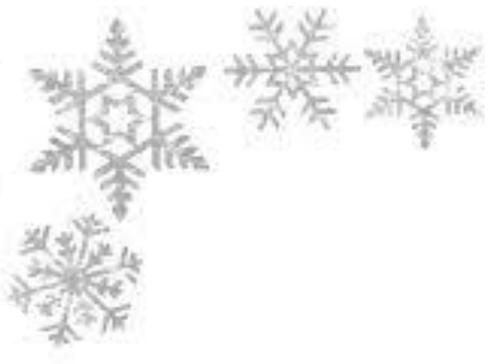


# **Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

**Name of Jesus ~ 9:30 am**



**PRELUDE**

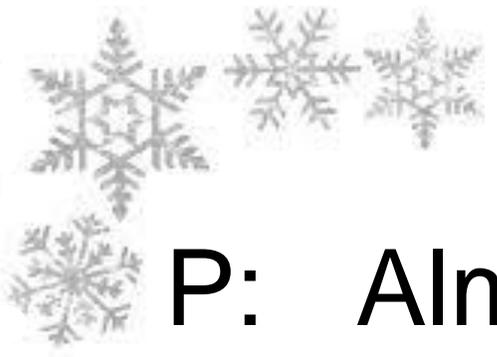
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**



**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

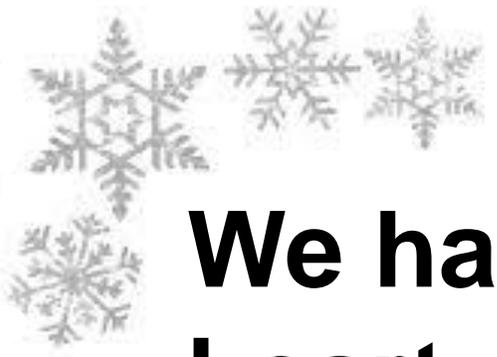
**C: Amen.**



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

(A brief silence.) Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

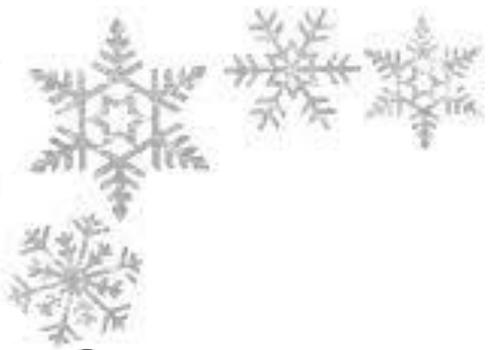


**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**



P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

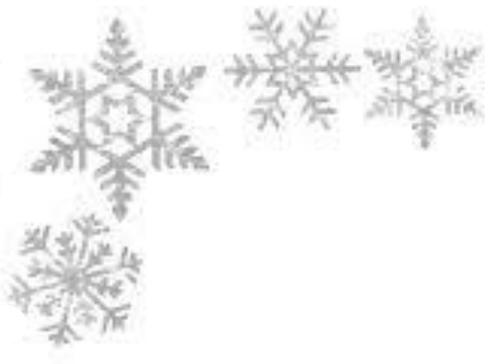


## Opening Hymn – “The Bells of Christmas”

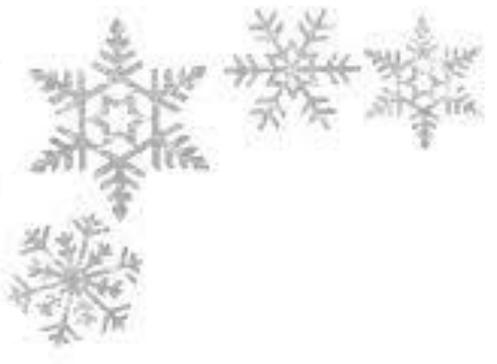
The bells of Christmas chime once more;  
the heav'nly guest is at the door.  
He comes to earthly dwellings still  
with new year gifts of peace, good will.



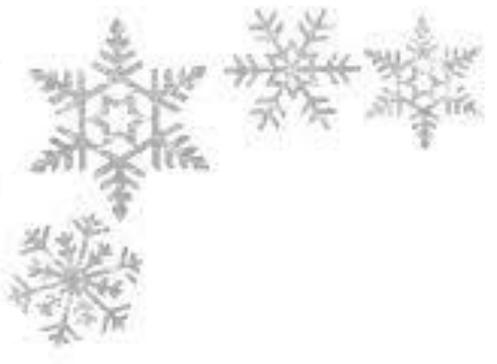
This world, though wide and far outspread,  
could scarcely find for you a bed.  
Your cradle was a manger stall,  
no pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.



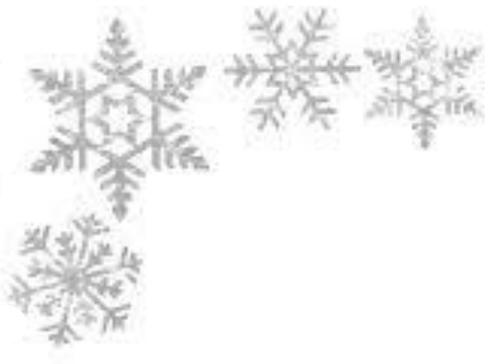
Now let us go with quiet mind,  
the swaddled babe with shepherds find,  
to gaze on him who gladdens them,  
the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.



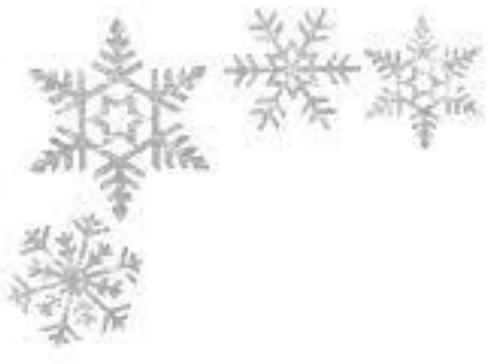
Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,  
to keep our Christmas with our king,  
until our song, from loving souls,  
like rushing mighty water rolls!



O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,  
O Dayspring bright, awaited long,  
O Son of Man, incarnate Word,  
great David's Son, great David's Lord:



Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,  
and keep your Christmas in our breast;  
then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,  
shall swell our jubilee of song.



P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

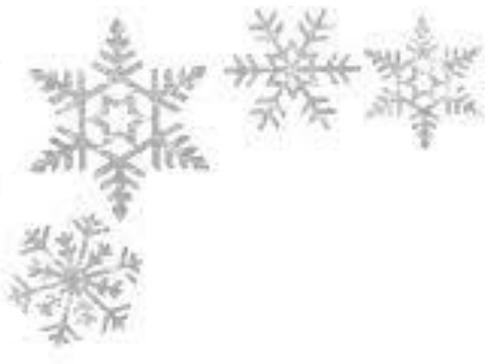
**C: Amen**



## INTRODUCTION



P: From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are called Christian. We were “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing his name, we share the same Father and are invited to address him intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of the Father.



Today we pray that the mind of Christ,  
whose name we bear, would be our own.  
It is a good way to begin, again,  
another year.

**C: Amen.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

C: **Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



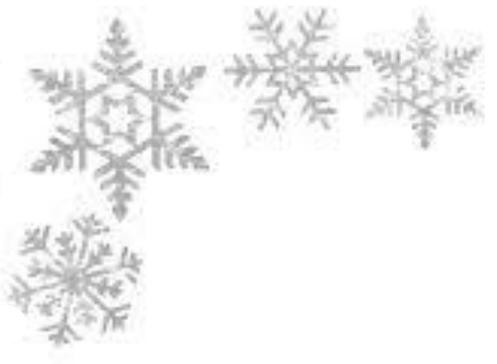


**FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27**

A reading from Numbers, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.



The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



So they shall put my name on the Israelites,  
and I will bless them.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 8 – A Responsive Reading

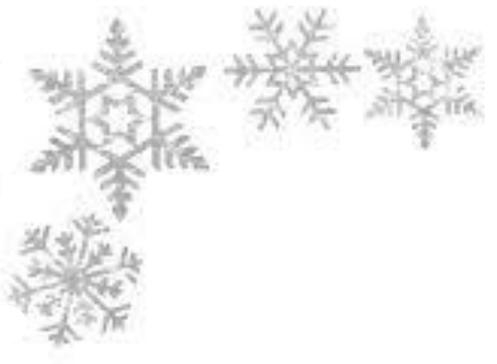
R: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**C: You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**



R: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**C: What are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**



R: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**



R: All flocks and cattle, even the wild  
beasts of the field,

**C: The birds of the air, the fish of the  
sea, and whatever passes along the  
paths of the sea.**

R: O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your  
name in all the earth!

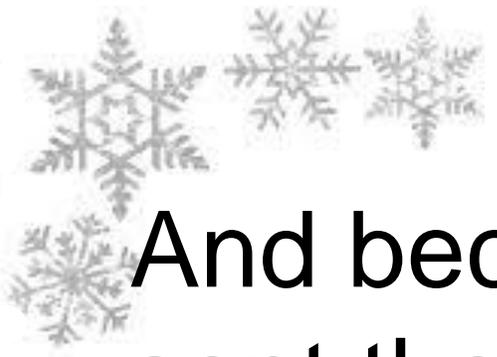




## **SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

A reading from Galatians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

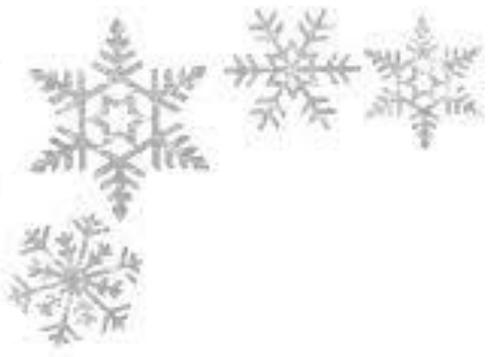
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.



And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# “ALLELUIA”



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

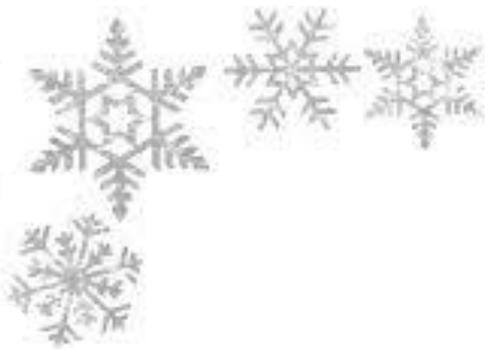


## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”



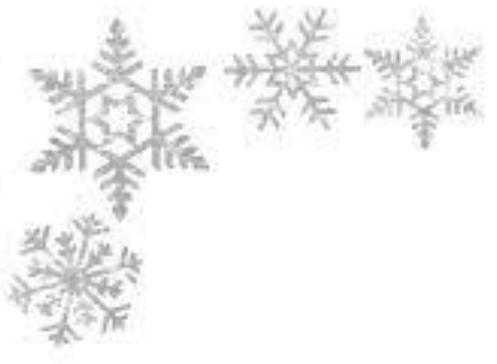
So, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.



The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



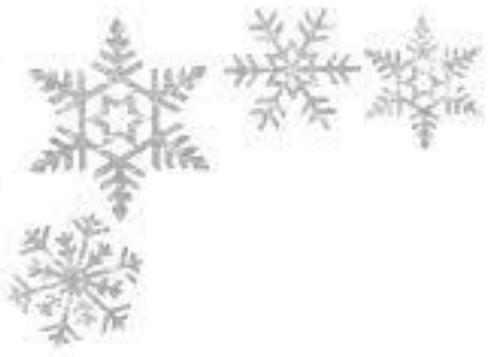
# **SERMON**

**“The Name Above All Names”**

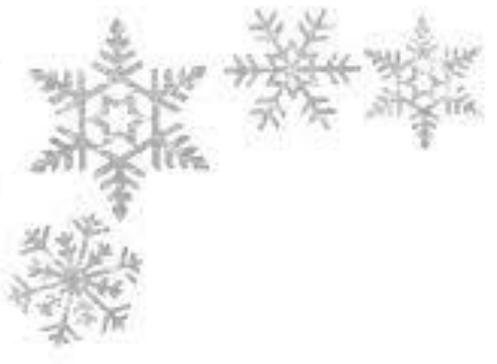


## **Hymn of The Day – “Away in a Manger”**

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where  
he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**



**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**



**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

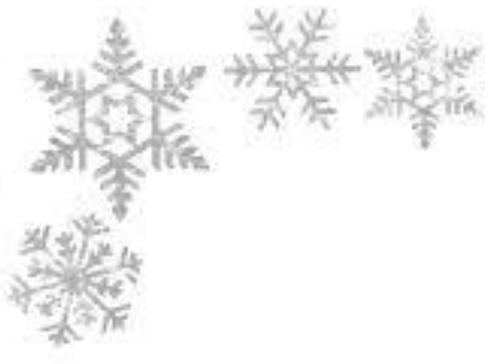


# **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

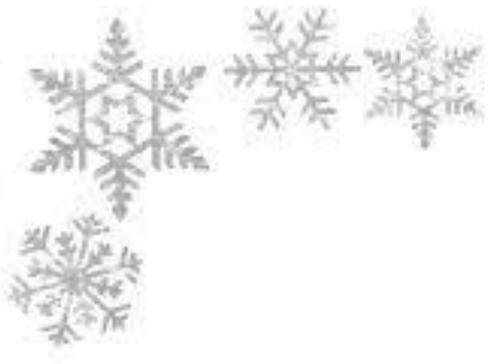
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,**

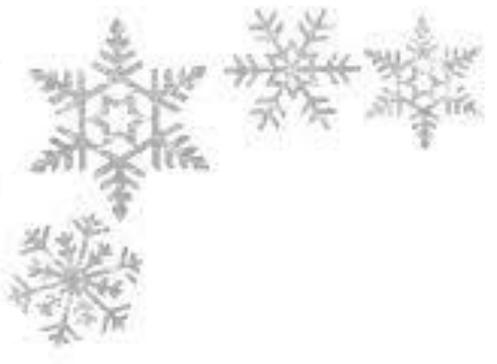
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**



**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**

P: Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.  
(A brief silence.)



Blessed Jesus, your name is proclaimed through preaching, sacraments, music, art, and all forms of creativity. Bring together congregations and leaders from various traditions to make you known. Lord, in your mercy.

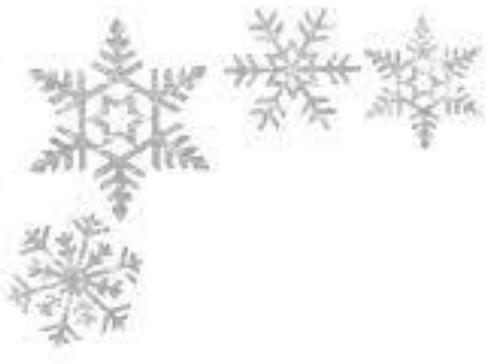
**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** Blessed Jesus, you reveal yourself through creation, here on earth and throughout the cosmos. Protect endangered species, bring favorable weather, and guide us to be good stewards of all that you have made.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: Blessed Jesus, you show nations and leaders the way of the humble servant. Guide all in authority to use power for the benefit of all people throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** Blessed Jesus, you attend to the needs of your brothers and sisters. Hear the cry of those who call upon your name (*especially*) and send caregivers to provide help to all in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** Blessed Jesus, you shower us with your grace. Accompany students returning to school, workers who rest from a busy holiday season, and your people gathered here for worship.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** Blessed Jesus, you emptied yourself to take on our likeness and form so we are blessed to become children of God.

Inspire us by the witness of the faithful departed to confess your name above all names.

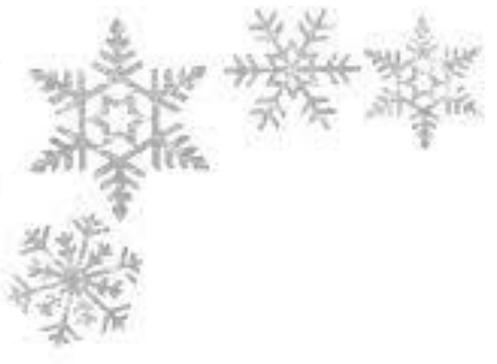
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**P:** Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

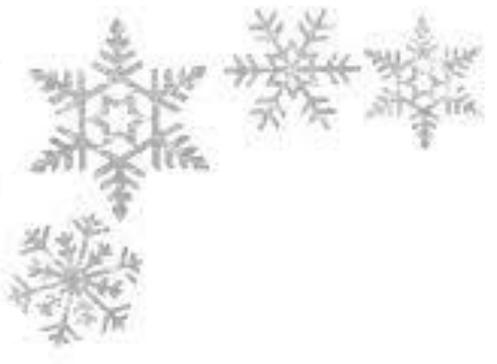
**C: Amen.**



# **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

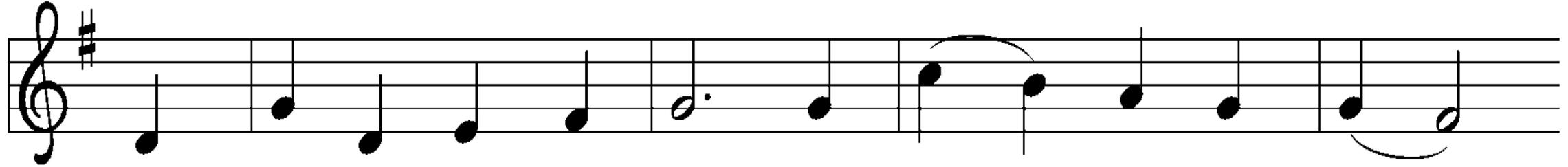


**~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~**

**“Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child!”**



# OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.



OFFERING PRAYER



**P:** Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.



**C: Amen.**



## **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.



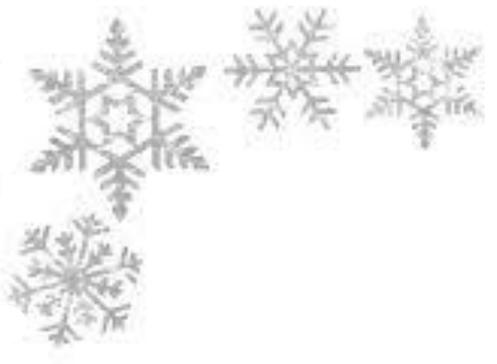
**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise  
to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



## **THE 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.**



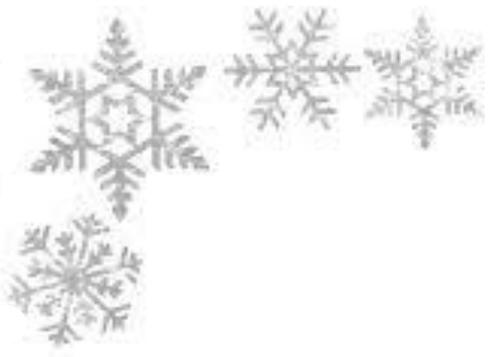
~ **COMMUNION** ~



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

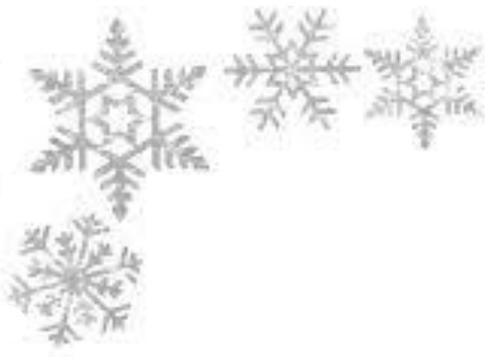


## **BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and  
Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

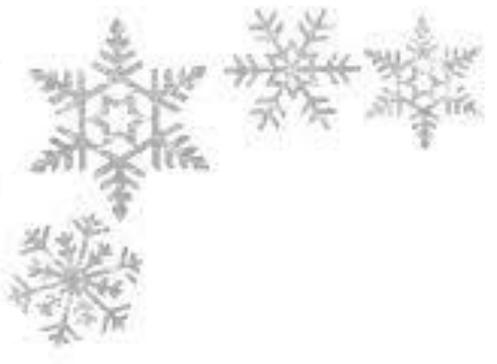




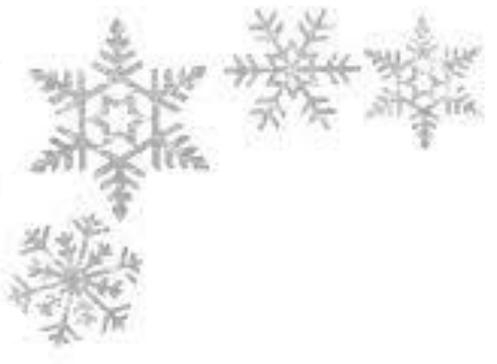
**Closing Hymn – “Go Tell It On The Mountain”**

**Refrain**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**

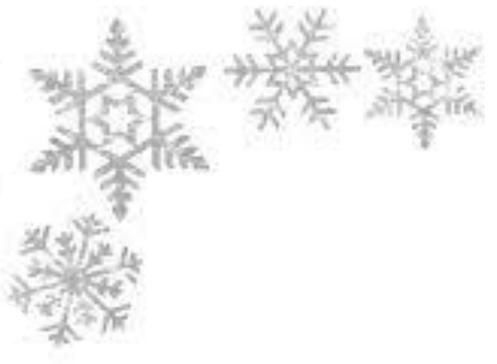


**While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. Refrain**

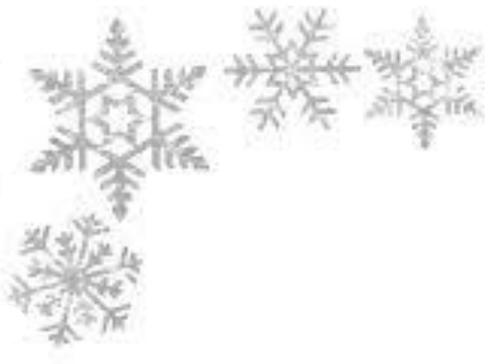


## **Refrain**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**

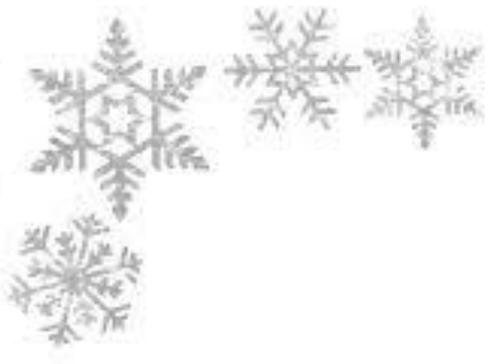


**The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain**

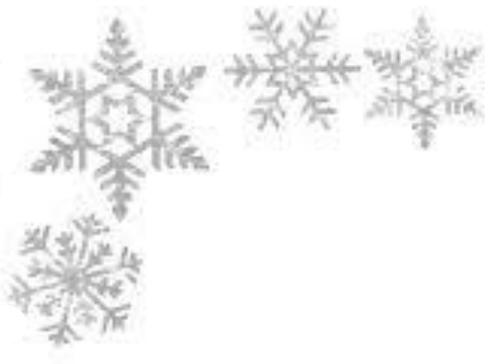


## **Refrain**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**



**Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain**



## **Refrain**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!**



## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**







