



We are a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,  
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

## A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

### WELCOME & INVOCATION

- P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### “AWAY IN A MANGER”

LSB 365

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 bright 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.

Text (sts. 1–2): Little Children’s Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt.  
Tune: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921 Text and tune: Public domain

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that we may know Your plan of salvation and trust that nothing is impossible with You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### PROCLAMATION

John 1:1–5; Isaiah 40:9

- P** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
**C** He was in the beginning with God.  
**P** All things were made through Him,  
**C** and without Him was not any thing made that was made.  
**P** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
**C** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
**P** Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
**C** lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
**P** lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

## SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

### MEDITATION

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8–15

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The 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.

<sup>15</sup>I 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### “WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

LSB 370



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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98  
Tune: English, 16th cent.  
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## SECOND READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> For 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

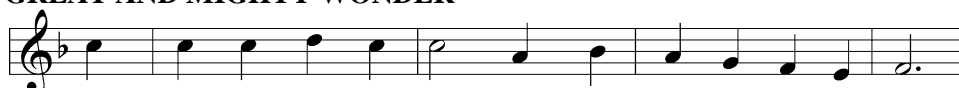
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of  
peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## “A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER”

LSB 383 sts. 1–3



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:  
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,  
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!  
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

Text: Germanus, c. 634–c. 734; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln  
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## THIRD READING

Isaiah 11:1–3, 6–9

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the  
stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon  
him,

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the

LORD.

<sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the  
LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the

young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf  
together;

and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of  
the cobra,

and the weaned child shall put his hand on  
the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of  
the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# “A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER”

LSB 383 sts. 4–5

4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,  
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,

The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
 And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

*Refrain*

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: “To God on high be  
 glo - ry And peace to all the earth!”

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## FOURTH READING

Micah 5:2–4

<sup>2</sup> But 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.  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore 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.  
<sup>4</sup> And 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# “ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

LSB 367 sts. 1–2

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.

*Refrain*

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

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–  
 1854, alt.  
 Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79  
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## FIFTH READING

Luke 1:26–35, 38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He 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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And 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.

<sup>38</sup>And 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## "ALL MY HEART AGAIN REJOICES"

LSB 360 sts. 1–2



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near  
2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing  
Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.  
And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## SIXTH READING

Luke 2:1, 3–7

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

<sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And 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, <sup>5</sup>to be

registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



# “ALL MY HEART AGAIN REJOICES”

LSB 360 sts. 5–6

5 Soft - ly from His low - ly man - ger Je - sus calls One and all,  
6 Come, then, ban - ish all your sad - ness! One and all, Great and small,  
“You are safe from dan - ger. Chil - dren, from the sins that grieve you  
Come with songs of glad - ness. We shall live with Him for - ev - er  
You are freed; All you need I will sure - ly give you.”  
There on high In that joy Which will van - ish nev - er.

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## SEVENTH READING

Luke 2:8–16

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And

suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with  
whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup>When 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.”

<sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*After each petition*

**P** Hear our prayers, O Lord,

**C** for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

**P** We entrust these prayers and all petitions on our hearts and minds to Your never-failing mercy; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**P** Taught by our LORD and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING”

LSB 377

1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the  
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er  
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels

an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since  
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then  
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which

hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great  
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us  
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may  
made the an - gels sing this night: “Glo - ry to God and peace to

mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men.”

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## POSTLUDE

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# Poinsettias

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Jan Meissner  
Our Parents  
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Helen & Steve Warchocki  
Mom & Dad  
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Bryan, Nicole, & Jamie  
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Our Parents *by Cathy & Dan Schultz*  
Doreen Sutherland *by The Handbell Choir*  
My Kindergartners *by Heidi Sue McCormick*  
All the teachers, Pastor Mike, Sara, and staff *by Frank & Kathy Wendt*

## ***For Blessings Received***

Bob & Jeanne Borgstede  
The Scive Family  
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Frank & Kathy Wendt

*Flowers may be picked up after  
the Christmas Day service.*

