

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

**Christmas Eve**

**Lessons and Carols**

**December 24, 2021**

**7 p.m.**





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***Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

## **Prayer for Christmas Eve**

*Oh Holy God, we join the angels in singing "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace." You are a great and gracious God who kept Your promise and sent Your one and only Son to be born of a virgin. In Jesus, the gift of heaven is opened for us and we are heirs of eternal glory. Let us kneel in humility before the Christ Child and then go and spread the word concerning Him. Fill each of us with Christmas joy and zeal each and every day until His glorious return. We pray this in His name. Amen.*



### 376 Once in Royal David's City

Hannah 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
 Joshua 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
 Cong. 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His  
 Cong. 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and  
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He  
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like

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.  
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.  
 stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!



*Stand*

### Prayer

**P** O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**Choir: Love Came Down at Christmas - Hal Hopson**

Love came down at Christmas  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But here-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and neighbor,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.  
Love came down at Christmas...Love came down.



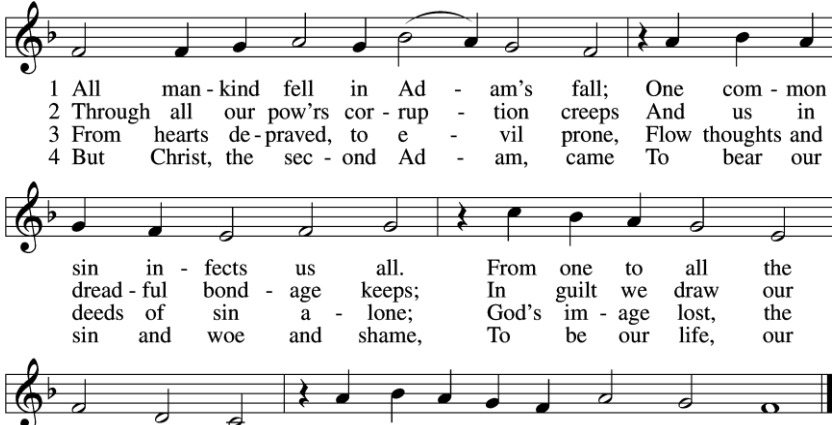


## Lesson 1

### Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise  
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

#### 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our

sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our

curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.



- 5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.



## Lesson 2

### Genesis 22:15-18

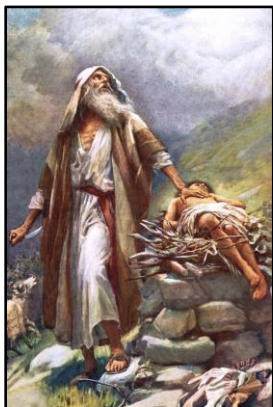
*God promises to faithful Abraham  
that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

#### 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
5 "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad-dling

news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."



- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all,  
How weak You are, so poor and small,  
That You should choose to lay Your head  
Where lowly cattle lately fed!
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
A quiet chamber set apart  
For You to dwell within my heart.





## Lesson 3

### Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

#### 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul-der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.





## Lesson 4

### Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

#### 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the

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  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and

cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.







## Lesson 5

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

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

### 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!





## Lesson 6

*Luke 2:1-7*

*Saint 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.





## Lesson 7

Luke 2:8-16

*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

### 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

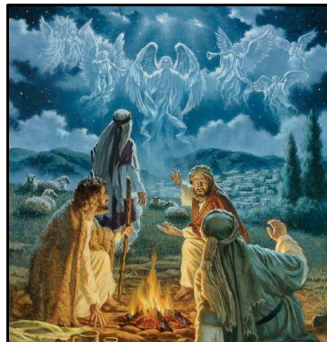
Jonathan 1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
Jonathan 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
Cong. △ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;  
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.





## Lesson 8

### Matthew 2:1-12

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

#### 370 What Child Is This

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

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 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!





## Lesson 9

### John 1:1-14

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

#### 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

#### Sermon: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Text: Luke 2:1-14

#### Offering

*There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings as you leave.*

## **Choir: We Praise You Jesus at Your Birth -**

Timothy Shaw / Martin Luther

We praise You, Jesus, at Your birth  
Clothed in flesh You came to earth.  
The virgin bears a sinless boy  
And all the angels sing for joy.  
Alleluia!

Now in the manger we may see  
God's Son from eternity,  
The gift from God's eternal throne  
Here clothed in our poor flesh and bone

The Light Eternal, breaking through,  
Made the world to gleam anew;  
His beams have pierced the core of night,  
He makes us children of the light.

The very Son of God sublime  
Entered into earthly time  
To lead us from this world of cares  
To heaven's courts as blessed heirs.  
Alleluia!

In poverty He came to earth  
Showing mercy by His birth;  
He makes us rich in heav'nly ways  
As we, like angels sing His praise.

All this for us our God has done  
Granting love through His own Son.  
Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice  
And sing His praise with endless voice.  
Alleluia!

*Stand*

**P** On this joyous day of anticipation, O Lord, let the joyous light of Your gracious presence be not only seen but also received as we prepare to commemorate the wondrous birth of Jesus. As Joseph and Mary followed Your will that led them to Bethlehem, lead us to Your house of prayer to receive Him who comes to us in body and blood. Hear us in the precious name of Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**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.



## Lighting of the Candles

(Please remember to tilt only the unlit candle while  
 lighting your candle so that the wax doesn't drip.)

### 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face

Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy

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



## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.



## 387 Joy to the World

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.

## *Soli Deo Gloria!*

*(To God alone be the glory.)*

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