

## THE WORDS OF PROMISE

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear")

**C:** Our father, lord on heaven's high throne,  
most holy be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth - in heaven the same.

Give us this day all that we need; Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto you in grateful love we bow;  
And yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view  
your mighty presence now.

The glory yours; Your praise be sung  
by angels, women, and men

in ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue forevermore! Amen.

## COMMUNION

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"The First Noel"

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

ELW #300

ELW #276

ELW #275

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BLESSING** (Tune: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful")

**P:** The Lord bless and keep you, Look with love upon you,  
Be gracious and cause his face to shine with peace!

**C:** Glory to father, son (+), and holy spirit!

the savior close beside us,

God's love from harm to hide us,

the spirit's power to guide us, evermore!

**\*SENDING SONG** "Joy to the World"

ELW #288

### \*DISMISSAL

**P:** Go, with the promise and blessing of God, who came down from heaven to earth  
for you. Go in peace.

**Q: C: Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for fellowship with coffee and cookies following the service.



# Paynesville Lutheran Church

December 25, 2018

Point others to Jesus • Love generously and gracefully • Cultivate disciples



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## WELCOME

### GREETING

P: Grace and peace from God our Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*HYMN "What Child is This"

ELW #296

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

P: The Word was made flesh, and we beheld his glory.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

P: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. (Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God, wonderful counselor,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way.**

**We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure.**

**Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior... who is Love born for you, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE *("Angels We Have Heard on High")*

P: Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

**C: And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

P: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

**C: What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

P: Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing,

**C: Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

**C: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:7-10

Page 596 in your Bible

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 98

Page 480 in your Bible

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-18

Page 862 in your Bible

### MESSAGE

Pastor Adam Butler

SONG "Love Has Come"

ELW #292

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING "What a Glorious Night"

Healing Harmonies

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

**C: God of power and love, bless and accept these offerings that come from all of what you have first given us. May they touch the lives of real people in places where there is hardship and disaster. May they bless this church to be a blessing to others. Work in and through us to become your joy-filled, thankful people who live and die for everything that matters to you. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Tune: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful")*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with you, his servant.**

P: Oh, come let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C: With hearts uplifted thanks to god we render with joy we come before him, in gratefulness implore him, with thankful hearts adore him evermore!**

### THE SANCTUS *(Tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")*

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of hosts by all adored!**

**Heav'n and earth cannot contain**

**all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, hosanna, God most high!**

**Blest is he who now draws nigh**

**in the name of God the king! Hallelujahs glad we sing:**

**Hail, hosanna! praises due be forever, Lord, to you!**