

Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 12, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

December 13, 2020 @ 10:00 am



"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Christmas Joy” (arr. Raney) Flute – Becky Pflughoeft Piano – Marlene Rieck

“Advent Tidings” (arr. Akers) JuBELLation Choir

“Away in a Manger” (arr. Thompson)

“What Child is This?” (arr. Crisafulli) Flute & Harpsichord

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (arr. Sanders) JuBELLation Choir

376 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY*sts. 1–2, 5*

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 5 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!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

READING*Genesis 3:8–15, 17–19*

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.” 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.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

READING

Genesis 22:15–18

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

352 LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

sts. 1–3, 5

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
- 2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.

READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

² The 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.

357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

sts. 1, ref, 4–5, 7

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**
- Refrain** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**
- 7 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. **Refrain**

READING

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, 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.

ANTHEM "My Soul Glorifies the Lord" (Foley) Solo – Jackie Pearce

READING

Luke 2:1, 3–7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SOLO "Heaven's Child" (Lindsey) Heide Skarda

READING

Luke 2:8–16

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

ANTHEM "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (w/Angels We Have Heard on High)" (arr. Althouse)
Congregation joins: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

READING

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.

370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☩ 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.**

BENEDICTION

- 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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

387 JOY TO THE WORLD

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 4 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.

POSTLUDE "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (arr. Raney) Flute & Piano

Offerings may be placed in the offering box in the narthex. Thank you!

Thank you to our participants:

Choral Ensemble

*Rick Behrens, Shele Fawcett, Rev. Peter Kufahl, Jackie Pearce,
 Becky Pflughoeft, Heide Skarda, Karen Tobin
 Director: Vicki Holewinski
 Accompanist: Marlene Rieck*

JuBELLation Choir

*Alex Gensch, Naomi Kadlec, Jackie Pearce, Becky Pflughoeft,
 Marlene Rieck, Lauren Ritzer, Sue Schmidt, Donna Timm, Tom Timm
 Director: Vicki Holewinski*

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 29:15-30:14; Revelation 1:1-20
Monday: Isaiah 30:15-26; Revelation 2:1-29
Tuesday: Isaiah 30:27-31:9; Revelation 3:1-22
Wednesday: Isaiah 32:1-20; Revelation 4:1-11
Thursday: Isaiah 33:1-24; Revelation 5:1-14
Friday: Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10; Revelation 6:1-17
Saturday: Isaiah 40:1-17; Revelation 7:1-17

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Roger, health issues	Al, health issues
Bill, recovery	Linda, brain cancer
Larry, heart issues	Dennis, hospitalized
Becky, back pain	Julie, pancreatic cancer
Camilla, 7-year-old with brain cancer	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Jack, ongoing health issues	Vonna's mother
Dave, recovery	Lauren's mother
Eunice, Health Issues	Chris, recovering after a fall
Jim, Alzheimer's	Brent, hospital
Roger, hospice	Jackie's grandmother
Anna, recovering	Carole, Covid
Larry, health issues	Ross, Covid
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Our Savior Families: Bill, Robert & Sharon, Janice, Andrew & Priscilla, Bonnie, Jerry & Jean

Hymn of the Week "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" LSB 345

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction