gifts before God, and collect the offering during the next carol.

**OFFERING CAROL** “*Ave Maria*” - SCHUBERT

Patricia Mason, soloist

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

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

### **COMMUNION**

*We welcome all to Holy Communion. Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free & regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you’d like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that  
from generation to generation,  
we have been claimed and loved.  
From generation to generation,  
God has been by our side.  
From generation to generation,  
we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow  
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,  
saying, "Go be the person you are called to be,  
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."  
May it be so. Amen.

**Amen.**

**SENDING CAROL** Hymn #290 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

## POSTLUDE

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# CHRIST IS BORN!

**In observance of this holy holiday, the church  
office will be closed:**

- **Wednesday: December 31st**
- **Thursday: January 1, 2026**
- **Friday: January 2nd**

*Thank you for your understanding & Happy New Year.  
St. Mary's Lutheran Church*

*Have A  
Blessed  
New Year!*