

December 29, 2024, Order of Service—Rev. Kristi Ursin  
CHRISTMAS 1

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

pew Bible p.982

**\*Confession and Forgiveness** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection)*

God-with-us,

**C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, +forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

LBW #50

HP #94

**\*Kyrie** (response: Lord, have mercy)

LBW p.78

**\*Prayer of the Day** Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving

A reading from 1 Samuel, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter (2:18-20, 26)

pew Bible, p.421

(after each reading, “The word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God!”)

A reading from Colossians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter (3:12-17)

pew Bible, p.1834

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia! (Colossians 3:15,16)**

**\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter (2:41-52)**

pew Bible, p. 1592

Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon/Homily**

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear (vv. 1,2)*

LBW #54

HP #93

**\*The Creed**

LBW, p. 85

**\*The Prayers of Intercession** (Each petition ends: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**)

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

LBW, p.91

**\*Blessing**

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
+bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*The First Noel (vv. 1,2)*

LBW #56

HP #845

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**Thanks be to God!**