



# SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
FARIBAULT, MN

December 23 & 24, 2017

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, GREETING

P. Welcome to this service of Scripture lessons and music. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is a tradition that began in England in 1918 at Kings College. Through the lessons from Holy Scripture, we prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of Christmas. The lessons begin with the reason God had to send a Savior, that is, mankind's fall into sin. Then the lessons begin to show us how God continually promised to redeem His people by sending the Messiah, God With Us. Finally, when the time was right in God's eyes, our lessons tell about the birth of Jesus, our Redeemer and Savior. All along the way, we will sing Christmas songs and listen to Christmas music. Let us begin this special service of worship and praise.

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

P: Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

**C. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,**

P. before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit;

**C. and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.**

P. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

**C. "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit;**

P. she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus

**C. for He will save His people from their sins."** *Matthew 1:18-21*

P. Let us pray: O Lord, our God, as the service of Christmas fills our hearts, help us to focus on the complete reason for this season. Help us to remember that gifts under the tree should not be our focus, but rather, the **GIFT** who was nailed to a tree for our salvation. Thank You for redeeming us and thank You for bringing us to this holy time of celebration once again. In the name of our Messiah and King, we pray, **C. Amen**

OPENING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

LSB 376, vv. 1,2,4,5

**Readers** 5:30 - Jan Paschke

8:00 - Lynette Templin

10:30 - Vivian Hagre

**FIRST LESSON** (*The seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*) **Genesis 3:8-15**

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, "Where art thou?" And he said, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." And he said, "Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" And the man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."

And the LORD God said unto the woman, "What is this that thou hast done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." And the LORD God said unto the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

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

**CAROL****"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

LSB 338

**Readers** 5:30 - Dennis Blackmer 8:00 - Karen Fuchs-Archambault 10:30 - Julie Simonson**SECOND LESSON** (*God gives His promises to Abraham.*) **Genesis 22:15-18**

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time. And said, "By myself have I sworn," saith the LORD, "for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand

which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

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

**CAROL****"Let Our Gladness Have No End"**

LSB 381

**Readers** 5:30 - Marlys Stuhrk      8:00 - Helen Spitzack      10:30 - Theresa Kelm

**THIRD LESSON**

**Isaiah 9:2,6,7**

*(The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.)*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his

government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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

**5:30** – Rick & Lynn Schafer “Were You There on that Christmas Night”

**8:00** – Karen Fuchs-Archambault “All Is Well”

**10:30** – Simonson Family “Ding Dong, Merrily On High”

**Readers** 5:30 - Kimberly Ahn      8:00 - Joyce Mueller      10:30 - George Raab

**FOURTH LESSON**

*(A ruler will be born in Bethlehem.)*

**Micah 5:2-4**

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return

unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

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

**CAROL**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

LSB 361, vv. 1 & 4

**Readers** 5:30 - Rick & Lynn Schafer      8:00 - Howard Bode      10:30 - Wayne Nelson

**FIFTH LESSON**

*(The angel Gabriel visits Mary.)*

**Luke 1:26-35, 38**

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the

virgin’s name was Mary, And the angel came in unto her and said, “Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.”

*(continued...)*

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

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

**CAROL****"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"**

LSB 374

*Reader All 3 services - Pastor*

**SIXTH LESSON**

*(The birth of Jesus)*

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall

save his people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, 'God with us'." Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

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

**5:30** – *Will Burmeister* "Silent Night"

**8:00** – *Luke Simonson* "What Child Is This"

**10:30** – *Cathy Mrosko* "Still, Still, Still"

**Readers** 5:30 - Kathy Kielmeyer 8:00 - Virgil Luehrs 10:30 - Maggie Reindl

**SEVENTH LESSON**

*(The shepherds visit the manger.)*

**Luke 2:8-16**

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said to unto them, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a

multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

*LSB 368*

**Readers** 5:30 - Bob Sommers 8:00 - Larry Schreck 10:30 - Barbara Mrosko

**EIGHTH LESSON**

*(The Wise Men are led to the manger.)*

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him." When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my

people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him, *(continued...)*



**OFFERING** *(Please fill out Friendship Pads; Ushers will Collect Them.)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

L. Lord hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

**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:

L. The angels sang their praise to the King.

**C. We, too are called to echo the King's song of salvation.**

L. The shepherds were sent to tell the story.

**C. We, too, are sent to proclaim the birth of the Savior.**

L. With grateful hearts filled with the joy of Christ, let us walk in the Light

**C. Remembering and confessing that the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L. Receive the blessing of the Lord:

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
The obedience of Joseph,  
The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,  
The determination of the wisemen  
And the peace of the Christ Child.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen!**

### CLOSING HYMN "I Am So Glad when Christmas Comes"

1. I am so glad when Christmas comes,

The night of Jesus' birth,  
When Beth'lem's star shone as the sun  
And angels sang with mirth.

3. I am so glad when Christmas comes:

Let anthems fill the air!  
He opens wide for every child  
His paradise so fair.

2. I love this precious Christmas eve

And my dear Savior mild,  
And I shall not forget the truth:  
He loves me as his child.

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### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

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### Leading Worship

**Pastor** 5:30 – The Rev. Paul Rieger; 8:00 & 10:30 - The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva  
**Music** Nancy Simonson, Organist  
**Greeters** 5:30 – Norma Kielemeyer, 8:00 – Bob & Kathy Meyer, Norm & Shirley Rost, 10:30 – Gloria Cloutier, Helen Velzke  
**Worship Assistants** 5:30 – Eric Remold, 8:00 – Dave Simonson, 10:30 – Bill Kirkpatrick  
**Elders** 5:30 – Robert Pitt, 8:00 – Mike Young, 10:30 – George Raab  
**Ushers** 5:30 – Mitch & Jane Miller, AJ Miller  
 8:00 – Chuck Eastman, Steve Denninger, Ron Zeise, Al Spitzack  
 10:30 – Wayne Nelson, Brad Twedt, Bob Reichert, Neal Weeg  
**Radio Broadcast** Todd Voge  
**Altar Guild** Sharon Geyer  
**Nursing Home Ministry** Edward Morison, Duane & Diane Schlobohm



## HOLIDAY SERVICES

**Christmas Eve Services:** December 24,  
 4:30 p.m. – Family Service, 10:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

**Christmas Day Service:** December 25, 9:00 a.m. *with Communion*

**New Year's Gospel Services:**

December 30, 5:30 p.m. *with Communion*

December 31, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *with Communion*

**NOTE:** *There will be NO New Year's Day Service.*