

People of Parkland,

I've been serving as your pastor for about a year and a half now. As I continue to serve you in the years to come, I hope to continue to get to know you better as I share the good news of how Jesus came to save us with you. I leave you with verse 4 of Hymn #133: "O Come, All Ye Faithful":

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Pastor Matthew Lehne*



Merry Christmas!

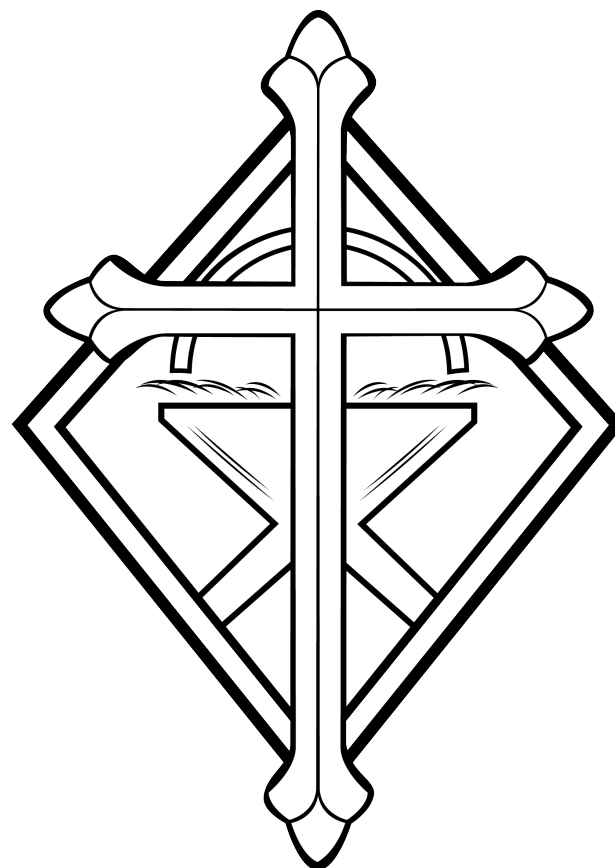
For 25 years, Abraham waited, sometimes impatiently, for the Lord to fulfill His promise that Abraham would be a father. And as the years drew on, it seemed more and more impossible as Sarah grew older. And yet, when the time had fully come, Isaac was born. Certainly, nothing is impossible with God. As we ponder the miracle and mystery of the incarnation of God, the enfleshment of God, our human reason can know the concept, but fails to grasp the "how". And yet, the impossible-for-us, is possible with God as Jesus *was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary*. It has been our family's joy and blessing to boldly confess this mystery along with you each week this past year. Thank you for your love and support. Peace be to you and yours in our incarnate God, the Lord Jesus Christ,

*Pastor Samuel, Anna, Abel, Elisha, Matthias, Boaz, Ezra, and  
Moriah Gullixson*

## **Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church**

### **Christmas Day**

*Nativity of Our Lord*



December 25, 2025 — 10:00 AM | Rite II (p. 60)

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice (based on "In Dulci Jubilo"), arr. John Innes*  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (based on "Hyfrydol"), arr. John Innes*

*\* Indicates the congregation may stand.*

- ## \*4. The Introit & \*5. The Gloria Patri



**△Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/  
and to `the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the be`ginning, is now/  
and ever shall be, forever`more. Amen.**

- \*8. The Salutation & \*9. The Collect of the Day p. 66**

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ C: Amen.

## #135 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- \*33. Benediction** p. 84-85

- ✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world* ✠  
*to shine through our vocations.*

*Pastor Steven and Janice Sparley*



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (KJV)

## Jesus Is The Gift We Need

**\*18. The Offertory Verse** p. 70-71

### The Offering & Offering Hymn

Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
It yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

Thus hath it pleased Thee to make plain  
The truth to sinners poor and vain,  
That this world's honor, wealth and might  
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight. (#123, stz. 10 & 12)

**\*19. Prayer of the Church**

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**  
...one true God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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## III. THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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**22. The Exhortation** p. 77

*Guests who have not previously spoken to one of our pastors prior to the service are kindly invited to observe our practice of receiving the Lord's Supper at this time. If you would like to participate in this sacred meal at our altar in the future, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.*

**\*20. The Preface & \*21. Proper Preface and Sanctus** p. 72-76

**\*23. The Lord's Prayer** p. 77-78

**\*24. The Words of Institution & \*25. The Pax Domini** p. 78-79

**\*26. Agnus Dei** p. 79-80

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## II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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**10. The Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**11. The Gradual**



**All: All the ends of the earth have seen the Salva`tion of our God;  
Shout joyfully to the Lord, `all the earth.**

**The Lord has made known `His Salvation;  
His Righteousness He has revealed  
in the sight `of the nations.**

**The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son,  
today I have `begotten You."  
Oh, come let us sing to the Lord,  
let us worship `and bow down.**

**Alleluia! Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth  
be glad `before the Lord,  
For He has made known His Salvation. `Alleluia!**

## 12. The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, *"You are My Son, today I have begotten You"*? Or again, *"I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son"*? And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, *"Let all God's angels worship Him."* Of the angels He says, *"He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire."* But of the Son He says, *"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions."* And, *"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe You will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end."* (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## 13. The Alleluia p. 67

### \*14. The Holy Gospel: St. John 1:1-14

♪ C: Glory be to You, O Lord!

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

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

The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

## \*15. The Nicene Creed p. 69

### 16. The Chief Hymn

#116 - Angels We Have Heard on High

### The Exordium and \*Exordium Hymn

#142 - Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

### 17. The Sermon: St. Luke 2:1-14

Rev. Matthew Lehne

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."