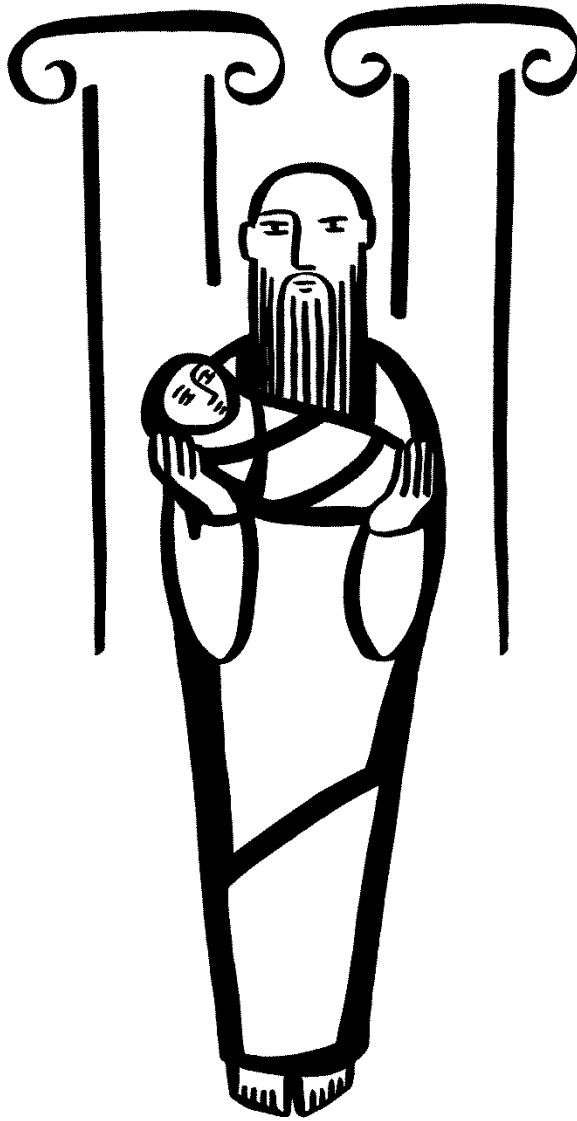




**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 28, 2014**

# **Welcome to St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church**

*We're glad you're here!* Our mission is to help you grow in your relationship with God and with all of God's people. Our worship services are designed to gather us as God's people, to hear God's Word, receive Jesus in bread and wine, and join us with God's people of all times and places. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by worshiping here. No matter who you are, God knows you and God loves you. If you are a visitor or guest, we warmly invite you to join our faith community. If you want to know more, please speak to our pastors or a member of our Steering Committee. Below is some information you may find helpful during and after worship.

*Children and their families* are vital to our life and ministry at St. James/Santiago Apóstol. Children are always welcome in worship. In the cry of a baby, or the fussiness of a toddler, we hear a new voice that speaks to God, reminding us that children are a blessing and a joy. If children ever need a break from worship, we have a nursery in the front hallway by the front doors.

*Holy Communion.* All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. God loves you, and welcomes you to the Lord's Supper, whether you are a new Christian, a returning one, or someone who is exploring who and what God might mean in your life. Please don't hesitate to come forward and share in the meal with us: there is room for everyone, especially for YOU.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We serve it two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup.

For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire a blessing, please ask the pastor for one, or simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing instead of bread and wine. Please feel free to use the altar rail for prayer after receiving the blessing or Holy Communion.

*Offerings.* We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes ministry possible. The offering at this service will support St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church and its outreach ministries in this neighborhood of Oak Forest/Garden Oaks/North Houston. A portion also goes to our national church body for mission and ministry around the world.

*Restrooms* are located in the front hallway by the front doors.

*Learning Hour/Fellowship Time.* During the time between our worship services, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice, hospitality and fellowship. We also offer Learning Groups for adults and children, so please ask anyone how to join a class or small group at any time.

*If you ever need a Pastor,* both Pastor Arthur (713.725.6760) and Vicar Aura (608.469.0692) prefer that you call them directly on their cell phones. If you know of someone who is scheduled for surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know. If there is an emergency, if you would like a pastoral visit at home, or if you simply have questions about life, faith, or getting more involved, calling us directly on our cell phones is always the best way to reach us.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2014**  
**10:00 A.M.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting Nine*  
P = Presiding Minister, A = Assisting Minister, C = Congregation

**GATHERING**

*In the psalm all the natural world praises God, including all humanity, male and female, young and old. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.*

*The assembly stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** God of peace,

**C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**P:** In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C:

## O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

**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.

C:

# Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**P:** Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

#### Chapter 61

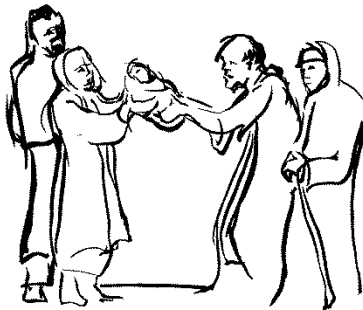
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

#### Chapter 62

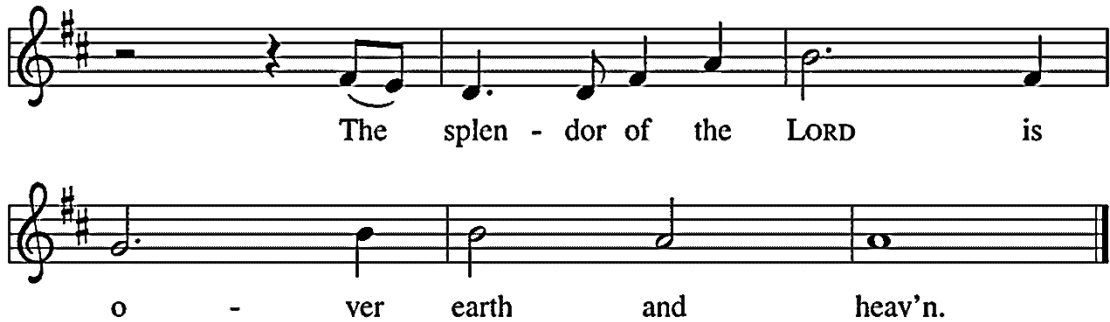
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**A:** Word of God, Word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 148



Hallelujah! Praise the LORD <sup>|</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>|</sup> in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, <sup>|</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>|</sup> hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, <sup>|</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>|</sup> shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>|</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>|</sup> bove the heavens.**

Let them praise the name <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they <sup>|</sup> were created,  
**who made them stand fast forev- <sup>|</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>|</sup> pass away. R**

Praise the LORD <sup>|</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>|</sup> and all deeps;  
**fire and hail, <sup>|</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>|</sup> ing God's will;**

mountains <sup>|</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>|</sup> and all cedars;  
**wild beasts <sup>|</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>|</sup> flying birds;  
sovereigns of the earth <sup>|</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>|</sup> of the world;  
**young <sup>|</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>|</sup> young together. R****

Let them praise the name <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>|</sup> earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people  
and praise for all <sup>|</sup> faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. <sup>|</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**A:** Word of God, Word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

*The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation during the Gospel Procession.*

**GOSPEL HYMN:**

**ELW #289**

**C:**

### Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?



Glo

ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:22–40**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

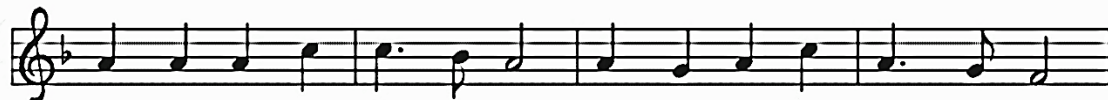
**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Angels We Have Heard on High



3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo

ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**SERMON:** *Pastor Pedro M. Suárez*



## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

### *Refrain*



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A:** Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Blessed are you, O God, for the salvation revealed in the face of Christ. Reveal the glory of your loving presence in our congregation and fill our hearts with songs of your praise.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Blessed are you for the earth that brings forth new life in due season. Blessed are you for sun and moon, snow and fog, mountains and hills, creeping things and flying birds. Thank you for them all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Blessed are you for the hope you send among the nations. Stir leaders to act with righteousness and peace, that nations will see your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Blessed are you for coming to us in our weakness. Shower healing and hope on all for whom the future seems to hold more threat than promise, the discouraged, the weary, and the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Blessed are you for the children in our midst. Raise up for them faithful families, mentors, guides, and teachers, and make them joyous, healthy, and kind. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A:** Blessed are you for the saints. Keep us in communion with them until we receive our inheritance with them in light. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and the congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you." After the peace is shared, the congregation sits.*

MEAL

OFFERTORY:

C:

The First Noel

ELW#300

5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

The first system of musical notation for 'The First Noel'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics '5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .' are written below the treble staff.

rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics 'rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered' are written below the treble staff.

there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics 'there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and' are written below the treble staff.

*Refrain*  
No - el, No - el, No -  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

The fourth system of musical notation, which begins the refrain. The word 'Refrain' is written above the treble staff. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics 'No - el, No - el, No - myrrh, and frank - in - cense.' are written below the treble staff.

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

The fifth system of musical notation, which concludes the refrain. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics 'el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.' are written below the treble staff.

*Please stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray.

**C:** Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### 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.

**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 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 Holy

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**C:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

## 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

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C:** 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.



C:

## What Child Is This



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!

*Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers for communion.*

*All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. We serve communion two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup. For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Please stand.*

C:

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

## BLESSING

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

P: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

C:

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**  
**WELCOME, EVERYONE!**

We welcome all our guests today. Please speak to the pastor if you have special concerns or wish to discuss becoming a member of this community by baptism, affirmation of baptism, or transfer of membership from another Christian congregation.

**KEEP OUR FRIENDS & RELATIVES IN PRAYER**

Sally Burgess  
Charles Cernik  
Orie Clark III  
Grady Green  
Pr. Fred de Oliveira  
Charla Largent  
John Largent  
Margaret “Candy” Largent

Linda Bernice Martinez  
Patricia Nash  
Louise Richter  
Kelly Simmons  
Kimberly Tessier  
Mic Tessier  
Ginger Wilber

| STEWARDSHIP CORNER                    |                     |
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| <b>ATTENDANCE AVERAGE</b>             |                     |
| <b>FIRST SERVICE</b>                  |                     |
| Average Total To Date                 | 42                  |
| Dec. 21, 2014                         | 26                  |
| <b>TOTAL To DATE</b>                  | <b>34</b>           |
| <b>SECOND SERVICE</b>                 |                     |
| Average Total To Date                 | 71                  |
| Dec. 21, 2014                         | 48                  |
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| <b>WORSHIP TOTAL:</b>                 | <b>93</b>           |
| <b>PRAYER CIRCLE</b>                  |                     |
| <b>AVERAGE TOTAL TO DATE</b>          | <b>6</b>            |
| Dec. 17, 2014                         | 6                   |
| <b>AVERAGE TO DATE:</b>               | <b>6</b>            |
| <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>                  |                     |
| Total to Date                         | \$153,547.85        |
| Dec. 14, 2014                         | \$1,596.73          |
| <b>Total to Date</b>                  | <b>\$155,144.58</b> |
| <b>2014 Budget</b>                    | <b>\$149,300.00</b> |
| <b>Above Budget Target \$5,844.58</b> |                     |

**NOTE: Our target goal for the month of December is \$16,000 to cover outstanding expenses.**

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| <b>Dec. Goal</b>     | <b>\$16,000</b>    |
| <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b> |                    |
| Total to Date        | \$5,844.58         |
| <b>Gap to Date</b>   | <b>\$10,155.42</b> |

**ASSISTING IN MINISTRY**

**Presiding Minister**  
**Vicar**  
**Assisting Minister**  
**Altar Care**  
**Crucifer**

Pedro M. Suárez  
Aura M Suárez, MA  
Orie Clark III  
Elizabeth Baber  
Elyse King

**Teller**  
**Usher**  
**Organist**  
**Cantor**  
**Acolyte**

Steve Grimsley  
Robert Rivera  
Sergei Savitski  
Maria Grimsley  
Olivia Cardenas

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FRI., JANUARY 1**

**New Year's Day**

**SUND., JAN. 4**

Following the worship service we will enjoy The King's Cake. Please make plans to join us.

**NOTE:**

There will be no Prayer Circle on Wed., Dec., 31. The church office will be closed for Dec. 31 – Jan. 1.

**Happy New Year 2015!**

**NOTE:** "Contributions for the year 2014 will be accepted thru Wednesday, December 31st



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