



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church  
First Sunday of Christmas  
December 29, 2024**

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Memorial Garden.

You may take your poinsettia home today at the end of the service.

**Notice:**

**The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2<sup>ND</sup> at 10:45 in the Reception Room following the worship service. Mark your calendars now!**

# Sunday, December 29, 2024

## First Sunday of Christmas

### Introduction

*On the first Sunday of Christmas, we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Il Est Ne “

French Carol

### GATHERING

Greeting

**Col. 3:15, 16**

P: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

All: **Alleluia.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

All: **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.

All: **Amen.**

P: Gracious God,  
All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

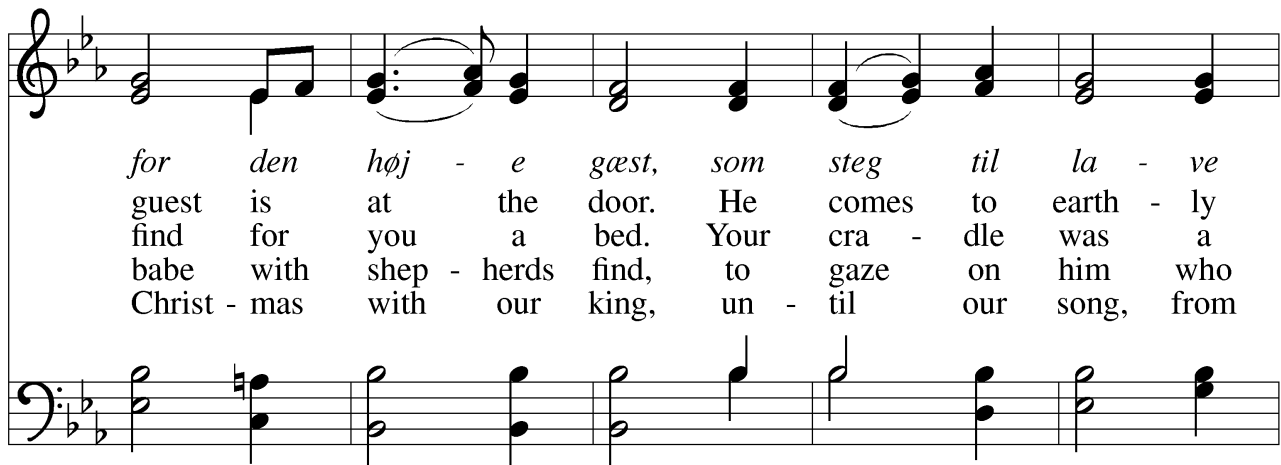
*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn*



Verses 1 - 4 Large print words found on page 21



*Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer*  
 1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly  
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly  
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled  
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



*for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve*  
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly  
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a  
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who  
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



*hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.*  
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.  
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.  
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, 1823–1883, alt.  
 Music: DET KIMER NU TIL JULEFEST, Carl C. N. Balle, 1806–1855

*Please be seated*

### Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: Amen.

### Hymn of Praise

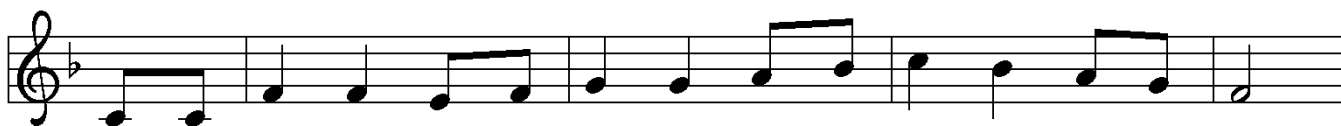
### “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW# 276

All Verses – Large print words found on page



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

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Assisting Minister**

*Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.*

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Psalm148 Read responsively by whole verse**

*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)*

AM: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

All: <sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

AM: <sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

All: <sup>4</sup> **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

AM: <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

All: <sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

AM: <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

All: <sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

AM: <sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

All: <sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

AM: <sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**All: <sup>12</sup> young men and maidens, old and young together.**

AM: <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**All: <sup>14</sup> The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

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

*Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.*

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading*



*¡A - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya,*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,

*a - le - lu - ya!*      *¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
 al - le - lu - ia!      Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

### Gospel Luke 2:41-52

*Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.*

<sup>41</sup> Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

<sup>44</sup> 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.

<sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who

heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> 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.” <sup>49</sup> He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**“Put On Love”**

**Rev. Dana Nelson**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day*

### **Hymn of the Day “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”**

All Verses – Large print words found on page 22

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.  
And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
Do it all in the name of the Lord.  
Giving thanks, giving thanks to God  
Through Christ, the Lord,  
Giving Thanks, giving thanks to God through Christ, the Lord. (Repeat)

# Let the Peace of Christ 251 Rule in Your Heart

COLOSSIANS 3:15

DENNY CAGLES  
Arranged by Ken Barker

♩ = 60 to 68

unison

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, Let the

unison

peace of Christ rule in your heart. And what -

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ev - er you do, in word or deed, Do it

all in the name of the Lord; Giv - ing

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thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ giv - ing thanks \_\_\_\_\_ to

God, through \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Giv - ing

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thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ giv - ing thanks \_\_\_\_\_ to

God, through \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord.

Repeat Ending *D. C.* Song Ending

## **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.**

*Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**AM:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creations.

**AM:** *Each prayer will end with:* God of Grace,

**All:** **Receive our prayer.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sharing of the Peace*

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

*Please stand for the Offering Music*

This is from the JOY service songbook,  
Songs for Praise and Worship

# More Precious than Silver 99

LYNN DeSHAZO  
Based on Prov. 3:13-15

LYNN DeSHAZO

♩ = 72 to 80

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver,

5

Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.

9

Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful than dia - monds, And

13

noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You. You.

Repeat Ending D.C. Song Ending

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## Offertory Prayer

P: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

**All: Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come. Receive the gift of Jesus.

*Please be seated.*

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: 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.**

## Words of Institution

P: 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:

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

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**All: Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.*

*Please form a single line to receive the bread by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.*

*Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.*

### Communion Hymn

### "What Feast of Love"

ELW#487

All Verses – Large print words found on page



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

## Prayer after Communion

P: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

All: Amen.

## Sending

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.*

## Sending Hymn

### “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

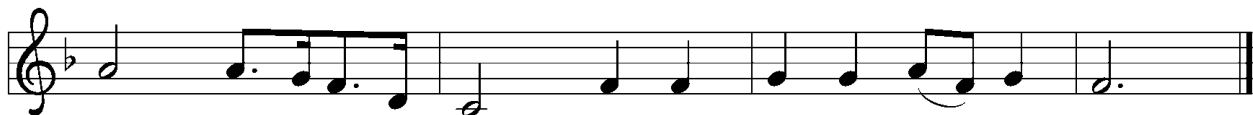
ELW# 290

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*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

## Postlude

**“This Day is the Start of a Happy New Year”**

**Amy Adams-Westin**

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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## Leading Worship Today

**Pastor:** Rev. Dana Nelson

**Music:** Amy and Adams

**Assisting Ministers:** Jon Helgason

**Communion Assistants:** Jon Helgason and Dennis Rasmusson

**Song Leaders:** Janine Almquist, Paul Kowitz or Linda Strohkirch

**Ushers:** David Almquist and Elaine and Charles Rorhbach

**Hospitality:** Sally Keller and Cindy Schreiber

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

## **PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Dave Balfanz, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Betty Hasse, Jim Jaszczak, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

Please note that the office will be closed on December 31 and January 1 for the Holiday. If you need assistance, please contact Mary Kowitz at 651-242-0538 (cell) or 651-653-1530 (home).

**We are starting a new program called Prayer Prompts this new year.**

For the last two years we have been reading daily scriptures together. This year we are changing things a bit, we will be offering “Prayer Prompts” each month. Words or phrases that will give you “prompts” to prayer about. These topics are generic enough that each one of us can pray about them, but they will be unique prayers for each of us as we consider what the word or phrase means personally to us.

Please feel free to pick up a bookmark with the January Prayer Prompts if you want to hang them on your refrigerator at home so you can easily see what the topic of the day is. Otherwise, here are the **January Prayer Prompts**.

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. A New Year             | 17. Inspiration              |
| 2. January Birthdays      | 18. Promises                 |
| 3. Our Church             | 19. National Week of Prayer  |
| 4. God’s Plan for Us      | 20. Racial Justice           |
| 5. Yourself               | 21. Our Government           |
| 6. Epiphany               | 22. Leaders of the World     |
| 7. Alley Shoppe           | 23. Transitions              |
| 8. Idegenda Parish        | 24. Gifts from God           |
| 9. Forgiveness            | 25. Sunrises and Sunsets     |
| 10. Nourishment           | 26. Humility                 |
| 11. Church Partners       | 27. Praise God for who He is |
| 12. Caregivers            | 28. Fellowship               |
| 13. Family and Friends    | 29. Church Sale of Building  |
| 14. Safety in Our Schools | 30. Decision Making          |
| 15. Love for the Unloved  | 31. Love                     |
| 16. God’s Grace & Mercy   |                              |



**The Bells of Christmas**

*Det kimer nu til julefest*

**ORIGINAL**

Det kimer nu til julefest,  
det kimer for den høje gæst,  
som steg til lave hytter ned med  
nytårsgaver: fryd og fred.

**ENGLISH**

- 1 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.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 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.
  
- 4 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!

**Carol**  
**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**ELW# 276**

**Verses 1 and 2**

- 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!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.

**Carol**                      **from the JOY service Song Book**  
**Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.  
And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
Do it all in the name of the Lord.  
Giving thanks, giving thanks to God  
Through Christ, the Lord,  
Giving Thanks, giving thanks to God through Christ, the Lord.  
(Repeat)

**More Precious Than Silver**

Lynn Deshazo

Lord, You are more precious than silver,  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with You.



1 What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

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**Sending Hymn**  
**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**ELW# 270**

**Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5**

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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

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