



A FESTIVAL OF NINE

LESSONS & CAROLS



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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 15, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. (pre-service music begins around 6:30 p.m.)

Participants

Liturgist: Pastor Matthew B. Synnott; Organists: Peter Wykert and Barbara Rattelmuller; Acolyte: Rachel King; Lights and Sound: Chris Wahlmark; 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): Cindy Archer, Kelly Holloway, Nicholas Farley, Kim Vietti, Matt Hefflefinger, Mariah Ford, Rachel King, 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

"Hymn Prelude and Gigue on Mendelssohn"

setting by John Hebden Schaffner

"Hymn Prelude and Gigue on Adeste Fideles"

setting by John Hebden Schaffner

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

setting by Benjamin M. Culli

Peter Wykert, organ

"Hark the Glad Sound"

setting by Jonathan Kohrs

Youth Choir

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.*

*He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.*

*He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with Thy beloved name.*

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"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

setting by Lee Dengler

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

setting by Lee Dengler

"Silent Night"

setting by Mark Limburg

Peter Wykert, piano

"Ring the Bells"

by Carol Greene

Little Levites

*Ring the bells! Beat the drum! Clap your hands! The Baby's come!
What little Baby? Little baby Jesus! What little Baby? God's own Son!*

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Ringling of the Bell

Please stand and face the Processional Cross

Processional Carol

"Once In Royal David's City"

Sidney Draksler, violin; Emily Rull, soloist

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

"In Silence We Wait"
Sanctuary Choir

Music by Lloyd Larson (ASCAP)
Words by John Parker (ASCAP)

*In silence we wait for the day of God's mercy. In silence we wait for Emmanuel to come.
In silence we wait for the gift of God's promise. In silence we wait and pray.*

*Lord, hear our prayer: "Deliver Your people. Send us a Savior to show us the way!
Guide us in mercy, shepherd us in love." In silence we wait and pray.*

*In darkness we wait for the light of the Christchild. In darkness we wait for the Day Star to shine.
In darkness we wait for the glory of morning. In darkness we wait and pray.*

In silence we wait. In silence we pray. Lord, send Your Christ today. Amen.

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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**“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”**

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1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
 A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword— Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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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**“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”***setting by Kevin Hildebrand**Youth Choir*

*Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
 I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
 But there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:
 Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
 A still, small voice to cry one day for me.*

*How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
 His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I star:
 A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.*

*Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
 Its way into my heart- unasked, unforce, unearned,
 To die, to live, and not alone for me.*

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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

"There Shall a Star Come out of Jacob"

by Felix Mendelssohn

Sanctuary Choir

*There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.*

*How lovely shines the Morning Star with God's own brilliance from afar, aglow with consolation!
Your word, O Lord, brightly shining, truth defining, brings salvation! Praises sing in exultation.*

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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**

"My Soul Rejoices"

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1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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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

“Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”

by Carolyn Jennings

Combined Choirs

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He will feed His flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in His arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

*He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea.
From time eternal He was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord!*

*He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth,
Hope of the nations, Light of all the world.*

*He will love the little children, He will hold them in His arms.
Love Him and trust Him as a child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

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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.

Carol

“Jazz Gloria”

by Natalie Sleeth

Sanctuary Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, Alleluia, Gloria in excelsis Deo, Christ the Lord is born.

*Lo, now He comes, the awaited Messiah, the Babe who is born in a poor cattle stall.
There 'mid the wisemen and shepherds adoring, He lies sweetly sleeping, the Savior of all.*

*Tell the news through all the earth; Tidings of the holy birth.
Sent from God with Man to dwell: Jesus, our Immanuel.*

Alleluia!

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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.

Carol

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright.
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.*

C Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

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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"

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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
 ploy, 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

"Joy to the World"

setting by Charles W. Ore

Peter Wykert, organ

