

***FAITH LUTHERAN
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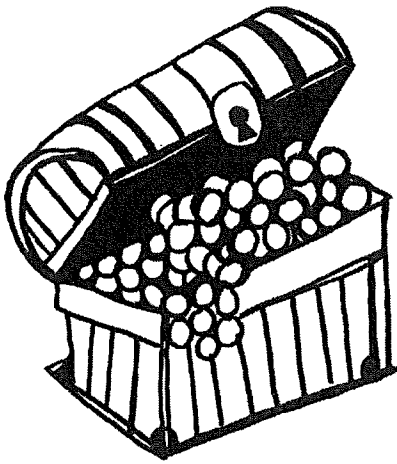
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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Time after Pentecost
July 26, 2026***

***Worship Times 8:00 and 10:00 am
Fellowship Time 9:15 am***

† Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: O Come, All Ye Faithful

by Wade

† **Call To Worship: 275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory vs. 1**

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth,
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn
king

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures
forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we
cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your
yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in
your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in
God's love.

C: Amen.

† **Hymn 267 Joy to the World**

† **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.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

All Glory Be to God on High



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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



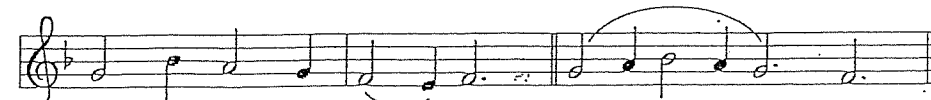
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al-might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing, God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er - blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
 receive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray:

Beloved and sovereign God,

through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalm: 119:129-136 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,**

and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and repeat signs.



Gospel Text: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON : "A Gift From God"

Hymn: 281 Silent Night, Holy Night

† **APOSTLES' CREED** (*Page 105*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

† **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Offertory: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

13th century plainsong



Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us join together in praying the Lord's Prayer:

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**

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Hymn 289 Angels We Have Heard on High

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Regent Square

by Lang

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

IF you are a **GUEST**, you are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center on the wall in the narthex. Changing tables are

available in Room 207 and Room 211 (Nursery). There is also a private mothers' space available in Room 214. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by ***Marilyn and Tom Wilford*** to the glory of God and in celebration of the July birthdays of 7 family members.

FIRST FRIDAYS

The next First Friday will be August 7th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The theme will be “Paws on Parade.”

The event theme will feature a dog friendly evening with a dog costume contest, food trucks, family activities, and local vendors. Faith Lutheran will be part of the First Friday events with a booth on Main Street. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the events doing things like setting up, talking to people or running games, and cleaning up our booth after the event. There is a sign-up sheet by the church kitchen volunteers are asked to sign up on. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Cody or Kaitlyn for more information.

PRESCHOOL DESIGNATED FUND

The Preschool recently informed the church council that they are having financial challenges. Unfortunately, the church does not have the funds available to assist them. However, the church council did vote to create a Preschool Designated Fund to which members can donate money that will be given to the Preschool. If you wish to donate to this fund, please put your contribution in an envelope marked “Preschool Fund” and place it in the offering plate.

“ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE”

Jot down something you are thankful for on one of our yellow slips and put it in the little blue box.

RED WAGON SUNDAYS

We are excited to announce the return of the Red Wagon Sundays! Red Wagon Sundays will be the fifth Sunday of the month, when applicable, and will have a special offering in addition to the normal one. The special offerings to be collected in a red wagon will go to different organizations within our community such as Food for the Hungry. These donations are separate from your normal Sunday offering. The first red wagon Sunday will be August 30th and we will be collecting donations to help the preschool start off their academic year on the right foot. Things they can use: White Card Stock, Clorox Wipes, WASHABLE CRAYOLA Broad Line Markers, Kleenex/tissues, Paper Towels, Huggie Wipes, Flour, Kool-Aid Brand Kool-Aid packets. If you have suggestions for future places to collect donations for please let Pastor know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES

If you have always wanted to volunteer to participate at Faith, now is the time. We could really use additional folks in our Communion Committee, Altar Guild, and Teller ministries. Call Pat in the office at 740-393-3666 for additional information.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

" I Am Worthy " is the theme for the August Bible study from Gather magazine. Join us to explore this topic as led by Jenny Grinstead, "I Am Because You Are." This month's refreshments are **Bring Something to Share** - and Laurel Johnson will be bringing the tea! Copies of the Bible study will be available on the narthex bulletin board and beside the LWR basket in the fellowship hall. Mary Martha Circle is a time of sharing, discussion and even laughter as we spend a good time together. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, August 11th at 1pm in room 210.

SCHOOL KITS

With the beginning of back to school sales we are preparing for a new mission opportunity at Faith: Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

In many parts of the world children don't attend school because they don't have access to school supplies. When LWR School Kits find their way to these areas children are blessed with precious, needed supplies and school attendance goes up.

As you shop in the coming days, please be on the lookout for these supplies:

70 sheet spiral notebooks	4	each kit
Black or blue ballpoint pens	5	each kit
Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers	5	each kit
Box of 16 or 24 crayons	1	each kit
Pencil sharpener	1	each kit
30 cm ruler	1	each kit
Pair of blunt scissors	1	each kit
2 1/2 inch eraser	1	each kit

Please put your donations in the Lutheran World Relief basket.

Thank you all for your generosity!

See Kathy Noblit if you have any questions.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Greg Maxwell Will Melick	Cheryl Johnson Jenny Grinstead
Reader s	Rick Keaton	Stephen Volz
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Marilyn Wilford
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Tellers - Cheryl Johnson & Will Melick		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Kevin & Bette Mishey & Catherine Eesley	Art & Corrine Lund
Readers	Linda Gehrisch	Karen Greever
Comm. Assist.	Rick Keaton	Jim Harder
Acolyte	Will Melick	Will Pletcher
Altar Guild - Jenny Grinstead		
Communion Committee - Kathy Noblit		
Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

With a heart full of gratitude, I want to thank each of you who were able to respond to our request for additional offerings to our general fund. Your generosity made it possible for us to meet all our expenses in June. Additionally, the average offering for the first two Sundays in July was \$4300, which is the weekly amount we need to meet our annual estimate of spending and continue our ministries within our congregation and community. Thank you in advance for your continued stewardship and prayers in this regard.

In Christ's love,
Sally Berger,
Council President

FAITH EVENTS

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Fellowship Time
Mon		Office Closed
	7:30 pm	AA
		Pastor Out Monday Thru Friday
Tues		Office Closed
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)

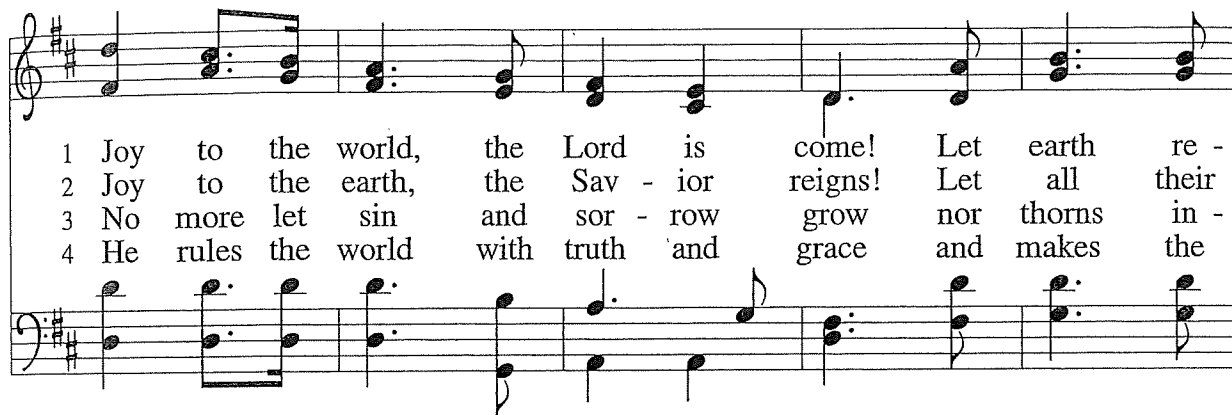
PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Larry Everhard, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Jon, Carolyn Jacquet, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Stan Park, Fran Smyser, Mariana Wolk.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C, Ben Cable, Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Alan (Ann Dice's brother), Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth) Greg & Grace Maxwell, Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Anderson O'Briskie, Clarence, Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Mary Leigh Wildermuth and family, Adam Wilford, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Kyle Steele, Stephen DeFoe, Hannah, the family of Julia Shepherd, Laura, Coleen Hamon, Karen McCorkhill, Barb Gottschling, Ann Owens, Marianna Wolk, Billie Maglott, Esther Gillett.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick, **Glenn Dyer, Royce Jordan.**

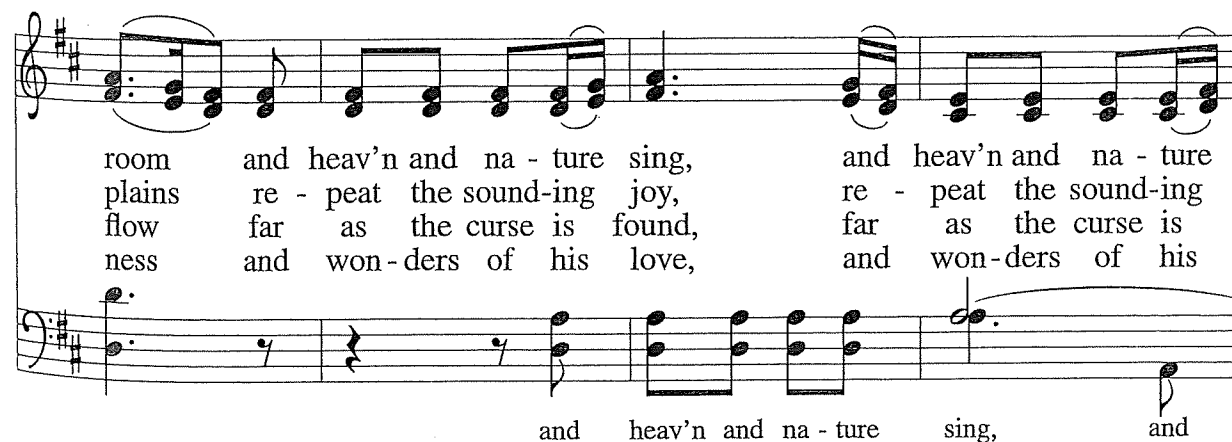
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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



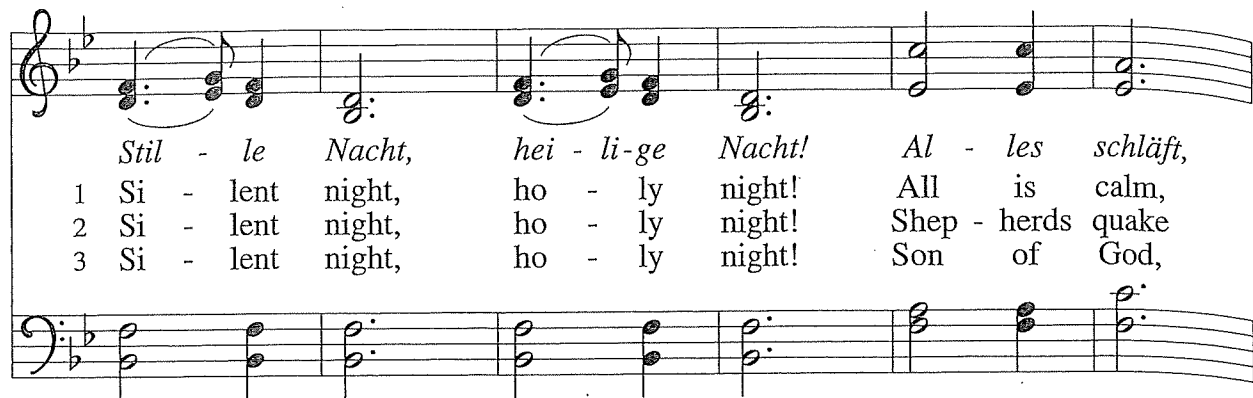
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

Silent Night, Holy Night!

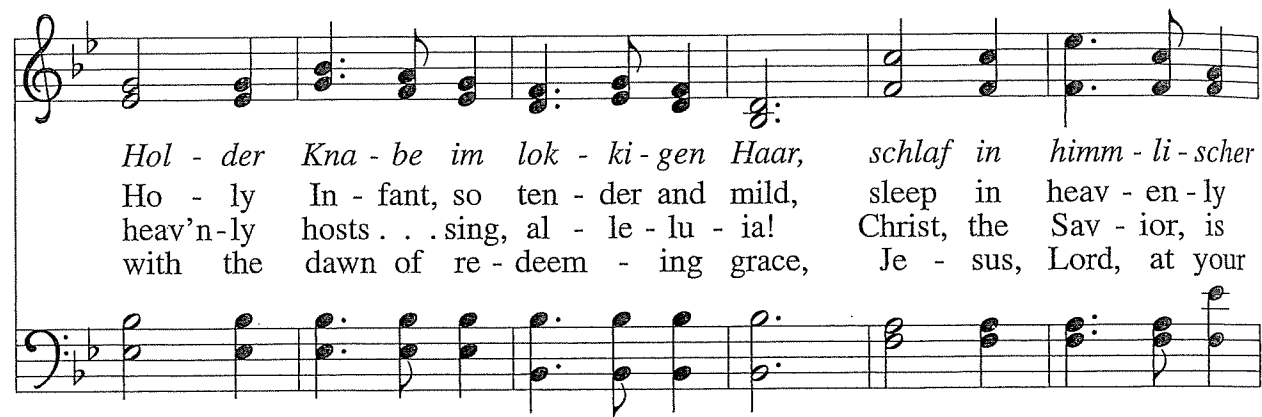
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

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

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

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo

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

This musical score is written for a vocal part (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o." The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in the left hand.