

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
FARIBAULT, MN
DECEMBER 29 & 30, 2018

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, GREETING

L Welcome to this service of Scripture lessons and music. Through the lessons from Holy Scripture we remember the reason for our celebration of Christmas, and we will also reflect on the past year of 2018 and look forward to the new year. The lessons begin with the reason God had to send a Savior, that is, mankind's fall into sin. Then the lessons show us how God promised to redeem His people by sending the Messiah, God With Us. When the time was right in God's eyes, the lessons tell about the birth of Jesus, our Redeemer and Savior. Our service will end with readings appropriate for the ending of one year, looking forward to the new year. Let us begin this special service of worship and praise.

Please rise and greet one another in the name of the Lord.

(Wait for greetings, then announce):

Let us quiet our hearts and prepare for worship.

CANDLES ARE LIT AND THE BELL IS RUNG

L We begin our service in the name of our great God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

L Let us pray: O Lord, our God, help us to focus on the complete reason for the celebration of Christmas and New Year's. 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. We ask that You always remain the center of our lives, as our hope and strength for the new year. 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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

(The seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.)

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who

told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." *(continued...)*

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your

offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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

Readers 5:30 – Donna Rae Schultz 8:00 – Barb Beatty 10:30 – Duane Schlobohm

CAROL 5:30 LSB 357, vv. 1,2,5 "**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**"

8:00 and 10:30 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Connection Team*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 1...O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.
 That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.

Chorus...Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2...O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. Chorus...

Verse 3...O come Desire of nations bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease and be Thyself our King of Peace. Chorus...

Bridge...Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel has come! Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel has come! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come!

Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus...

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SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6,7

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

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of

peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Readers 5:30 – Jan Paschke 8:00 – Andy Peterson 10:30 – Maggie Reindl

CAROL**“To Us a Child of Hope is Born”**

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| <p>1. To us a child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of Heaven,
Him all the hosts of Heaven.</p> <p>2. His name shall be the Prince of Peace
Forevermore adored
The wonderful, the counselor,
The great and mighty Lord,
The great and mighty Lord.</p> | <p>3. His power, increasing, still shall spread
His reign no end shall know
Justice shall guard His throne above,
And peace abound below,
And peace abound below.</p> <p>4. To us a child of hope is born
To us a Son is given,
The wonderful, the counselor,
The mighty Lord of Heaven,
The mighty Lord of Heaven.</p> |
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Selected verses from LSB 412, “The People that in Darkness Sat”

THIRD LESSON

(A ruler will be born in Bethlehem.)

Micah 5:2-4

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Readers 5:30 – Morgan Pitt

8:00 – Bob Sommers

10:30 – Hub Cloeter

CAROL

5:30 – Judy Valentyn (solo)

8:00 and 10:30 – Accordion Group “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

FOURTH LESSON

(The angel Gabriel visits Mary.)

Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the

angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,
(continued...)

³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow

you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

R This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Readers 5:30 – Mark Prieve

8:00 – Brent Peterson

10:30 – Vivian Hagre

CAROL

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

LSB 374

FIFTH LESSON

(The birth of Jesus)

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his

people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Readers 5:30 – Robert Pitt

8:00 – Brian Fuchs

10:30 – Wayne Meyer

CAROL 5:30

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Nancy Simonson (piano solo)

8:00 and 10:30

“Mary, Did You Know”

Connection Team

“Mary, Did You Know”

Verse 1...Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would some day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?

This Child that you delivered, will soon deliver you?

(continued...)

Verse 2...Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod, that when you kiss
your little Baby, you've kissed the face of God? Oh, Mary did you know...

Instrumental Interlude, then Bridge... The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will
live again. The lame will leap; the dumb will speak the praises of The Lamb.

Verse 3...Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your Baby Boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great "I Am?" Mary, did you know?

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SIXTH LESSON

(The Wise Men are led to the manger.)

Matthew 2:1-12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and

search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Readers 5:30 – Marilyn Steele

8:00 – Helen Spitzack

10:30 – Nevaeh Weeg

CAROL **“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

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| 1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star. | 2. Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. |
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Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

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O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

*Public domain***SEVENTH LESSON** *(The mystery of the Incarnation)***John 1:1-14**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Readers 5:30 – Theresa Pitt

8:00 – Lynette Templin

10:30 – Diane Cloeter

TITHES AND OFFERING

L As we gather our tithes and offerings, please remember to fill out the Friendship pads and the ushers will collect them.

EIGHTH LESSON Thinking of the past year of 2018**Romans 8:28-39***(We are more than conquerors.)*

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew

he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. *(continued...)*

³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or

distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Readers 5:30 – Nancy Simonson 8:00 – Randy Helbling 10:30 – Kristin Sellentine

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LSB 733, vv. 1-3

NINTH LESSON (*Sing to the Lord a new song*)

Psalm 98:1-9

Read this psalm responsively, led by presiding Elder.

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

²**The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,

IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

HYMN**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

LSB 733, vv. 4-6

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L We rise for prayer:

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate the birth of our Savior, and we give thanks for His death and resurrection, so that we may live eternally with You, our great God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER*(See inside back cover of hymnal)***BLESSING**

L Receive the blessing of the Lord: May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May the Lord look upon us with favor and grant us peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

5:30 LSB 900 **“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**

8:00 and 10:30 “Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)” *Connection Team*

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Verse 1...Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Verse 2...Joy to the world, the Savior reigns. Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Chorus...Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well, no tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

Verse 3...He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the
glories of His righteousness. And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love. Chorus...

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MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

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