



Christmas Eve

The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2020 at 7:30 PM

## SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

*The Service of Lessons & Carols has enjoyed great popularity since it was first introduced roughly a century ago. In many places it has come to be regarded as THE service of Christmas Eve. While it is called "Lessons & Carols", not every hymn is, strictly speaking, a carol. This is due to the fact that the purpose of the service is to trace redemption's history from the Fall of our ancestors through the promises of the prophets, and finally to the birth of Christ. While the choice of hymns varies from place to place, the lessons have largely remained the same. Thus, the service is one of hearing the lesson, then hearing an accompanying hymn that reflects the truth of the lesson. Here tonight, at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, we will, with so many others, also trace salvation's history in lesson and song. May your heart be warmed as you contemplate tonight the mystery of the coming of God to us in the flesh.*

### **PRELUDE**

(Stand) **OPENING HYMN: "Once in Royal David's City"**

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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.

Not in that poor, lowly stable, With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

**P: BIDDING PRAYER**

I welcome you, on behalf of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. We have come together as the family of God, in our Father's presence, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world he came to save: for the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world; for the world, which is already Christ's, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas at work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere: for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ himself taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**P:** The almighty God bless + us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

**C: Amen.**

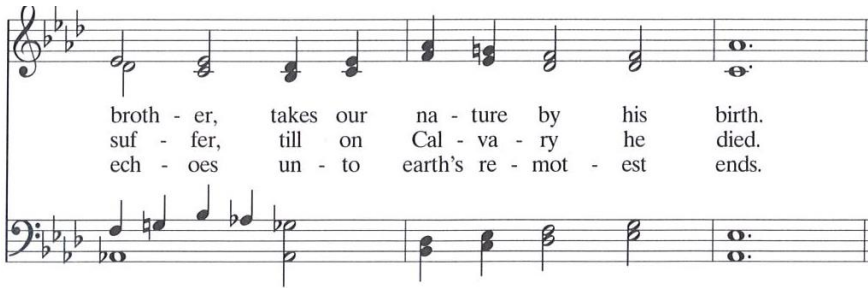
(Sit) HYMN: "Before the Marvel of This Night" by Carl Schalk

1 Be - fore the mar - vel of this night, a - dor - ing,  
2 A - wake the sleep - ing world with song, this is the  
3 The love that we have al - ways known, our con - stant

fold your wings and bow, then tear the sky a - part with light  
day the Lord has made. As - sem - ble here, ce - les - tial throng,  
joy and end - less light, now to the love - less world be shown,

and with your news the world en - dow. Pro - claim the  
in roy - al splen - dor come ar - rayed. Give earth a  
now break up - on its death - ly night. In - to one

birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sor - row cease:  
glimpse of heav'n - ly bliss, a teas - ing taste of what they miss:  
song com - press the love that rules our u - ni - verse a - bove:



broth - er, takes our na - ture by his birth.  
 suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
 ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

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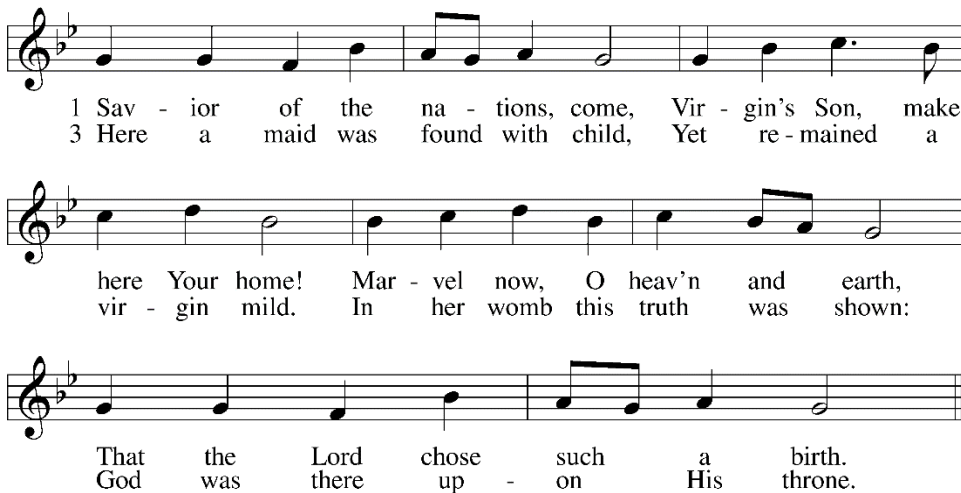
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**LESSON 1 – Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19** God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise, but that his promised offspring will crush the head of the serpent.

**HYMN: “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

LSB3



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 God was there up - on His throne.

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**LESSON 2 – Genesis 22:17-18** God promises faithful Abraham that in his offspring all peoples of the earth will be blessed.

## HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

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1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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## LESSON 3 – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 11:1-4a The prophet Isaiah foretells of the coming Savior.

### HYMN: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

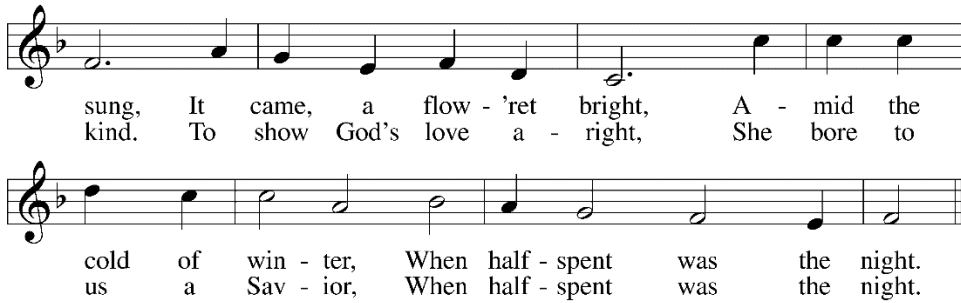
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1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in



sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As proph-ets long have  
mind; With Mar-y we be-hold it, The vir-gin moth-er



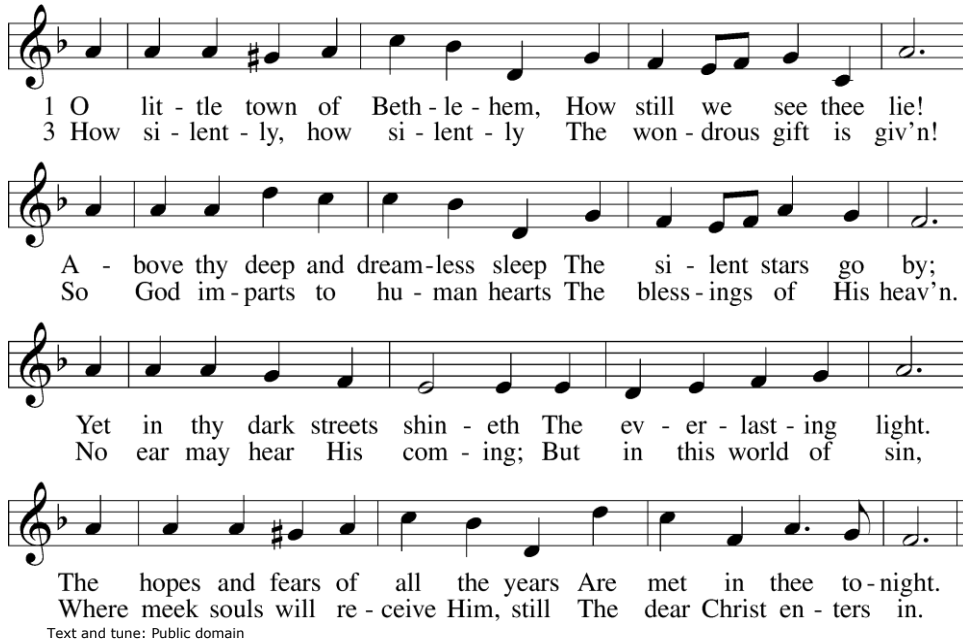
sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.

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**LESSON 4 – Micah 5:2, 4-5a** The Prophet Micah foretells that the Messiah will come from Bethlehem.

**HYMN: “LSB384 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*sts. 1, 3*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

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**LESSON 5 – Luke 1:26-35, 38** The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

# HYMN: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

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1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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## LESSON 6 – Luke2:1-7 St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

### 364 Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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**LESSON 7 – Luke 2:8-18** The Shepherds receive the glorious news of the birth of the Savior, and go once to see this miraculous event.

**HYMNS: “The First Noel”**

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
 In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
 Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

**Sermon**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!  
 Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.  
 Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,  
 With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

**OFFERING** is collected by the ushers.

**Duet** by Ryan And Collin Keane

**HYMN: "What Child is This"** (Sung as the Offering is collected)

LSB370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



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lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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**P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My † body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in MY † blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*In the blessed sacrament of the altar, we celebrate our Lord's communion with us. He said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." This is how He keeps that promise. Because His promise is to the entire Church, we proclaim that this altar is not our private property. It's His. We invite all baptized persons who believe in His real presence in the bread and wine, to come, receive and believe!*

**(Sit) DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN: "What Child is This"**

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*(Stand)* **BLESSING**

**P:** May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto + life everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

**P: PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, on God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*(Sit)* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Stand)* **CANDLELIGHTING** (*Candles are lit. Please tilt your candle toward the upright burning one.*)

**CLOSING HYMN: "Silent Night"**

LSB363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round you  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,  
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 beams from Thy ho-ly face With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,      Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!      Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth,      Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*(Please extinguish candles and return them to the box as you leave church)*

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and † give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Christ is born! Go in peace!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **WELCOME!**

The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. We confess our faith in the one, holy, universal and apostolic church of Jesus Christ. Baptized Christians 14 years of age and older who believe His body and blood are present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at His table. If you are searching for spiritual direction and Christian fellowship, we invite you to inquire into the Biblical faith proclaimed and practiced here.

## **WEEKLY SERVICES**

Sundays - 9:00 AM Communion Service  
Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00p.m.  
Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Sept.-May)  
Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 5, Youth Class 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Gr. 2 Adult Studies,

## **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

Acolytes/Altar Assistants; Choir & Instrumentalists; Communion Assistants/Lectors; Sunday School; Youth Group; Ushers; Working Boards: Administration, Communications/ Outreach, Education/ Worship & Music, Finance, Human Care/Missions, Stewardship, Trustees



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I'd like to:  talk with the Pastor  find out more about Jesus

learn how to be part of this ministry

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