



The Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Eve | December 24, 2022 | 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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**Welcome to worship** on this Christmas Eve. We are thankful that you are here at Augustana!

*This day is a powerful reminder to us that in every time and place, and in everything we experience in life, we are embraced by Emmanuel “God With Us.” Today we sing that good news together, we hear it announced by angels, and we taste it in Holy Communion. Filled with the light and love of Christ, we go to share those gifts with the world around us.*

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*Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.*

## Prelude

“Josef, Lieber Josef mein” (“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”) –Johannes Brahms

Leslie Remmert Soich, alto and Kent Mueller, cello

“The Shepherds” –Peter Cornelius

Keith Williamson, bass

“Love Has Come” –Cathy Moglebust

Augustana Ringers

“Lullay of the Nativity” –Libby Larsen

Emily Murdock, soprano

“I Wonder As I Wander”

–John Jacob Niles, arr. Benjamin Britten

Blake Nawa`a, tenor and Emily Murdock, flute

## Welcome

*The assembly stands.*

Processional Hymn ♦ ELW 283: **O Come, All Ye Faithful** ADESTE FIDELES

*Stanzas 1 and 2: Optional Harmony | Stanzas 3 and 4: Unison*

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: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## First Reading ♦ Isaiah 9:2–7

A reading from Isaiah.

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem ♦ “The Holly and the Ivy” –arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw**  
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown.

O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flower,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior:  
O the rising of the sun . . .

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good.  
O the rising of the sun . . .

The holly bears a prickles as sharp as any thorn,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.  
O the rising of the sun . . .

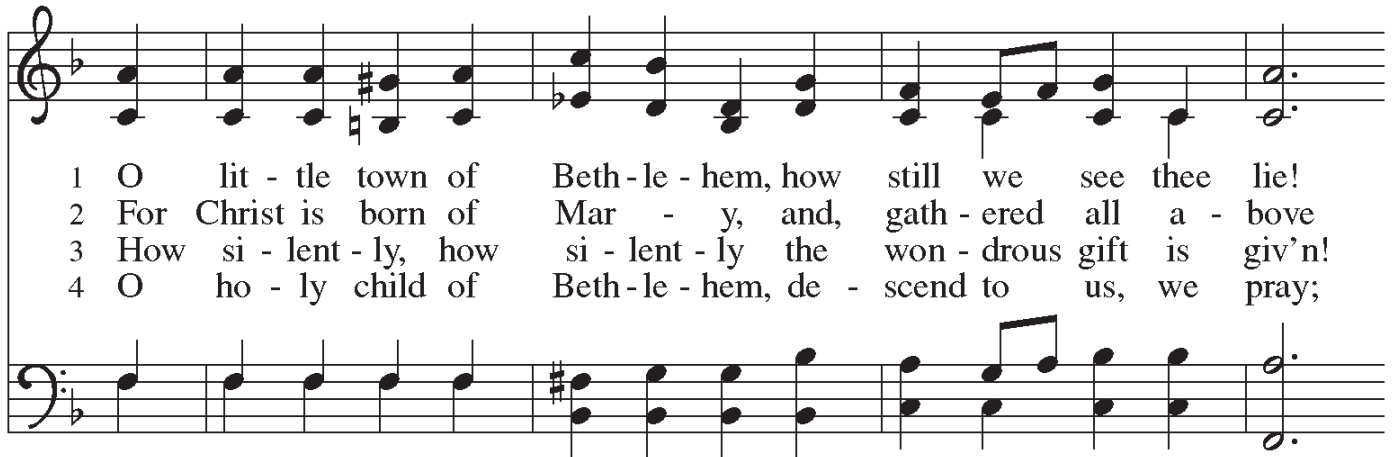
The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to redeem us all.  
O the rising of the sun . . .

*The assembly remains seated.*

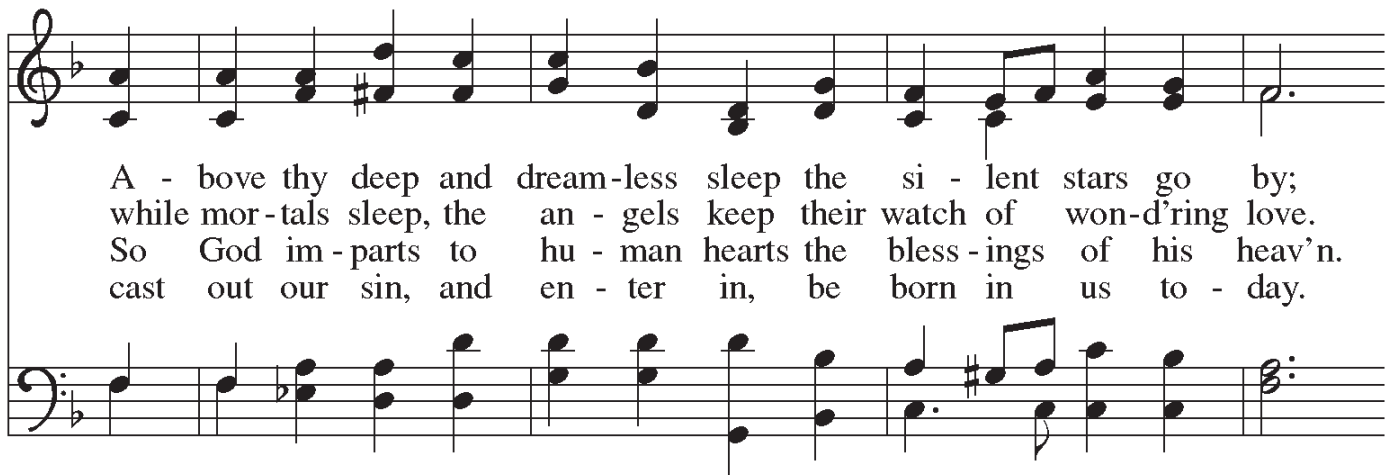
**Gospel ♦ Luke 2:1–7**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

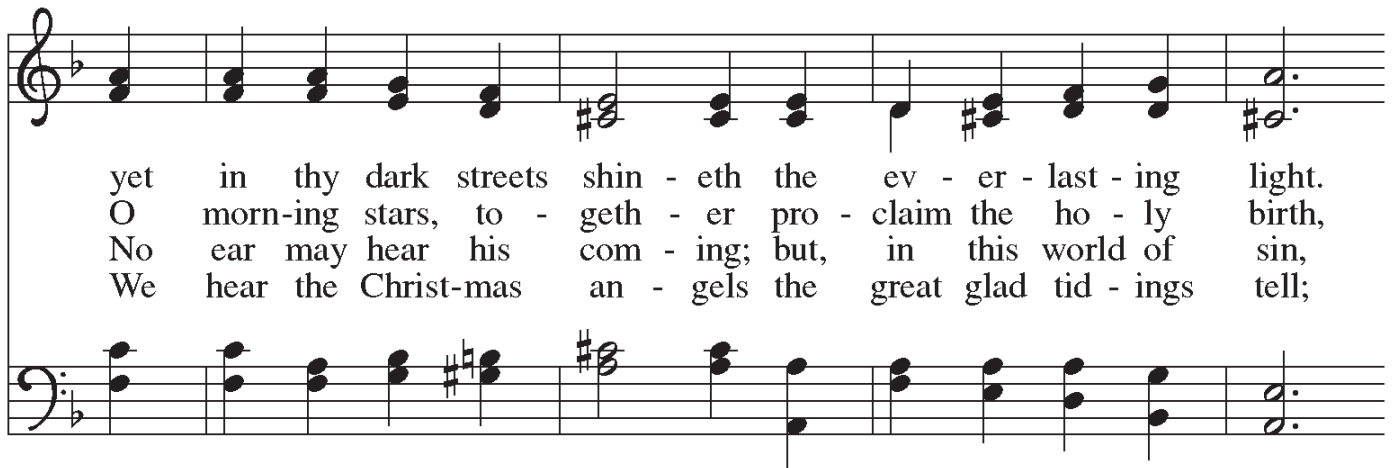
<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town 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. <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.



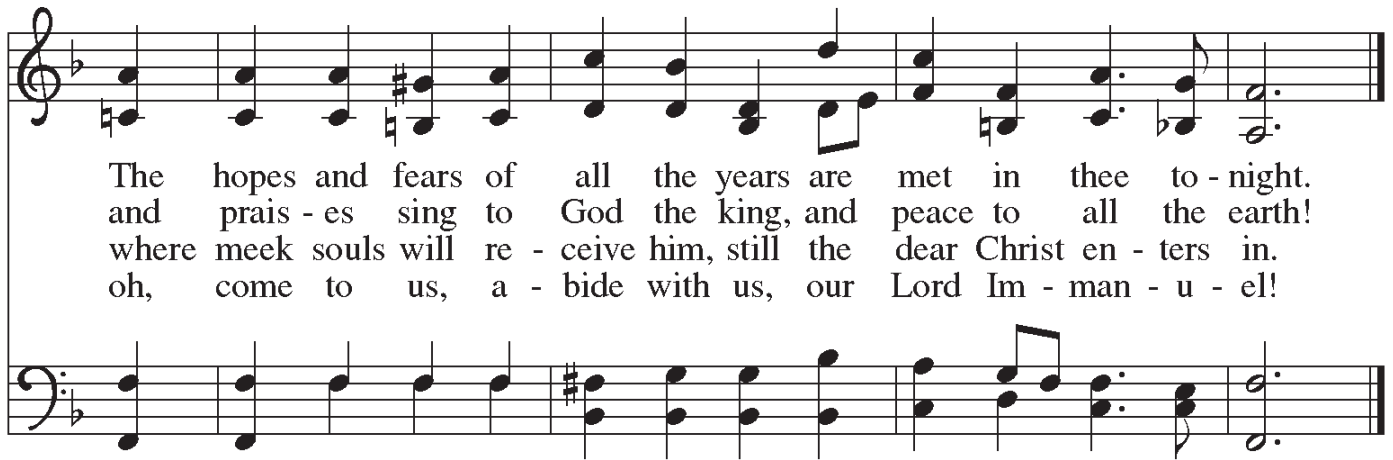
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

*The assembly remains seated.*

## Gospel ♦ Luke 2:8–14

<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!”

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4  
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879



*The assembly stands.*

**Gospel ♦ 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Children’s Sermon ♦ 3 p.m.**

**Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist**

*The assembly stands.*

Carol ♦ ELW 267: **Joy to the World**

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Peace

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

*You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## Offering

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“Before the Marvel of This Night” –Carl Schalk

3 p.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble | 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Before the marvel of this night adoring,  
fold your wings and bow,  
then tear the sky apart with light  
and with your news the world endow.  
Proclaim the birth of Christ and Peace,  
that fear and death and sorrow cease:  
sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,  
 this is the day the Lord has made.  
 Assemble here, celestial throng,  
 in royal splendor come arrayed.  
 Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss,  
 a teasing taste of what they miss:  
 sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,  
 our constant joy and endless light,  
 now to the loveless world be shown,  
 now break upon its deathly night.  
 Into one song compress the love,  
 the love that rules above:  
 sing love, sing God is love!

–Jaroslav J. Vajda

*The assembly stands.*

Offering Response ♦ ELW 282: **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** CAROL



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all - gra - cious king.”  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ’ring wing,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### 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.**

*The assembly is seated until invited by the ushers to come forward  
for Holy Communion.*

### Holy Communion

*Today we will receive Holy Communion by intinction. You'll be  
given a wafer, which you are invited to dip in either the wine (dark  
liquid) or the grape juice. You may receive only the wafer if that is  
your preference. If you are worshipping with us on livestream, you*

*may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ.*

*If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.*

“Song of the Pines” –Abbie Betinis  
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Night, and the world asleep, all the silver pines are still,  
Here the moonlit earth lies bleak and chill,  
Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Now, a celestial song shivering down from lofty cones,  
Drops bough by bending bough in whispered tones:  
Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Blow! You great Northwind, carry this song of long ago,  
And on your way redeem us all in snow,  
Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Lo! How immortal hymns fall from the lips of wakened souls,  
Hail! Arise and greet the babe the choir extols,  
Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Night, and the world asleep,  
but for the song of the snowy pine,  
O! Yet here is God’s own evidence divine,  
Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born.

# Communion Carols

## ELW 276: **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY



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:

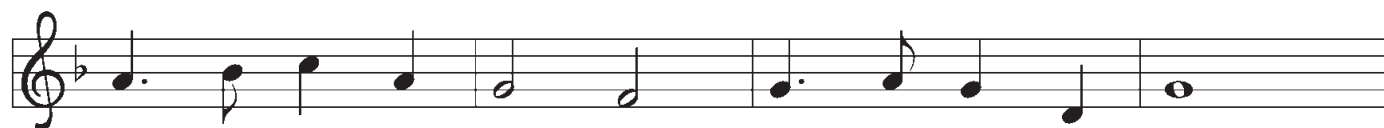


Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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

## ELW 294: **In the Bleak Midwinter**

CRANHAM



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . . earth sus - tain;  
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

*The assembly stands.*

## Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

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.**

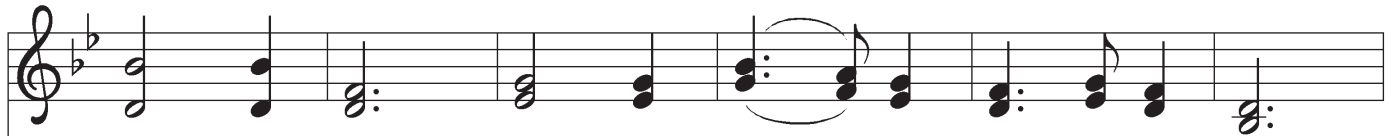
*When passing the flame, keep your lit candle upright while the  
next person tilts their unlit candle to yours. Following the Blessing,  
candles may be blown out and returned to the sanctuary entrances.  
Merry Christmas!*

# Carol ♦ ELW 281: **Silent Night, Holy Night!**

STILLE NACHT



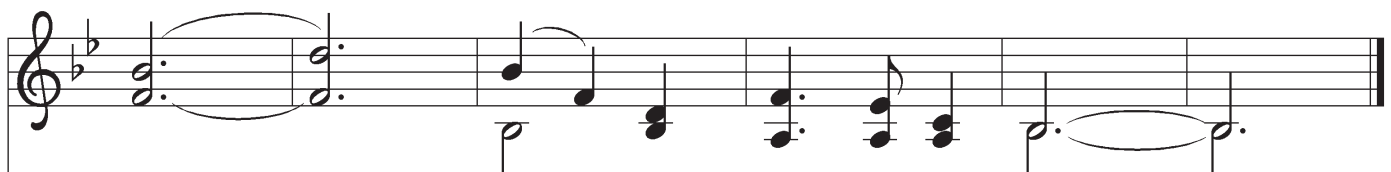
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.



**Blessing**      The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**Postlude** ♦ “Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella”    –Keith Chapman

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- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. On either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Along with the Caring Corner, the nursery is available for children accompanied by an adult. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- For a copy of today's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
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Preston Mueller, cello

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7 p.m. Marcia Olson

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## Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

## Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website ([augustanadenver.org](http://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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