

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.

It is indeed right and salutary... and join their unending hymn:

(sung to Hark, the Herald Angels Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored.
O how blest is he who comes in the holy name of God.
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

COMMUNION

When Christmas Morn is Dawning

LBW #59

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son you have united earth and heaven.
May we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all
the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BENEDICTION

DEPARTURE HYMN

The Bells of Christmas

LBW #62

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest! **Peace to God's people on earth!**
As heralds of God's peace, go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory/For unto Us a Child is Born
Edwin Johnson



I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Zion St. John Lutheran Church
Being the Body of Christ

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Today's Worship Assistants

Organist: Charles S **Lector:** Alice G

December 25, 2024 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day

PRELUDE *When Christmas Morn is Dawning*
E M Porter, F Ferko, R Gieseke

Stand
GATHERING HYMN *O Come All Ye Faithful* LBW #45

GREETING

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
O come let us adore him.

May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* LBW #50

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

HYMN *Joy to the World* LBW #39

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he

sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* LBW #44

Stand
HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

Before the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the gospel:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Wonder as I Wander* WOV #642

Stand
THE PRAYERS

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

After each petition: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

THE PEACE

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

Sit
OFFERING/ OFFERTORY VERSE (*sung to O Little Town of Bethlehem*)

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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, **God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Receive our offerings, and nourish us at your table, that your Word may take flesh in our lives; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**