

## Alittle child shall lead them

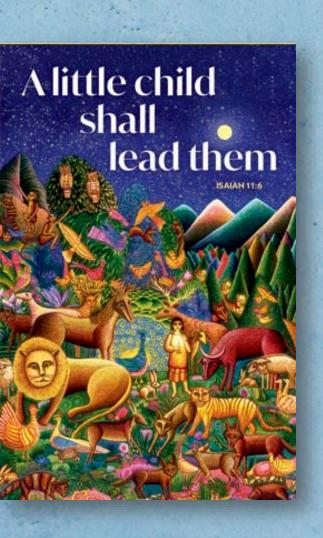
**ISAIAH 11:6** 



Prelude – St. Philip Youth

THANKS FOR COMING

## Opening Hymn



Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus red hymnal, ELW #254

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Long-expected God,

C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. 

H You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

## Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Please be seated for the Advent reading.

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath



The Second Candle:
The Bethlehem Candle

#### **Advent Verse**

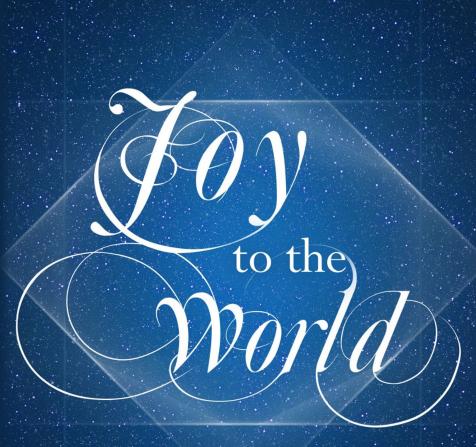
ELW #279 vs. 1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

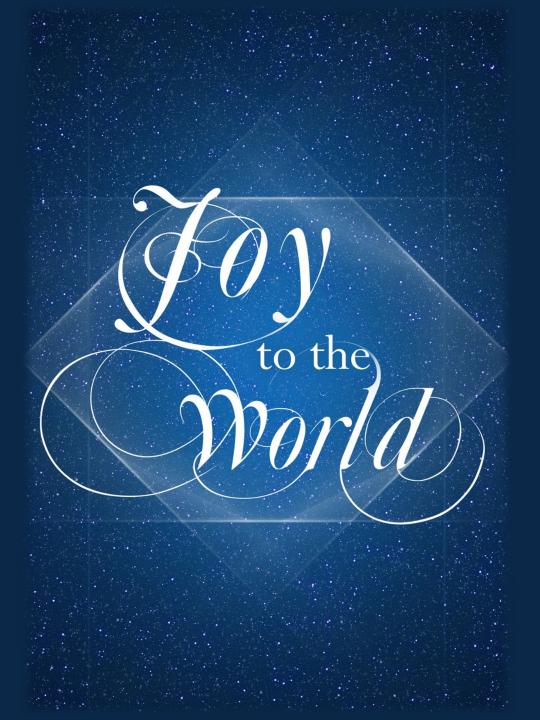
#### Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Christmas Program presented by the St. Philip Children & Youth



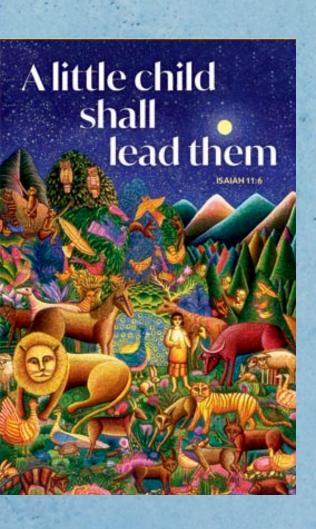








## Hymn



# Joy to the World ELW #267

#### Children Only Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

#### Joy to the World, ELW #267, Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

#### Holy Rite of Baptism



Theo Joel De Witt Daisy Janelee Rhodes

#### **Presentation**

The baptismal party gathers with the ministers at the baptismal font.



God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Who presents Theo for baptism?

Sponsors: We present Theo Joel

DeWitt for baptism.

P: Who presents Daisy for baptism?

Sponsors: We present Daisy Janelee
Rhodes for baptism.

P: Joel and Sarah, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theo baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: Ben and Anna, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Daisy baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the holy scriptures,

nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Joel and Sarah, do you promise to help Theo grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Theo in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

P: Ben and Anna, do you promise to help Daisy grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Daisy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Theo and Daisy and pray for them in their new lives in Christ?

C: We do.

### **Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: 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.

- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

# Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and P: resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

# **Baptism**

Theo Joel DeWitt,

1 baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# **Baptism**

Daisy Janelee Rhodes,

1 baptize you in the name of
the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Let us acclaim the newly baptized.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Theo and Daisy with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

P: Theo Joel DeWitt, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

P: Daisy Janelee Rhodes, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

### Presentation of Candle

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



### Welcome

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

### Reception of New Members

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people,

following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Joel and Sarah, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? New Members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

- P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
- C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

- P: Let us welcome Joel and Sarah to this community of faith.
- C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

### Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

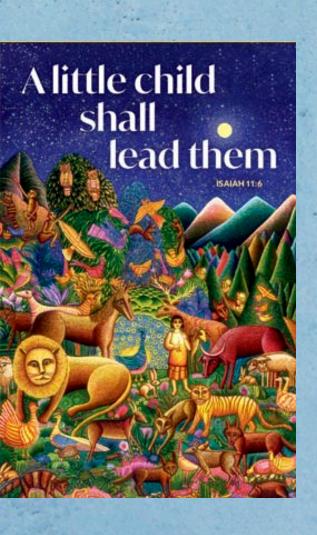


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Children may come forward and place their offering in the basket.



### Anthem



# Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

(J.S. Bach)

Camryn Celusniak, flute Joshua Williams, violin Kevin Klemm, piano

### Offertory

ELW #294, vs. 3

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him give my heart.

# Offering Prayer

A: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

# Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



**Words of Institution** 

## 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.

### Communion

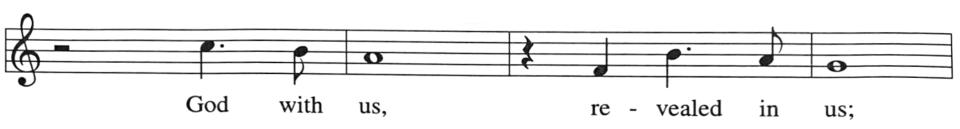
You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

All are welcome, for it is the Lord's Table.

### Lamb of God



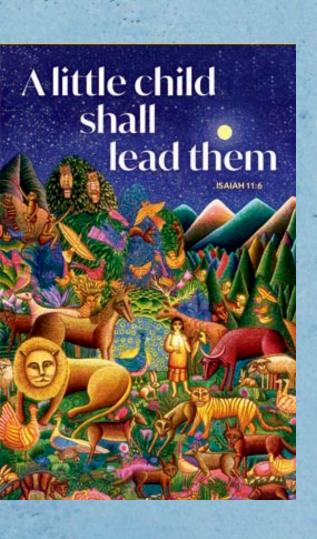






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# Communion Hymn



O Jesus, Joy of
Loving Hearts
ELW #658

#### O Jesu, Joy, ELW #658, Verse 1

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

#### O Jesu, Joy, ELW #658, Verse 2

We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.

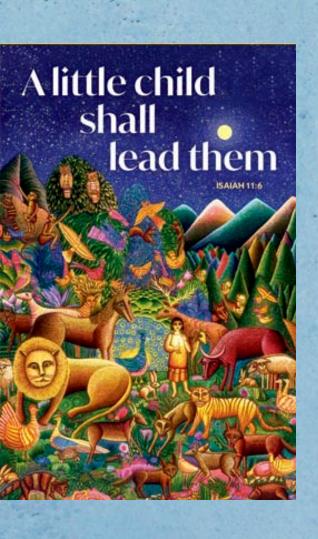
#### O Jesu, Joy, ELW #658, Verse 3

For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

O Jesu, Joy, ELW #658, Verse 4

O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

# Communion Hymn



## All Earth is Hopeful ELW #266

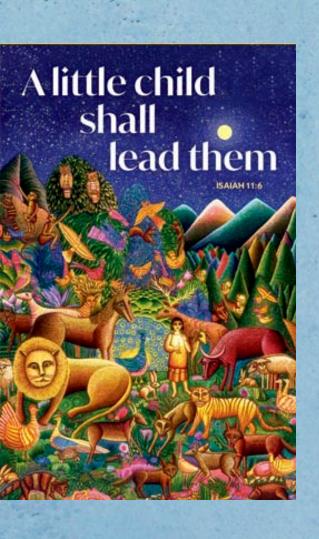
All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel"; she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared. Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

# Communion Hymn



Heaven is Singing for Joy ELW #664

Heaven is Singing for Joy, ELW #664, Verse 1, Refrain

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for in your life and mine is shining the glory of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Heaven is Singing for Joy, ELW #664, Verse 2, Refrain

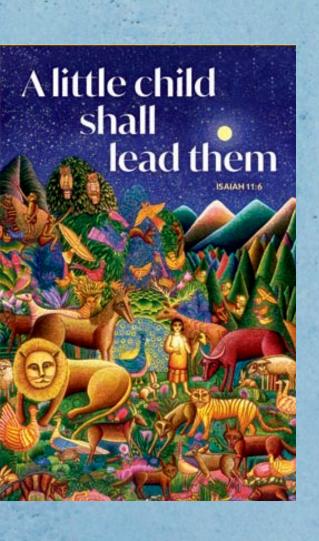
# Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine unite in the love of our God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Heaven is Singing for Joy, ELW #664, Verse 3, Refrain

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine will always bear witness to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

# Communion Hymn



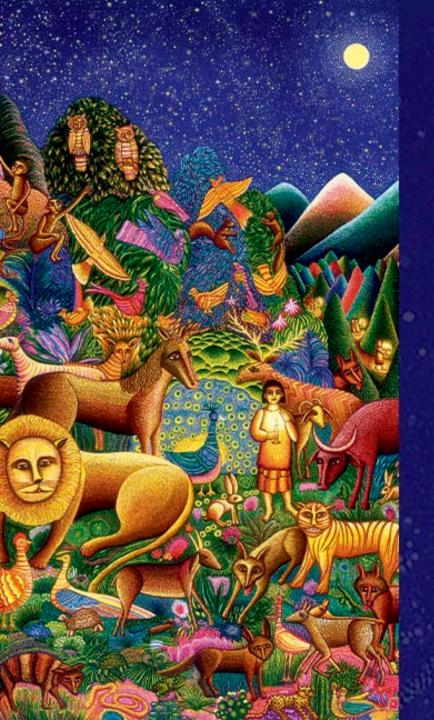
Come Now, O Prince
of Peace
ELW #247

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.



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**ISAIAH 11:6** 

# 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: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

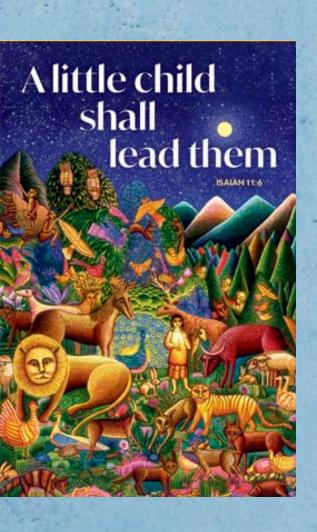
C: Amen.

# Blessing

P: May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

# Sending Hymn



The King of Glory

#### Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

#### Verse 1

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

#### Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

#### Verse 2

In all of Galilee, in city or village, he goes among his people, curing their illness.

#### Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

#### Verse 3

Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother; in all of Galilee was never another.

#### Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

#### Verse 4

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation; he took upon himself the sins of the nation.

#### Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

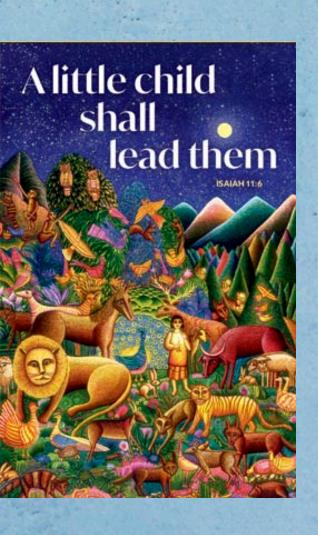
#### Verse 5

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen; and he will share with us his heavenly vision.

#### Refrain

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

## **Dismissal**



P: Go in peace.

Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

# GREAT WEEK

H A



Postlude – Kevin Klemm Angels We Have Heard on High

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