



PRELUDE “Comfort, Comfort These My People” arr Michael Burkhardt, organ

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through ✝ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

HYMN

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
- 4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Praise to you, O God, who lives with us,
Sharing our flesh and bones.

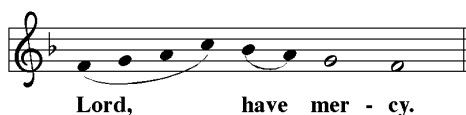
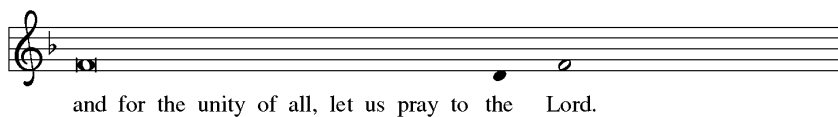
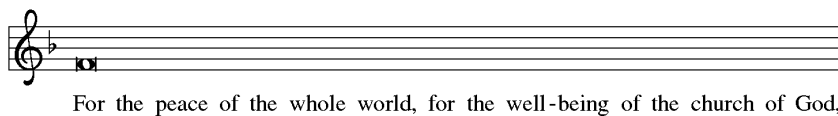
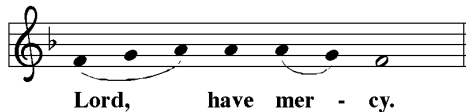
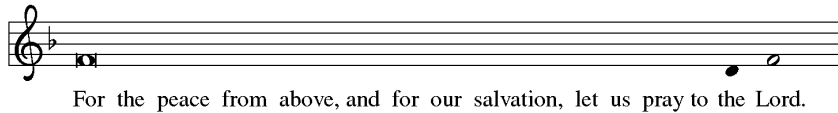
As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed,
So we dream and wait for you.

Bless us and let your face shine upon us,
More radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek.

Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good,
And banish all our fears.

We pray in the name of Emmanuel,
Your promised child and our Savior.
Amen.

KYRIE



3 To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.

Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.

APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

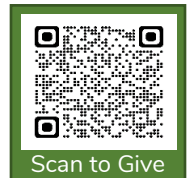
SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" by Carolyn Jennings, choir

Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.

Offering may be given by:

- Going to our website makedisciples.com and clicking on "Ways to Give"
- Scanning this QR code.
- Texting to Give to 844-605-2105
- Mailing to St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Please self-serve your communion.

Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW #257 vs. 1, 2

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel. .

DISMISSAL.

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Veni, Veni, Emmanuel” arr by Noel Goemanne, organ

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

All



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers were given by Rog and Carole Lewis in appreciation of our St. John's family for their kind and caring hearts!

Please use the sign ups on the website to sponsor altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event. Cost of the weekly arrangements is \$38.

On the Calendar:

Dec 24 Christmas Eve: 11:00a, 2:00p, 4:00p, 11:00p)
Dec 25 no worship
Dec 29 one service at 9:00a

December Outreach

GIVING TREE Select ornaments from the tree. Purchase the items listed on the ornaments. Return the ornaments to the tree for someone else to use. Place the unwrapped gift items under the tree. (Except gift cards, please put them in the drop box by the office.)

2024 vs 2025 Donations

Any donations you wish to claim in 2024 must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2024. If a donation is received before December 31, 2024, that you wish to have recorded as a 2025 contribution, please clearly indicate your intentions. Contact [Carrie](#), our treasurer, with questions.

Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes for 2025 will be available for pick up on Sunday. As more people choose to give offerings online instead of using giving envelopes, we continue to consolidate envelope numbers. If you plan to continue to use envelopes in 2025 and currently have an envelope number over 150, you will be given a new number.

Anyone with a number less than 150 who no longer needs envelopes, please let the office know so that number may be reassigned.

Endowment Window to Open in January

The Endowment Committee will begin accepting applications for grants in January. Watch for application information to request funds for your ministry.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

11 AM
2 PM
4 PM
11 PM

December 24



NO CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

December 29



WORSHIP at 9:00 a.m.

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