

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

*We invite you to come to one of the communion stations as the ushers direct you  
and ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats.  
We will eat and drink together after all are served.*

The Communion: "Away In a Manger"  
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P. Rutz  
LUYH 86:1,3

The Thanksgiving

## We Are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Song: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

LUYH 98

\*Benediction

\*Song: "Hallelujah Chorus"

G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah!*

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.*

*The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.*

*And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*Hallelujah!*



## Could the World Be About to Turn? Christmas Day: From Darkness to Light

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Reader: Deb Hibma

Candlelighter: Will Breems ♦ Strings directed by Jill Friend

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Prelude: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" K. Kosche  
 "Angels, We Have Heard on High" C. Bos  
 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" D. Bedard

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Good news! Unspeakable joy!  
 A great light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness!  
 A child is born for us—a son has been given!  
 Bringing a kingdom of endless peace,  
 we shall call him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God!  
 Come, let us see what God has brought us!  
 Let us see what the Lord has done!  
 Glory to God in the highest!  
**And on earth, peace and goodwill to all!**

\*Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,2,4

\*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Once in Royal David's City" LUYH 87  
*St. 1—Solo, Congregation sings st. 2-5*

## We Find Hope in Our Savior's Birth

We Hear the Story: "He's Here!" (from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*)

Song: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" LUYH 80

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 1:1-18 p.1645

Sermon: "Always More" Pastor Joel Kok

## We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Response: "Meekness and Majesty" LUYH 157:1,3

### \*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—  
 which some seek to control, and others view with despair—  
 we declare with joy and trust:

#### **Our world belongs to God!**

Our world has fallen into sin,  
**but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God.**

He promised a Savior;

#### **now the whole creation groans**

#### **in the birth pangs of a new creation.**

God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself;  
 he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh.

#### **He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary.**

Being both God and man,

Jesus is the only mediator between God and his people.

#### **He alone paid the debt of our sin;**

#### **there is no other Savior!**

The rule of Jesus Christ covers the whole world.

To follow this Lord is to serve him everywhere, without fitting in,  
**as light in the darkness, as salt in a spoiling world.**

## We Gather as a Family at God's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts

#### **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels  
 and the whole creation to sing:

Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

LUYH 82:1

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

#### **Christ has died; Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

#### **Dying, he destroyed our death; rising, he restored our life.**

#### **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**