

# ***First Sunday of Christmas***

**December 26, 2021    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

*Once in Royal David's City*

Lisa D.  
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**Lighting of the Candles**

**Words of Welcome and Introduction**

*The First Noel*

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The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

**Refrain:**

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

**Refrain:**

This star drew near to the northwest,  
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
 And there it did both stop and stay  
 Right over the place where Jesus lay.     **Refrain:**

Then entered in those wise men three,  
 Fell rev'rently upon their knee,  
 And offered there in his presence  
 Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.     **Refrain:**

**Text:** English traditional; **Music:** English traditional; arr. hymnal version. Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

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

**Response: *And also with you.***

### ***Angels We Have Heard on High***

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Angels we have heard on high,  
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply,  
 Echoing their joyous strains.  
 Glo – ria, in excelsis Deo;  
 Glo – ria, in excelsis De-o.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
 Him whose birth the angels sing;  
 Come, adore on bended knee  
 Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
 Glo – ria, in excelsis Deo;  
 Glo – ria, in excelsis De-o.

**Text:** French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*; **Music:** French carol.

## Prayer of the Day

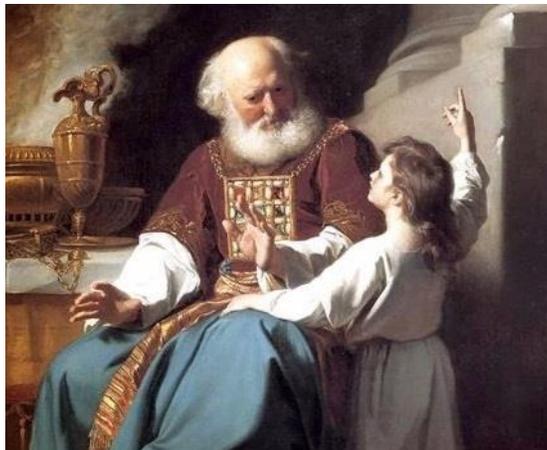
Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading – I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, *May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord*; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***



**Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**Praise the Lord!**

**Second Reading – Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**Music:** Thomas Pavlechko. Music © 2006 Thomas Pavlechko, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



**Gospel – Luke 2:41-52**

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, *Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.* He said to them, *Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?* But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon***My Father's House*

Pr. Mandsager

***Good King Wenceslas***Lisa D.  
Pr. Mandsager

*Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel.*

*"Hither, page, and stand by me  
If thou know'st it, telling  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain."*

*"Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear him thither."  
Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.*

*"Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer."*

*"Mark my footsteps, my good page  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."*

*In his master's steps he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing.*

**Text:** John Mason Neale; **Music:** *Tempus Adest Floridum*

## **Prayers of the Church**

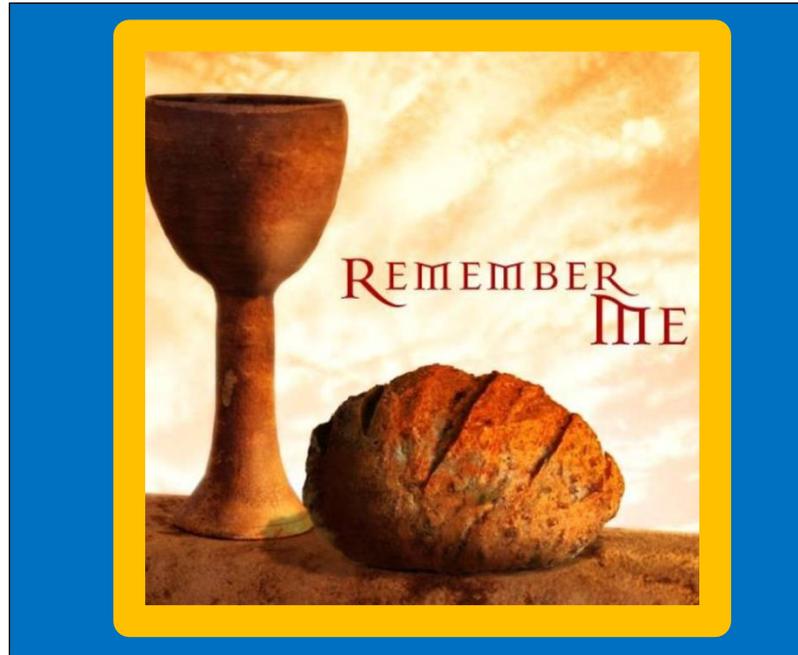
### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>We Come, O Babe Divine, to Thee</i>	Lisa D.
	<i>Her Kommer dine Arme Små</i>	Rhonda R.

## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in  
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Invitation**

## **Words of Institution**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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 Distribution**

**Communion Song***Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Prayer**

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food  
while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you  
free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none  
can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in  
endless joy. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon  
you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Cold December Flies Away***

ELW 299

Cold December flies away  
At the rose-red splendor.  
April's crowning glory breaks  
While the whole world wonders  
At the holy unseen pow'r  
Of the tree that bears the flow'r.

On the blessed tree  
Blooms the reddest flow'r.  
On the tree blooms the rose  
Here in love's own garden,  
Full and strong in glory.

In the hopeless time of sin  
Shadows deep had fallen.  
All the world lay under death.  
Eyes were closed in sleeping.  
But, when all seemed lost in night,  
Came the sun whose golden light  
Brings unending joy,  
Brings the endless joy  
Of our hope, highest hope,  
Of our hope's bright dawning,  
Son belov'd of heaven.

Now the bud has come to bloom,  
And the world awakens.  
In the lily's purest flow'r  
Dwells a wondrous fragrance.  
And it spreads to all the earth  
From the moment of its birth;  
And its beauty lives.  
In the flow'r it lives,  
In the flow'r, and it spreads  
In its heav'nly brightness,  
Sweet perfume delightful.

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

***Response: Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**    *Angels from the Realms of Glory*    Rhonda R.



**Epiphany Worship Service**  
**Thursday, January 6**

**3:30 PM on Channel 105**

## Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
There his children gather round,  
Bright like stars, with glory crowned.



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