

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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## Christmas Eve December 24, 2024

Welcome to worship!  
Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,  
**please tune your radio to 98.7 FM** or join us for the  
livestream via Facebook or our website,  
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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. They may use the Children's Activity Bags, located near the entrance in the Narthex, quietly during the service. **We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who desire to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews during reading of first lesson.

### GATHERING MUSIC

5:00 Musician: Barbara Fredrickson

9:00 Musicians: Peter Blau Ormsby and David Benson

# Welcome and Gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

# CHORALE ANTHEM

"Night Long Awaited / *Noche de paz*"

- Sherri Hansen

1) Night Long awaited, God Comes to earth;  
Blooming like roses, love given birth.  
Still in the starlight, silent and clear,  
Peace comes among us; Christmas is here

2) Sleep in a manger, safe and adored.  
All that is broken shall be restored.  
Light for our shadows, grace for our loss;  
Born for our dying; bearing our cross.

3)\* ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!  
Todo duerme en derredor.  
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz,  
bella anunciando al niño Jesús  
brilla la estrella de paz,  
brilla la estrella de paz.



4) Now is God's promise born in the night;  
Wake to its fullness; live in its light.  
Christ comes among us; people draw near!  
Come to the manger; Christmas is here.

\* English Translation of 3rd Verse:  
Night of peace, night of love.  
All sleep in the outskirts of the town.  
Among the stars that spread their beautiful light  
announcing the baby Jesus,  
the star of peace shines,  
the star of peace shines.

## BLESSING

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**



## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### THE CHRISTMAS READING

Luke 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

L Word of God. Word of Life. **C Thanks be to God.**

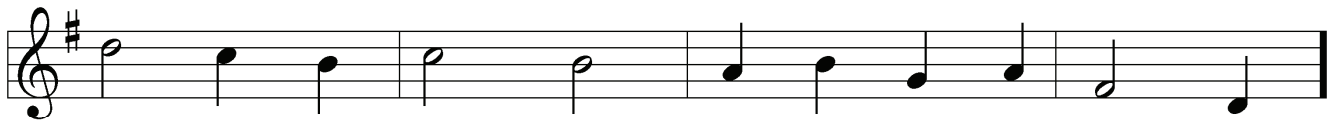
## Verse 1 and 3



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,



oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## THE OLD TESTAMENT WITNESS

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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# THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

## "Light the Advent Candle"

- arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

**Verse 1:** As we light the Advent candle  
(Choir only) with the light of Christ burning bright,  
faithfully we wait for His coming;  
faithfully it shines through the night.  
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;  
hear the prayer these flames would tell.

### Verse 2: Choir and Congregation

As we light the Ad - vent \_ can - dle with the light of Christ burn - ing  
bright, faith - ful - ly we wait for His com - ing;  
faith - ful - ly it shines through the night. In our hum - ble hearts a  
fire \_ burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would \_ tell. \_\_\_\_\_  
\* peace, love, joy

### (Interlude with optional narration)

### Verse 3: Choir and Congregation

As we light the Ad - vent \_ can - dle with the light of Christ burning bright,  
faith - ful - ly we wait for His com - ing; faith - ful - ly it shines through the night.  
In our hum - ble hearts a fire \_ burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would \_  
tell. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el.  
\* peace, love, joy

**Postlude:** Hear the humble prayer these flames would tell:  
(Choir only) Come, O come, Emmanuel.

## THE CHRISTMAS READING

Luke 2:6-14

<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

<sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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## CHORAL ANTHEM

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

- arr. Bryan L. Greer

TEXT: On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,  
Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth, Bethlehem  
saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.

REFRAIN: Id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o-o-o  
gloria in excelsis Deo!

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low  
by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. REFRAIN

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ,  
heaven's King, born on earth to save us, peace and love he gave us.

REFRAIN



## THE NEW TESTAMENT WITNESS

Hebrews 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

<sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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## Verses 1 and 3



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



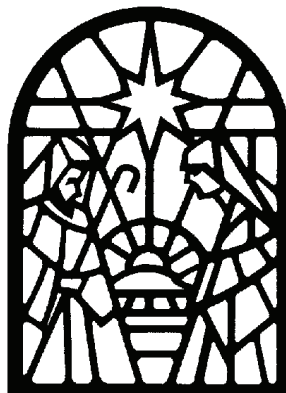
Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905



## THE CHRISTMAS READING

Luke 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

## All Verses



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



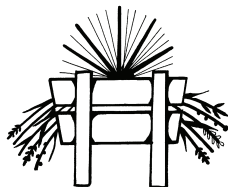
Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"



# Meal

## ◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,  
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*

**THE OFFERING** *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation’s ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



**OFFERTORY:** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
(tune: Picardy) - David Herman

## ◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

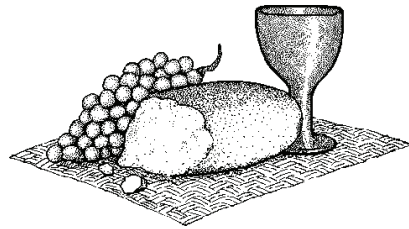
P Let us pray.

**C Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

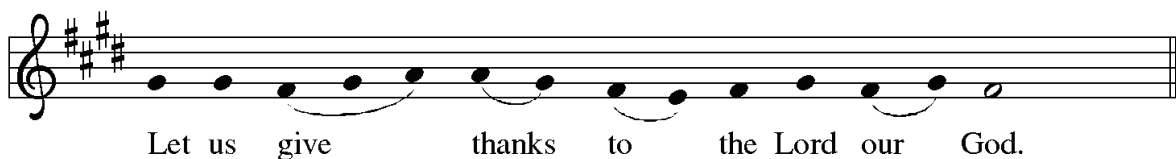
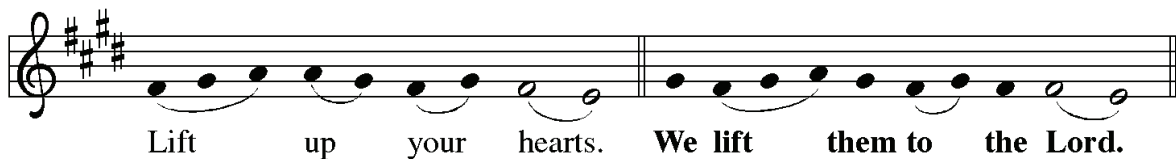
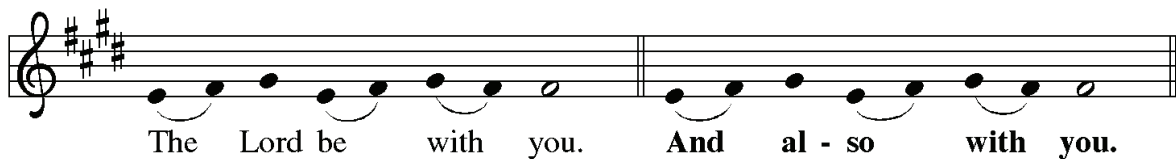
**COMMUNION** *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

**If you desire to commune at the altar rail:** Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

**If you are uncomfortable coming forward:** Please commune in your place using the prepackaged communion elements. The pastor will lead you in communion after those coming to the altar have been served. Please use the pre-packaged communion elements.



## ◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**ELW 276**

**Verse 1**



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.  
 Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

P In the night in which he was betrayed .....  
 .....Do this for the remembrance of me.



◆ 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.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Oh Holy Night" - Adolphe Adam  
Alexia Englund, soloist

"Ave Maria" - JS Bach/Charles Gounod (9:00)

Selections from "The Messiah" - G.F. Handel  
Barbara Fredrickson, piano  
David Benson, violin (9:00)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.
- C** **Amen.**





# POSTLUDE

## “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

(tune: Polish Carol: W zlobie lezy) - R.W. Thygerson



Thank you to all who serve in worship.

	<b>Serving Sunday Christmas Eve 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday Christmas Eve 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bonnie Bowers	Linda Larson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kaycee Stubben	Eva Kllogjeri
<b>Lector</b>	Karen Kerley Kris Merritt	Karen Kerley Kris Merritt
<b>Greeters</b>	Christie Peterson Carrie Omdal	Jerry Sells Judy Sheahan
<b>Ushers</b>	Stephanie Knutzen Bud Bowers	Brad Wyman Carrie Omdal
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susie Forsythe	Julie Rousseau Judy Sheahan
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Flowers</b>	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	Christie Peterson	John Johnson

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