

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

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Welcome to worship at First Lutheran!

As we encounter God's Word and respond with prayer and praise,  
may this gathering be for you a holy time of grace, inspiration, and renewal.

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We're glad you're here!

## PRELUDE

*The First Noel*

arr. Held

## WELCOME

## OPENING DIALOGUE

## GATHERING HYMN

*What Child Is This*

ELW 296



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## FIRST READING: Luke 2:1-7

## REFLECTION

### CAROL

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

ELW 276



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



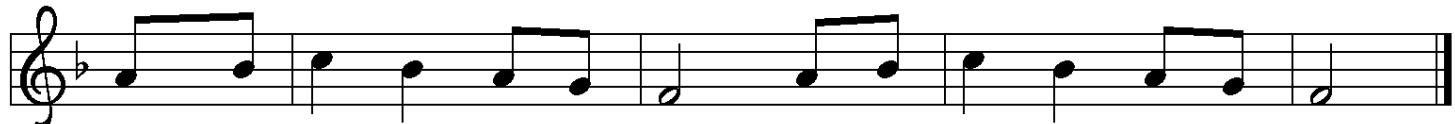
ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.

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

## SECOND READING: Luke 2:8-16

### REFLECTION

#### CAROL

#### *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW 282



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

### THIRD READING: Matthew 2:1-12

### REFLECTION

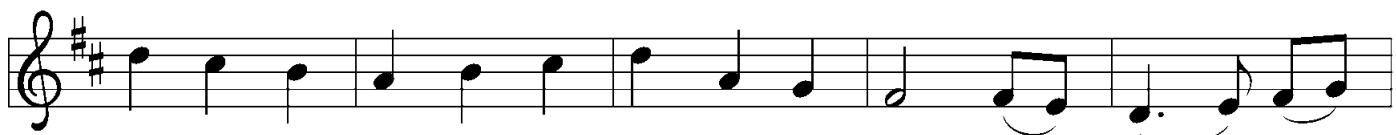
## CAROL

*The First Noel*

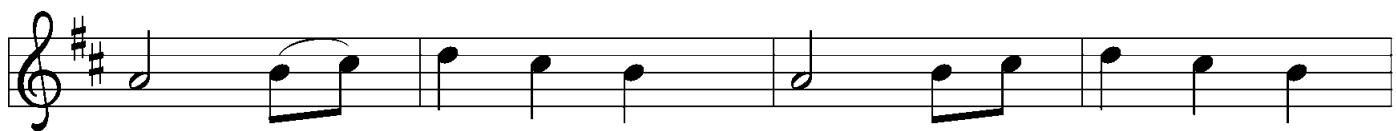
ELW 300



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep.  
 tin - ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

## FOURTH READING: John 1:1-5, 14-18

### REFLECTION

#### CAROL

#### *Love Has Come*

ELW 292



1 Love has come—a light in the dark-ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won-der. Love is God now a-  
3 Love has come and nev-er will leave us! Love is life ev-er -



Beth-le-hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro-claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth-er;  
last-ing and free. Love is Je-sus with-in and a-mong us.



hear how their song of joy a-ris-es: Love! Love! Born un-to  
what is the name her heart is say-ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek-ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav-ior! Love! Love! Glo-ry to God on high.  
name she whis-pers; Love! Love! Je-sus, Im-man-u-el.  
gift of Christ-mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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## 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

...through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. Held

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

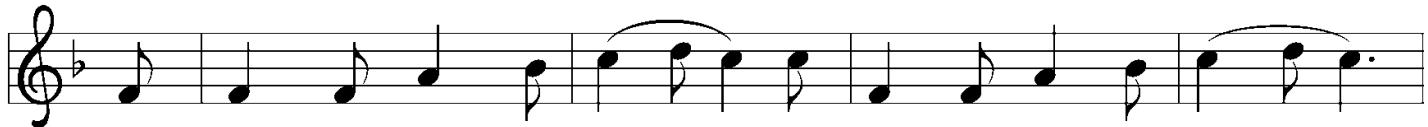
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

ELW 288



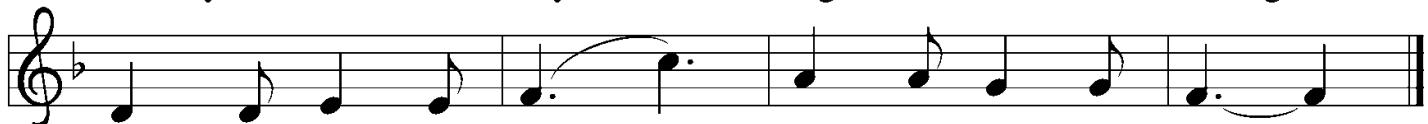
1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866

Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

**DISMISSAL**

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE***In Dulci Jubilo*

arr. Held

*Serving in Worship Today*  
*Hannah Flemming, Intern Pastor*

*Pat Anderson, Organist*  
*Susan Immanuel and Jeryl Israel, Song Leaders*

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