

# **Christmas Eve 2023 Special Music**

**Organ Solo    “O Holy Night” by Adolpha Charles Adams**

**Youth Bells    “Carol of the Bells”    M. Leontovich**

**Organ Solo    “Hear the Angels Sing”    Stan Pethel**

**Organ Solo    “Mary, Did You Know?”    Michael English**

**Organ Solo    “He Is Born, the Holy Child” 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
French Carol**

**Organ Solo    “Still, Still, Still”    Traditional German Hymn  
Arranged by Jon Schmidt**

**Organ Solo    “O Tannenbaum”    Traditional German Hymn**

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX**  
**Order of Service - Sunday, December 24, 2023**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 2023**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Gathering Hymn - Angels We Have Heard on High - ELW Hymn #28

### Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*trill*  
 Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Brown, *The Crown of Jesus Christ*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1898

### Christmas Dialog and Greeting

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.  
**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.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

## Gospel Acclamation - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1) - ELW Hymn

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix; Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

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**Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-14**

**Sermon - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**

## Hymn of the Day - Go Tell It on The Mountain - ELW Hymn #290

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



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 lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*



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.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

### Nicene Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

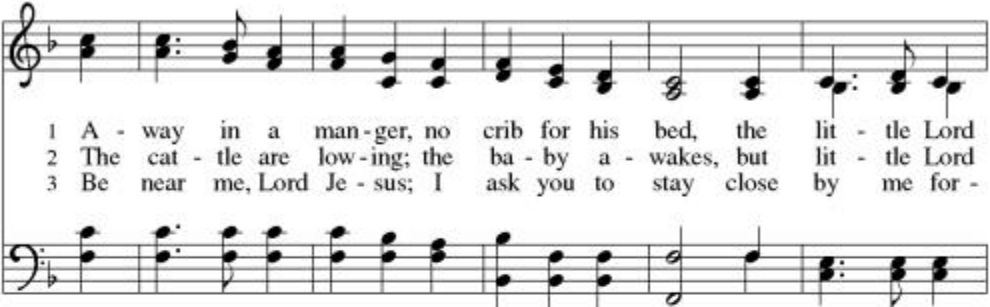
### **Peace**

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


### **Offering**

## Offering Hymn - Away in a Manger (v. 1&4) - ELW Hymn #277

### Away in a Manger



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

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Dialogue



## **Preface**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you. All are welcome to receive communion at this table.

## **Communion Song**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Communion Hymns - O Come, All Ye Faithful - ELW Hymn #283**

## O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 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, O 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*  
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: arr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1796; v. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; w. unknown, st. 2  
 Music: ADESTE FIDELIS, arr. John Francis Wade

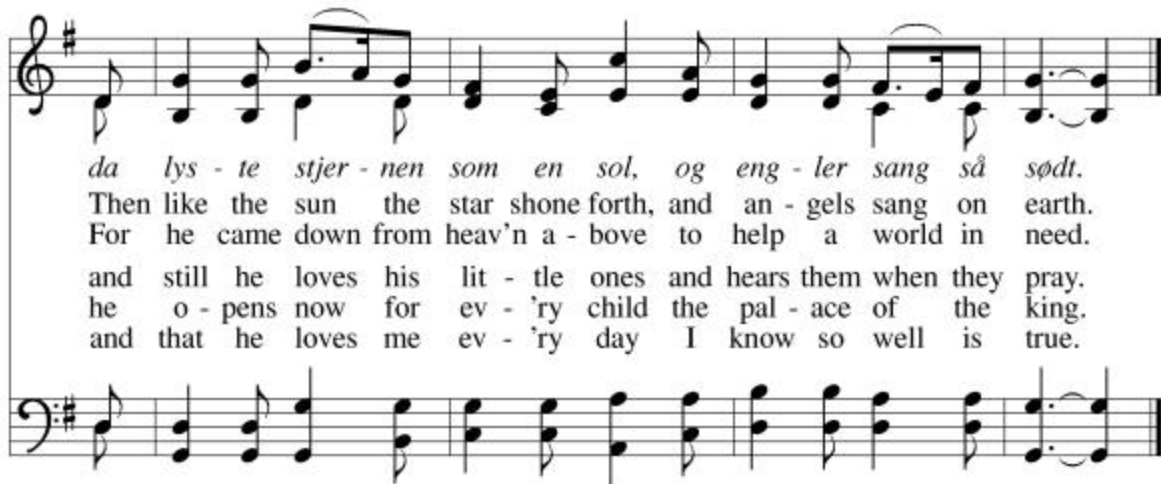
## I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve - ELW Hymn #271

# I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

*Jeg er så glad hver julekveld*



*Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;*  
 1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!  
 2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!  
 3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;  
 4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;  
 5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



*da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.*  
 Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.  
 For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.  
 and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.  
 he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.  
 and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

Text: Marie Wexelsen, 1832–1911; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881–1959

Music: JEG ER SÅ GLAD, Peder Knudsen, 1819–1863

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## Prayer After Communion

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Light - Silent Night (v. 1 with organ; v.2&3 without organ) - ELW

**Hymn #281** *Ushers come forward to assist with the lighting of candles. The song begins when everyone has their candle lit.*

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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## **Bell Choir**

Thank you to Emily Dague, Hayden Martin, Huston Martin, James Steglich and Kaci Atchison.

## **Christmas Poinsettias 2023**

<b>In Loving Memory of</b>	<b>Given by</b>
Parents Gay & Johnny Rohlack	Donna Campbell
Our Parents and Brothers	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Marwitz
Pauline and Jesse Stroud	Pat and Lynn Stroud
Margie Strunk, Kermit & Michael Feist	Pat and Lynn Stroud
Rosell Fritz	Sandra and Andrew Tolliver
Raymond & Gayle Schmiedekamp	Retha and Alan Shepherd
Bill Roberts	Jason and Justin Young
Albert and Gertrude Janke	Debra Caldwell
Mr. & Mrs. William (Bill) Janke, Jr, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Packwood, and Mr. & Mrs Thomas Dziuk Patricia Packwood-Janke	Glen and Emily Janke
Alfred & Earline Spinn	Stan and Sharon Koonsen
Joseph Koonsen & Doris Koonsen	Stan and Sharon Koonsen
Leslie & Helen Friedrich	Lonnie & Marilyn Shepherd
Jesse & Verlia Shepherd	Lonnie & Marilyn Shepherd
Our Parents	Leland & Judy Gersbach
Gabe Patterson	Don & Pat Bruggman
John & Lucille Flint (parents)	Pam Busch

John, Jimmy, & Joe Flint (brothers), Priscilla Green (sister)	Pam Busch
Garland Kneten	Dotty Kneten
Our Parents-Joe & Addie Decker Fred & Lorine Melcher	Jerry and Lucille Decker
Cynthia Gersbach	JR & Kendal Gersbach and Boys
Our MeMa (Cynthia Gersbach)	JR & Kendal Gersbach and Boys
Our Beloved MeMa (Cynthia Gersbach)	Joshua, Amanda & Cayson Barrett
<b>In Memory of</b>	
Bentley and Gloria Hause, GD Fleming	Rick and Pam Fleming
Bobby Jones and Carol Jones	Randy and Sandra Jones
BC & Alice Dora Smith	Randy and Sandra Jones
Wernli Family	Randy and Sandra Jones
Major Gilbert and Virginia Meneley	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Ilene Meneley	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Julius & Esther Gersbach	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Rudolph & Martha Persky	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Walter & Stevie Popplez	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Henry & Elizabeth Marek	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Ernest & Lydia Friedrich	April & Darrell Marek and Family
Henry & Ella Beyer	April & Darrell Marek and Family
<b>In Honor of</b>	
Our Grandchildren-Laurell, Kellen & Leah Pfeiffer	Rick and Pam Fleming
Kristin & Matt Cline and Karen & David Cross	Dotty Kneten
Granddaughters-Merrill Cline and Rachael Cline	Dotty Kneten

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Dec. 24th 5:30 p.m.**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Pastor Asst.:** Weldon Kurtz  
**Communion Asst:** Wayne Zieschang  
**Lector:** Michael Kurtz  
**Usher Captain:** Michael Kurtz  
**Ushers:** Melinda & Garrett Kurtz, Brandon & Debi Janke  
**Greeters:** Alan & Retha Shepherd  
**Altar Care:** Debi & Courtney Janke  
**Teller Captain:** Imogene Morris  
**Tellers:** Dorothy Marwitz & Cedalia Kurtz

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m. in TRC**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Dorothy Marwitz

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Dec. 31st**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Ronnie Persky  
**Usher Captain:** Duane Kurtin  
**Ushers:** Sharon Kurtin, Scott Janke, Pat & Lynn Stroud  
**Greeters:** Bill & Paula Unberhagen  
**Altar Care:** Donna Campbell & Daffney Pajestka  
**Teller Captain:** Sharon Koonsen  
**Tellers:** Duane & Sharon Kurtin

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - Jan. 7th**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Pastor Asst:** Wayne Zieschang  
**Communion Asst:** Ronnie Persky  
**Lector:** Ronnie Persky  
**Usher Captain:** Duane Kurtin  
**Ushers:** Sharon Kurtin, Scott Janke, Pat & Lynn Stroud  
**Greeters:** Bill & Paula Unberhagen  
**Altar Care:** Donna Campbell & Daffney Pajestka  
**Teller Captain:** Sharon Koonsen  
**Tellers:** Duane & Sharon Kurtin

## OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Dec. 3	61	\$2,886.50	\$179,849.92
Dec 10	140	\$5,698.00	\$185,547.92
Dec 17	79	\$5,358.25	\$190,906.17

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentrcek	Stanley Glaser	Janie Barron Lange	Eldon Lange
Celeste Gamrod	Pansy Lange	Coby Sodek	Jeanell Janke
Letty Rose Taylor(Steven Wentrcek's grandbaby)	Darrell Kurtz(Twin Brother of Harold Kurtz)		
Monica Blane(Pastor Daniel Blane's daughter)	Mike Bartek (friend of Alan and Retha)		
Risa Steglich	James Chapman(Dorothy Marwitz's Brother-in-law)		
Dolores Muske (Dorothy Marwitz Sister-in-law)	Ruth and Ray Janke		
Kim Ferguson (Linda and Virgil Ferguson's daughter)	Shelby Pagel		

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Thursday: Piece Makers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Piecemakers Request

The Piecemakers have asked for any sewing, crocheting, knitting, and supplies for sewing quilts. This would include sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, fabric, thread, pins and needles or anything that pertains to quilting.

### Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

**NOTE:** Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

### Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is at 9:15am in the TRC.

### Family Promise

Please donate as you are able for families in crisis. Needed items are cleaning/disinfecting products, female products, diapers, paper goods, and Laundry Pods (\*not liquid\*) etc. For further information contact Cedralia Kurtz at 254-657-2588. In addition, Cedralia and Family Promise wants to thank everyone for all of the donations given to those in need.

### Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of the month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!



### **Prayer Requests**

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide the church office with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

### **Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship**

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, we are currently the only opportunity that nursing home residents have to worship! Please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

### **Live Stream Learning**

St. John has purchased a camcorder to help with our live stream. We are looking for tech-inclined volunteers interested in testing out different settings. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

### **Martha's Circle Bible Study**

Martha's Circle Bible Study will be taking a break until January 24, 2024, for more information contact Janice Atchison (254-721-8477).

### **Flag Donations**

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

### **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**

The Sisters in Christ Bible study (Saturday Bible Study) will be taking a break until the third weekend in January. We will resume on January 20, 2024 as we begin a new series titled "Fierce" by Jennifer Cowart. This study covers lesser known ladies in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling.

I will be ordering Workbook's (\$13.49) in November and hope to deliver them to all interested in joining us in this study at the Ornament Exchange Breakfast.

### **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study will be on break through December 2023. The Study will resume at the usual 7:30am time on Wednesday January 3, 2024.

### **Congregation**

I want to thank everyone for their continued prayers, words of encouragement, cards and love sent to me. My family at St. John is amazing, as you continue to lift me up in prayer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my days brighter and easier. God Bless You All, Celeste Gamrod .

### **Congregation Thank you!**

Janell Janek would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, visits, cards and phone calls checking on her the past few months and always.

### **Altar Flowers**

Given by Charles Gersbach in memory of Cynthia Gersbach.

### **Christmas Day Home Worship Bulletin**

We have created a Christmas service that is specifically envisioned for usage within a lively home setting, with guests moving around freely. Christmas Day elements of baking and lighting are incorporated into this liturgy. Adapt as necessary; the focus is on celebrating community with the Christ child and community with each other.

Below is a QR Code link to the Christmas Day Home Worship bulletin on our website (<http://www.stjohnbartlett.org/bulletin.html>). Scan the code for copies! Merry Christmas!

