

Christmas Eve—Family Service of Lesson & Carols

December 24, 2022 - 5:00 pm

Rev. Bryan E. Drebes, Pastor

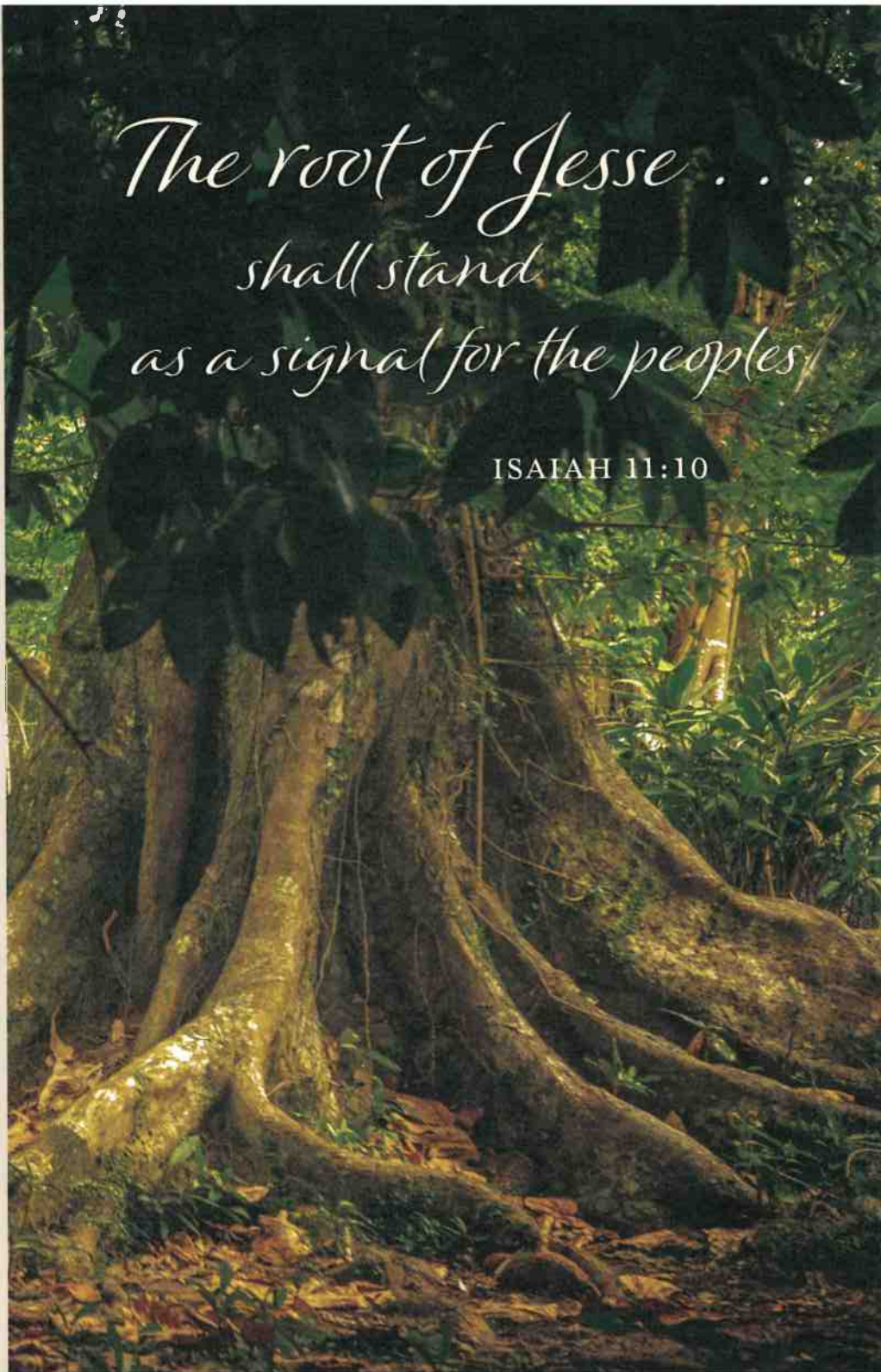
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Our Mission: Share Christ † Serve Others

*The root of Jesse . . .
shall stand
as a signal for the peoples*

ISAIAH 11:10



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5:00 pm

WELCOME — We would like to extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — Anyone who would like more information about Pacific Hills may speak to an usher, visit with a greeter in the welcome area or call the church office. You may also read about our ministries by going to our church's website. While there you can also read our weekly newsletter, "The Pacific Hills Messenger". To subscribe to our newsletter, send your e-mail to: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to please complete a Worship Card located in the hymnal rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing in on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.



WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Our Christmas Family Service of Lessons & Carols

About the Cover: Earlier in Isaiah, God's people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump. However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God's Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Statement

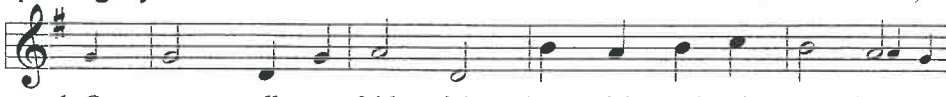
Isaiah 9:2; Psalm 96:1

- P** The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light;
C Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.
P O, sing unto the Lord a new song;
C Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Opening Hymn

379 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee___ be___ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God___ In___ the___ high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Christmas Litany

- P** Christ is born!
- C** Oh, come, let us worship Him.

- P** Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
- C** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
P But made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
C And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on the cross.

- P** Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,
C **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

- P** And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil: not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. Even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

- P** Christ is born!
C **Oh, come let us worship Him!**

Sit

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”
²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”
⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”
¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”
¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”
¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”
¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol

562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

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The Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain
 Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

19

(Cantor)

O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign,
 before the people, before whom all kings are mute,
 To whom the nations will do | homage: *
 Come quickly to de- | liver us.

Refrain

4 **O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
 Free them from Satan's tyranny
 That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
 And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain**

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The Third Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol

361 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol

Away in a Manger

Sung by Children

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.


Carol

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing






Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.




Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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The Sixth Lesson

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Carol

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

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Sermon

Jesus is the Root of Jesse
 Isaiah 11:1-10

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Offering

O Holy Night
Arr. by Sally DeFord

Christmas Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Light of the World

P The people who have walked in darkness have seen a marvelous light; those who dwelt in the land of darkness, on them has the light shined.

“I am the Light of the world,” says Jesus, “he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

In Him was Light, and the Light was the light of the world. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true Light which enlightens every man has come into the world.

Lighting of the Candles and Singing of “Silent Night”

The ushers will light the candles of those sitting on the aisles. Do not tip a lighted candle, only an unlighted one. Children’s participation is at parental discretion. Extinguish candles at the conclusion of the hymn. Please return the candles to the ushers.

Carol

v 1 – In unison

vs 2-3 – In 4-part harmony

363 *Silent Night, Holy Night*



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love’s pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav’n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

Recessional Hymn

387 *Joy to the World*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
pjoy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Silent Prayer/Greeting

Postlude

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Join Us for Christmas Worship

Christmas Day

Worship with Holy Communion -- 9:00 am only

New Year's Day

Worship with Holy Communion - 8:00 and 10:30 am

*All of us who serve you ---
the Professional and Administrative Staff of
Pacific Hills Lutheran Church ---
wish you and yours a Christ-blessed Christmas
and a New Year filled with the Lord's blessings and peace!*

This Week at Pacific Hills

Sunday
December 25

9:00 am Eucharistic Worship

Monday
December 26

Church Office Closed
(Christmas Observed)

Tuesday
December 27

7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)

Sunday
January 1

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Dr. Bob Vandervort and the Bible study group are studying 1st Samuel via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Please e-mail Bob at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

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Our Record of Response:
Sunday, December 18

Attendance: 102 Giving: \$7,740.00 Year to Date Giving*: \$428,002.84

* YTD Giving includes envelope offerings, e-offerings & capital fund contributions

Presiding/Assisting This Day

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Cantor Cheryl Drebes
Pianist Kay Storck
Artist..... Michelle Steen
Head Usher..... Mark Stastny
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Readers

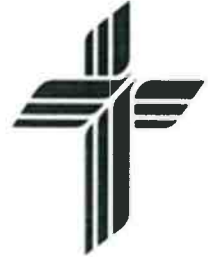
Lesson 1 Swan Family
Lesson 2..... Storck Family
Lesson 3..... Moore Family
Lesson 4..... Vogel Family
Lesson 5..... Vogel Family
Lesson 6..... Hafsaas Family

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Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ann & Rebecca Privitera.

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