



Christmas Hymn Sing



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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. **In today's service, the pieces marked [L] are spoken by the leader, Elder Steve Shult.**

If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Steve Shult for leading today's service.

Today's Schedule: There will not be Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Group, or Confirmation Classes following the service today. *Please note that there will also not be classes on Sunday, January 4th. Our regular Sunday schedule will resume on Sunday, January 11th.*

Offering Envelopes: The envelopes for 2026 are available under the mailboxes. Please take yours with you.

Weekly Communion: Today's communion will be offered in the conference room after the service. Please let an elder know if you plan to partake. As a reminder, communion will typically be offered during the service on the first and third Sundays, and after the service on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays.

Pastor Call Meeting: We will be having our next meeting to extend a call on **Tuesday, January 13th, at 6pm**. Childcare will be available. Please continue to attend these meetings; your input is valuable as we continue to seek a full-time shepherd!

Teacher Call Update: On Thursday, December 18th, we extended a call to Molly Berg, who currently teaches at Holy Trinity in New Hope, MN, to serve at Little Lambs Learning Center. Please keep Molly in your prayers while she deliberates her calls.

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

OPENING SENTENCES

L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

L: Hasten to save me, O God;
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L: Jesus Christ is Lord of all:
C: praise and thanks to God!

OPENING HYMN: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

CW 332



1 Let us all with glad-some voice praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears he comes, here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, bless us and be near us.



who, to bid our hearts re - joice, his own Son has giv - en.
that with him in heav'n's fair homes we may reign in glad - ness.
There - fore praise God ev - er - more here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

Be seated

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:7–9

⁷I will tell about the LORD's mercies,
about the praises of the LORD,
about all that the LORD has done for us,
about his great goodness to the house of Israel,
which he performed for them according to his abundant compassion,
and according to his great mercy.
⁸He said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely,"
so he became their Savior.
⁹In all their anguish he felt anguish,

and the Angel of his Presence saved them.
In his love and in his pity he himself redeemed them,
and he took them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, “Abba, Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING

Matthew 2:13–23

¹³After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him.”

¹⁴Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Wise Men, he was furious. He issued orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under. This was in keeping with the exact time he had learned from the Wise Men. ¹⁷Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more.

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. The angel said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

²¹Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus, Herod’s son, had succeeded his father as ruler in Judea, he was afraid to go there. Since he had been warned in a dream, he went to the region of Galilee. ²³When he arrived there, he settled in a city called Nazareth. So what was spoken through the prophets was fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore his
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, is born an
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine a ser - vant's
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, puts on our



high - est throne; to - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and in a man - ger, poor and lone, lies
 form to take, in want and low - li - ness must pine who
 hu - man frame, and in re - turn gives us his realm, his



gives us his own Son, and gives us his own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, lies in a hum - ble stall.
 heav'n and earth did make, who heav'n and earth did make.
 glo - ry, and his name, his glo - ry, and his name.

5 He serves that I a lord may be—
 a great exchange indeed!
 Could Jesus' love do more for me
 to help me in my need,
 to help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
 of paradise today.
 The angel guards the gate no more;
 to God our thanks we pay,
 to God our thanks we pay.

Be seated

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Please stand

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

L: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

CW 361



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born,



be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Be seated

Selection of Christmas Hymns

The congregation is invited to request favorite Christmas hymns to sing together, led by our accompanist.
Physical hymnals are available in the pew stands; the Christmas hymns range from 329-366.

Acknowledgments

Morning (Matins) from Christian Worship

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