



HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...

THE  
*Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6



*Christmas Eve, 7:00 PM*  
*December 24, 2025*

***A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**HYMN**                    *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*                    **LSB 393**

1 Infant holy,  
    Infant lowly,  
    For His bed a cattle stall;  
    Oxen lowing,  
    Little knowing  
    Christ the child is Lord of all.  
    Swiftly winging,  
    Angels singing,  
    Bells are ringing,  
    Tidings bringing:  
    Christ the child is Lord of all!  
    Christ the child is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping,  
    Shepherds keeping  
    Vigil till the morning new  
    Saw the glory,  
    Heard the story,  
    Tidings of a Gospel true.  
    Thus rejoicing,  
    Free from sorrow,  
    Praises voicing,  
    Greet the morrow:  
    Christ the child was born for you!  
    Christ the child was born for you!

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*Sit*

## THE BAPTISM OF *Adam Cooc Man*

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*Stand*

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 110:1–4

**P** The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make  
your enemies your footstool.”

**C** The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

**P** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your  
power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

**C** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*LSB 359*

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
     The rose I have in mind;  
     With Mary we behold it,  
     The virgin mother kind.  
     To show God's love aright,  
     She bore to us a Savior,  
     When half-spent was the night.

3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
     With sweetness fills the air,  
     Dispels with glorious splendor  
     The darkness ev'rywhere.  
     True man, yet very God,  
     From sin and death He saves us  
     And lightens ev'ry load.

4 O Savior, child of Mary,  
     Who felt our human woe;  
     O Savior, King of glory,  
     Who dost our weakness know:  
     Bring us at length we pray  
     To the bright courts of heaven,  
     And to the endless day.

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## READINGS

<b>Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 7:10-14</b>
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**P** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 7.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Away in a Manger**LSB 364*

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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**Reading****1 John 4:7-16**

**P** A reading from 1 John, chapter 4.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*LSB 361*

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

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**Reading****Luke 2:1-20**

**P** A reading from St. Luke, chapter 2.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Responsory****LSB 230**

**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
**C** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.**

**P** Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
**C** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

***Joy to the World*****LSB 387**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
    Let earth receive her King;  
    Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
        And heav'n and nature sing,  
        And heav'n and nature sing,  
        And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
    Let men their songs employ,  
    While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
        Repeat the sounding joy,  
        Repeat the sounding joy,  
        Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
    Nor thorns infest the ground;  
    He comes to make His blessings flow  
        Far as the curse is found,  
        Far as the curse is found,  
        Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
    And makes the nations prove  
    The glories of His righteousness  
        And wonders of His love,  
        And wonders of His love,  
        And wonders, wonders of His love.

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**SERMON****“Our Savior is born”**  
**Text: Luke 2:1-20**

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

*LSB 366*

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
    That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
    To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
    From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
    To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
    With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav’ly music floats  
    O’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
    They bend on hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its babel sounds  
    The blessed angels sing.
- 3 All you, beneath your heavy load,  
    By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
    With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
    Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
    Of Him the angels sing.
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass  
    By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
    Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
    God’s ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
    The song the angels sing.

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**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**CHOIR:**     *Christmas Is All About Love*

*Stand*

## PRAYER

### Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### Collects

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer,  
**C** and let my cry come to you.

### Collect of the Day

**P** O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Collect

**P** O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.  
**C** Amen.

### **The Lighting of the Candles**

*(The pastor takes the light from the Christ candle and gives it to the ushers. They pass the light on to the congregation. Tip only the unlighted candle. Do not tip the lighted candle to avoid dripping the wax! Hold the candles straight up and the wax will not drip. Please return your candle to the ushers as you exit the Sanctuary. Thank you.)*

### ***Silent Night, Holy Night***

**LSB 363**

- 1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
    Sleep in heavenly peace,  
    Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'ly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
    Christ, the Savior, is born!  
    Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
    Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
    Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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*After the hymn, you may carefully extinguish candles.*

*Sit*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Praise God for the baptism of *Adam Cooc Man, son of Joseph Man and Phuong Cooc.***

+ Serving You Tonight +

**Preacher**

*Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor*

**Liturgist**

*Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor*

**Organist**

*Amy Kao*

**Ushers**

*Donald Woo, David Garrett,*

*Ron Soper*

**Altar Guild**

*Ernestine Gutter, Darlene Hartman,*

*Rebecca Chan, Rhonda Short*

**V**isitors, welcome! Thank you for being with us this Holy Christmas, the Nativity of our Lord. Please come and join us again in worship of the Blessed Triune God. Merry Christmas!

**T**he Chancel Flowers and the white poinsettias are given to the glory of God by **Guthrie, Twomey and Crouse Families** in memory of Margaret and Jim Finley, Jr, beloved parents; Frieda and Robert Thomson; James Sr. and Evelyn Finley; Priscilla, Ben and Barry Mathis; and in honor of WPL Church and School staff and families. *"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1*

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**C**hristmas Poinsettias that adorn our Church this Christmas Eve and Day are given to the glory of God for the great gift of His love, Jesus Christ, by the following:

**The Ammann & Priest Families**

In memory of those family & friends we lost this year, 2025:  
Nella Tanzi, Hanny Heim, Gustav Erpen, Alex Steiner, Christoph Buchbender

In memory of those we lost these past 2 decades: Ennio Falcioni, Joseph Priest, Hans Weder

**Gerda Beisel & Family**

In loving memory of Julius Beisel

**Pastor & Stacey Binz**

In loving memory of Stacey's sister - Michele Cottle

**Antonella Demartini, Israel Frayle, Alessia Frayle**

In memory of Joseph Demartini and Gilda Demartini

**Rudy & Gail Frey**

To the glory of God

**Darlene Hartman**

In honor of WPL Choir

**John Hoch & Elissa Choun**

In honor of Margaret Okhi Choun

**May Luu**

In loving memory of my family & friend I lost this year:

My brother Tung Lau and Rev. David Chan

**The Man Family**

In honor of Pastor Binz's retirement

**John Rixe**

In memory of Jan Lundquist

**Amy Hartman Roe**

In honor of my mother Darlene Hartman for her dedicated years of service at WPL Church

Many thanks to Pastor Binz and His wife, Stacey for 9 years of love and service to WPL Church

**Rhonda Short**

In memory of Effie Randall

**Stanley & Julia Tom**

In memory of Margaret Finley

**Tom & Georgeanne Wedergren**

In honor of our son Ian Wedergren

**Justin & Katie Wood**

In honor of our grammy, Linda Silveria

**Steve & Christy Wood**

In memory of our grandparents Phyllis and Bill Silveira, Wintress & Chet Johnson

**The Wood Family**

In memory of Les Morris, Margaret Finley & Laureen Wudy

**M**any thanks to our Altar Guild; our Greeters, Ushers, Elders, and Lectors; Church Office Secretaries May Luu and Angie Holt; Office Helpers; Christian Service Committee; Coffee Hour Fellowship Providers; Christmas Church Decorators; those who set up the outdoor nativity; and others for their extra assistance this Advent/Christmas and to anyone else whom we accidentally forgot, **"Many Thanks!"**

- Pastor Binz & Pastor Swenson

**A** Word From the Church Council  
As we celebrate the real miracle of Christmas – God's demonstration of love for us through the Lord Jesus Christ – we also thank Him for the many blessing He has given to this congregation. We are especially grateful for the ministry of Pastor Binz, Pastor Swenson, Principal Sherise Lee, the church office staff, and the faculty and staff of the School, for their commitment to serving the Lord. We appreciate the officers, directors, and volunteers who use the gifts God has given them to serve West Portal Lutheran Church and School. May all of you share the blessings of knowing the Christ Child as you gather with family and friends this Christmas.



**T**he *Church Office* will be closed from Thursday through Saturday, December 25 through 27, and Thursday January 1.

**West Portal Lutheran  
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Sunday, 10:00AM

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