



# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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## SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**PRELUDE** *The First Noel* . . . . . Ellson

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP / RINGING THE BELLS**

\* = Please stand as you are able

**\*OPENING SONG** #267 *Joy to the World* (verses 1 and 4)

### **FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15**

**CAROL** #254 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (all verses)

### **SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18**

**CAROL** #257 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1 and 8)

### **THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

**CAROL** #283 *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1 and 4)

### **FOURTH LESSON Micah 5:2-4**

**CAROL** #279 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1 and 4)

### **FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38**

**CAROL** #281 *Silent Night, Holy Night* (verses 1 and 2)

### **SIXTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-23**

**CAROL** #296 *What Child Is This* (verses 1 and 3)

### **SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16**

**CAROL** #277 *Away In A Manger* (verses 1 and 3)

### **EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11**

**CAROL** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (verses 1 and 2 — see last page)

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition of prayers:* A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share God's peace with one another.

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *Joseph's Lullaby* . . . . . Bober

**OFFERTORY** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that  
(sung) were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with  
the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

\*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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

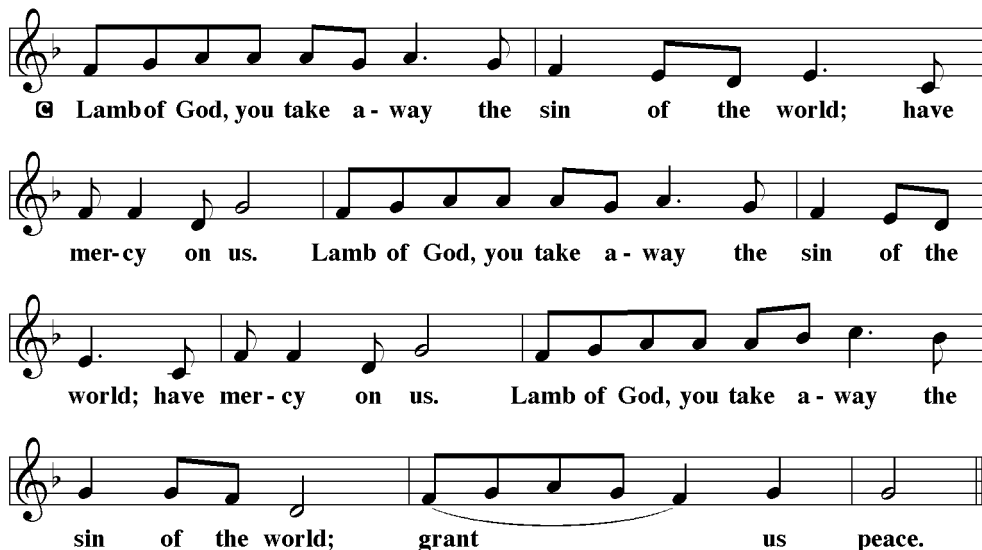
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*A Word of Welcome: The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the meal of the Church. All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the gift of His body and blood. Children who have not yet received instruction for First Holy Communion are welcome to come to the altar to receive a special blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let the ushers know, and you will be served in the pew.*

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!

### \*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.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Continuous Communion*

*When directed by the usher, proceed to the altar by way of the center aisle.*

*If preferred, grape juice is available at the top of the steps.*

*For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.*

*After receiving communion, please return to your seat by the way of the side ramps.*

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.  
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.  
Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.

C Amen.

**\*BLESSING**  
P The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,  
+ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.  
**C Amen.**

**\*NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14**  
**\*CAROL #282** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (verses 1 and 4)

**\*DISMISSAL**  
A Glory to God in the highest!  
**C And peace to God’s people on earth!**  
A Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Joy To the World / O Come, All Ye Faithful* . . . . . Ellson

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**SERVING AT WORSHIP**

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 AFTER WORSHIP.  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.  
THE MEETING WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING LUNCH.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Anita and Chuck Heydt in thankfulness for the blessing of family, and 2) by Kevin and Sally Kennedy in celebration of our Savior's birth.

**Large print bulletins and hearing receivers** are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Children's toys, games, puzzles and books** are available in the Narthex.

The Jan/Feb/Mar issue of ***CHRIST IN OUR HOME*** is available in the Narthex, Vestibule and Parlor Coffee Bar.

**BREAKFAST BUNCH** - Thursday, January 8, 9:00 a.m. at Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!

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## THIS AFTERNOON



# We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.



*Refrain*

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891