

A FESTIVAL OF NINE

LESSONS & CAROLS



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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 14, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. (pre-service music begins around 6:45 p.m.)

Participants

Liturgist: Pastor Mark J. Nelson; Organist: Peter Wykert

Acolyte: Megan Vietti; Lights and Sound: Chris Wahlmark; Ushers, Mark Morrow, Bob Close; Sanctuary Choir; Bells of Joy; Trinity Brass; Various Instrumentalists; Jubilation! Youth Choir; Jubilation! Little Levites; Jubilation! 2-6-year-olds as the Live Nativity;

Lectors (listed in the order in which they read): Lee Slee, Kelly Holloway, Nicholas Farley, Kim Vietti, Chris Pasold, Mariah Ford, Paige Carmean, Joan Freudenburg.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve:

5:00 p.m. – Candlelight Carol Service

7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Carol Service

11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day:

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship with Communion

Pre-Service Music

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"

arr. Kevin McChesney

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arr. Cathy Moglebust

Bells of Joy

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

setting by Mark Limburg

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Peter Wykert, piano



Ringling of the Bell

Please stand and face the Processional Cross

Processional Carol

"Once In Royal David's City"

Solo: *Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*

C **He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as He.**



Choir: *For He is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew:
and He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.*

**And our eyes at last shall see Him,
through His own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and He leads His children on
to the place where He has gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see Him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
where like stars His children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

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Bidding Prayer

P Dearly beloved in Christ, it is our purpose and delight this evening to hear once again in both word and song the message of salvation that was brought to us by the angels and then, in both heart and mind, to follow the shepherds to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us read and hear from Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God who, from the first days of our sin and disobedience, designed to bring to us glorious Redemption through this Holy Child. Let us also sing and make this sanctuary glad with our hymns of proclamation and our carols of praise. But first, let us pray to this Child for the needs of the whole world and the needs of all His people;

There will be a short pause after each petition to allow worshippers to offer their private petitions.

- ✠ that His peace and joy may rest bountifully upon us, upon our loved ones, and upon this church;
- ✠ that His kingdom may be enlarged in our hearts and minds and through us extended to the people of this community and to all those upon whom His favor rests;
- ✠ particularly at this time let us remember before Him the poor and the helpless, the cold, and the hungry;
- ✠ those sick in either body or mind;
- ✠ those that mourn;
- ✠ the lonely, the unloved, and those persecuted for the sake of the Christ Child;
- ✠ the aged, our parents, and our children;
- ✠ for all of us who in our sin have grieved His heart of love and for those caught in the bondage of addictions and other sins, that they may be freed to know the fullness of Your love and grace;
- ✠ we especially pray for all those who do not know the Lord Jesus or do not proclaim Him as their Lord, that they may be lead to the knowledge and joy of the salvation through Jesus Christ;

✝️ lastly let us remember and thank God for all those who have gone before and who rejoice with us in heaven; whose hope is in the Word made flesh and whose souls now dwell with our Lord Jesus Christ.

These prayers and praises we humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

Concluding Petition

P May the Almighty God bless us with His grace. May the Christ Child give us the joys of everlasting life and bring us all to live with Him eternally in heavenly glory.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Invitation to Hear the Good News

P Let us now hear the Good News of our salvation from the very beginning and respond to it with carols of joy and songs of thanksgiving.

C We praise You, O God, for our salvation.

First Lesson - The Fall and the first promise of salvation

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol

"God Loves Me Dearly"

for text, see hymn 392 v. 1, 3, & 4

Little Levites

Second Lesson - God's promise to Abraham

Genesis 22:15-18

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol

"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -

vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death

Ac - com - pish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Third Lesson – Isaiah foretells Christ’s birth and His kingdom

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Youth Choir

*setting by James Marriott
for text, see hymn 338*

Fourth Lesson – The peace that Christ will bring is foretold

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Sanctuary Choir

*setting by Jonathan Kohrs
for text, see hymn 359*

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Fifth Lesson – The angel Gabriel visits Mary

Luke 1:26-38

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol

"By All Your Saints in Warfare (AURELIA)"

LSB 518 v.22



We sing with joy of Ma - ry, whose heart with awe was
stirred when, youth - ful and as - to - nished, she heard the an - gel's
word. Yet she her voice up - rais - es to mag - ni - fy God's
name, as once for our sal - va - tion Your mo - ther she be - came.

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Sixth Lesson – Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1, 3-7

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Carol

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

Sanctuary Choir

by Timothy Shaw

for text, see hymn 373

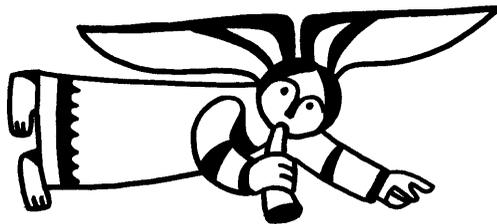
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Seventh Lesson – The shepherds go to the manger

Luke 2:8-16

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Congregational Carol

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

LSB 378



1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, And
2 O dear - est Child, whom I a - dore, Whose
3 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord



ush - er in the morn - ing. Ye shep - herds, shrink not
grace sur - pass - es mea - sure, My Broth - er, whom I
Je - sus Christ, be giv - en: Thou hast my Broth - er



with af - fright, The day of grace is dawn - ing. This
cher - ish more Than earth with all its trea - sure: Haste
deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heav - en. Help



Child, though weak in in - fan - cy, Our con - fi -
from Thy man - ger to de - part, O come and
me through - out this day of grace To praise Thy



dence and joy shall be, The pow'r of Sa - tan
dwell with - in my heart; With joy will I re -
love and seek Thy face; And when I stand be -



break - ing, Our peace with God now mak - ing.
ceive Thee, A cra - dle there will give Thee.
fore Thee For - ev - er to a - dore Thee.

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Eighth Lesson - The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Matthew 2:1-11

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Carol

"The First Nowell"

arr. David Willcocks

Choir sings v. 2 & 5

**1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
In a cold winter's night that was so deep:**

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!**

*2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:*

(Refrain)

**3. And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:
(Refrain)**

**4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:
(Refrain)**

*5. Then enter'd in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
(Refrain)*

**6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
(Refrain)**

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Please stand

Ninth Lesson - Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Congregational Carol

"Joy to the World"

LSB 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
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



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.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Collect

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when he comes again to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing

- P** May He who gathered things earthly and heavenly into one by his incarnation, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

Closing Carol**"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"**

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 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

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Silent Prayer**Postlude****"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"***setting by John Leavitt**Peter Wykert, organ*