

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

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### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the Board of Elders who served our meal this evening.



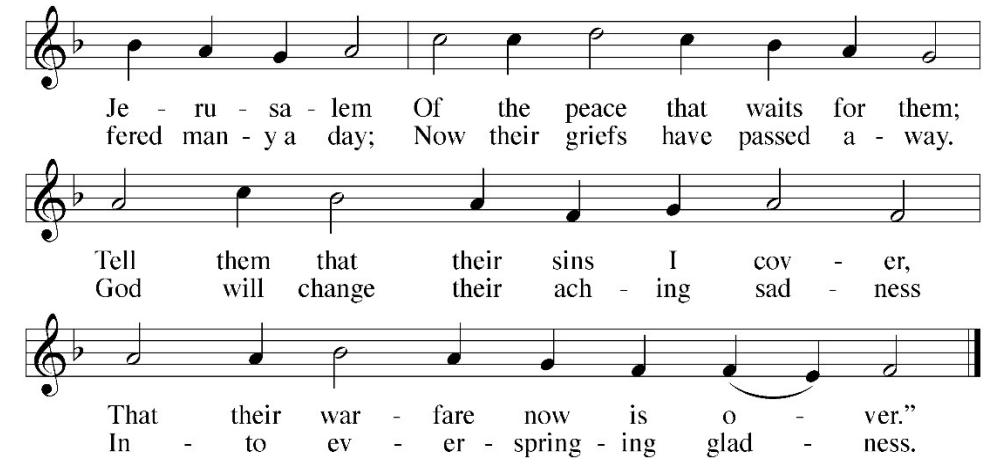
## **“WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM”**

### **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE**

### **DECEMBER 7, 2022**

### **ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN**



### HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*During the upcoming holiday season there are many opportunities for worship! Please join us!*

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM**

Children's Christmas Service (K5-Grade 8)

**Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM**

Preschool & Junior Kindergarten Christmas Service

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM & 10:00 PM**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** (one service only)

Christmas Day Service

**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM** (one service only)

New Year's Day Worship Service with Communion

**P:** Spirit of God, you hovered over the earth at creation and have continued to watch over the people of God, calling them to faith and keeping them in the family of God. In the same way, we pray that you would watch over us and our loved ones with your faithful care.

**C:** **Guide our steps and guard our path that we may ever follow you with joy and confidence. Allow our faith to flourish as we dwell in your Word and let it overflow in thankfulness as we live in your love. Find us approaching you confidently in prayer as you have taught us,**

**All:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

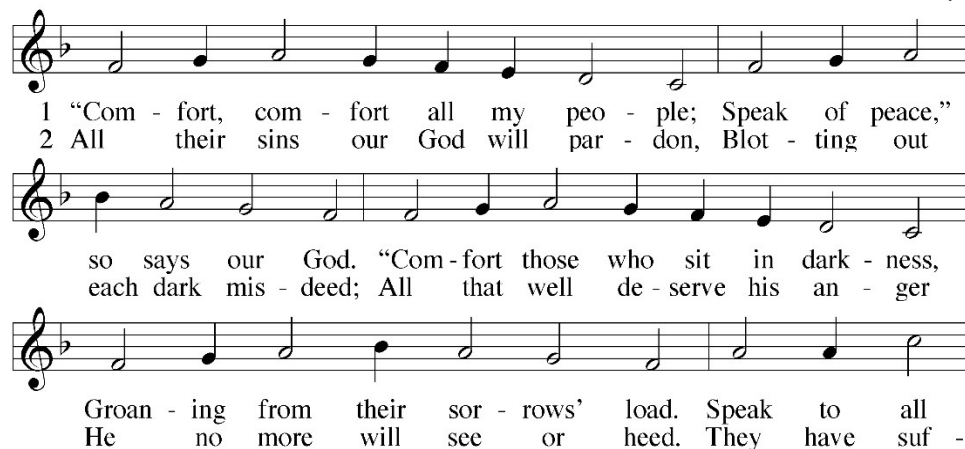
**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** *(Spoken)* **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

### COMFORT, COMFORT ALL MY PEOPLE

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #11, VERSES 1-2



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"  
2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out  
so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger  
Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all  
He no more will see or heed. They have suf -

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING RITE

## LEAD US TO YOUR LIGHT

*The Junior Choir/Soloist will sing the verses.*

*The congregation is invited to join the Junior Choir/Soloist on the refrains following verse 1.*

### Refrain:



Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark - ness.



Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

1. Lord, we await your coming to our world;  
Bring us the gift of salvation. **Refrain**
2. Lord, you are hope and healing for our world;  
Come, now, and bring us your good news. **Refrain**
3. Come, O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
Come with us on earth here to dwell. **Refrain**
4. Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slumber;  
Banish the darkness of night. **Refrain**
5. Child of the light and love beyond all telling,  
Fill our hearts with wonder and praise. **Refrain**

INTRODUCTION

Please Stand

A RESPONSIVE READING OF MATTHEW 2

- P: After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,
- C: **“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”**
- P: When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.
- C: **“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”**
- P: Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
- C: **“Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”**
- P: After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
- C: **On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.**
- P: Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
- C: **And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.**

Please be Seated

No gra - cious words we hear  
Nor fol - low where he trod,  
And may our faith a - bound  
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But in his prom - ise we re - joice,  
To call on you when you are near  
But we be - lieve him near,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
And seek where you are found.

CLOSING RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of faith which you have poured into our hearts because of your great mercy.
- C: **Keep our faith strong through your Word and Sacraments that we may reflect your love and grace to those around us.**
- P: Heavenly Father, as we have been reminded of the Wise Men who came to worship you, we pray that you would guide us through this Advent season and strengthen us to follow you as the light of the world.
- C: **Turn our eyes to see your presence in our lives as we find you in the Scriptures, encouraging, leading and loving us.**
- P: Lord Jesus, how many people have come to worship you? Yet you long for each one of us to be at your manger and at your throne worshiping you as our Savior from sin.
- C: **Lord, we have come to worship you! Receive our heartfelt thanks and praise; glory, laud and honor are yours! Just as the angels announced your birth, we give you glory for you are God in the highest!**

every day as we lift our thoughts to the greatness of your love and mercy. Lord, we worship you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel!

Prophets knew long ago that Christ would come to earth. Led by Isaiah they foretold His birth. God in human frame, Emmanuel His name. Prophets knew long ago, long ago.

Prophets knew long ago that Christ would be the King! "Glory to God!" Let heav'n and nature sing. God in human frame, Messiah was His name. Prophets knew long ago, long ago.

Micah prophesied that Christ would be born in Royal David's town; Redeemer of Israel, promised to all, a King without a crown!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Prophets knew long ago that in a manger stall angels and shepherds would find the Lord of all! God in human frame, Jesus was His name. Prophets know long ago, long ago. Prophets knew long ago, long ago.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel!

**3. GUIDED HOME BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**PASTOR MESSAGE**

**CONGREGATION HYMN**




1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
2 We may not touch his hands and side  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,

**PROPHETS KNOW**

**CONGREGATION HYMN**

**AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD**  
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #83, VERSES 1-2




1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your  
star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,  
low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious  
You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with  
Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.  
will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.

**1. LED BY THE LIGHT OF A STAR**

**PASTOR MESSAGE**

**CONGREGATION CAROL**

**THE FIRST NOEL**



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing  
3. And by the light of that same star three  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er  
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in the east, be - yond them far; and to the  
Wise Men came from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and there it



they lay\_ keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that  
 earth it\_ gave\_ great light, and\_ so it con - ti-nued both  
 king was their\_ in - tent, and to fol-low the star\_ wher  
 did both stop\_ and stay, right o - ver the place where

*Refrain*



was\_ so deep. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -  
 day\_ and night.  
 e - ver it went.  
 Je - sus lay.



el, born is the King\_ of Is - ra - el.

## PRAYER

**P:** Lord God, in your power and majesty you move the stars in their courses. You led the Wise Men to Bethlehem with the brilliant light of a star, and we too have seen the light of the Gospel which draws us to you. Thank you for shining the truth of Christ so clearly in our lives that we can know you as our Savior and live in your light. May we be faithful followers of you in thankful obedience for your gift of grace. Amen.

## CONGREGATION HYMN

### THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #91, VERSES 1-2



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
 2 The wis - er Ma - gi saw from far And fol - lowed



why this sense-less fear? For he who came from heav - en's  
 on his guid-ing star, And, led by light, to Light they



throne Does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.  
 pressed And by their gifts their God con - fessed.

## 2. WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

### PASTOR MESSAGE

### CONGREGATION HYMN

### LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #4, VERSE 1



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be -



hold, the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is



draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.



Life and sal - va - tion he will bring; There -



fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To God the Fa - ther



raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.

## PRAYER

**P:** Lord Jesus, this season truly brings us to your manger with praise on our lips and humility in our hearts. In grateful thanksgiving we pray that our lives would be living sacrifices of praise that honor you. We ask that you receive our worship