## St. John's Lutheran Church & School



Service of Lessons and Carols 10 December 2023

#### Welcome

#### Rev. Ronald Weidler



## Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**P:** Dear people of God, in this Christmas season with joy let us hear once more the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion to the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died. Let us remember, in Christ's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, all who are sick and who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ has taught us, saying:

All: 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.

The First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

R: A Reading from the book of Genesis

And 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. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 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."

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.

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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord

#### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



- 1 Come, Thou long ex pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
- 2 Born Thy peo ple to de liv er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart. By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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The Second Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6

R: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

R: This is the Word of the Lord

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

R: A Reading from the book of Isaiah

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

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.

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.

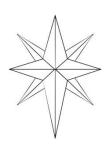
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All: Thanks be to God

**Combined Choirs** 

"To Us a Child is Born"

Rachel & Jacob Weber



The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 40:1-5

## R: A Reading from the book of Isaiah

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

#### A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

R: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**Senior Choir** 

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

arr. Paul G. Bunjes



The Fifth Lesson Micah 5:2-5

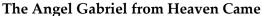
#### R: A Reading from the book of Micah

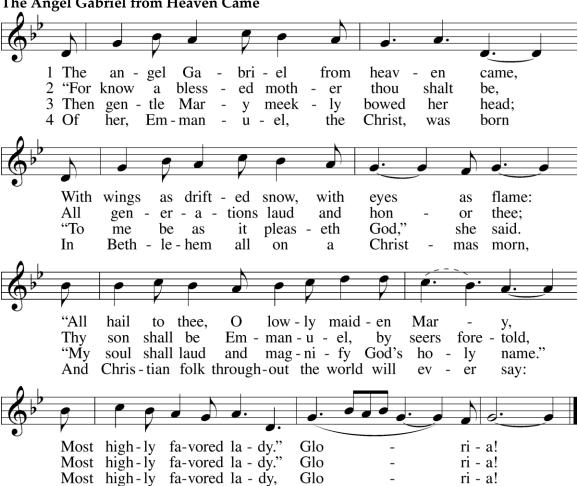
But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
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.
And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

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"Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy."



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The Sixth Lesson Luke 1:26-33

A Reading from the book of Luke

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

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**Echoes of Praise** 

"Candlelight Carol"

John Rutter

Offering

Mrs. Teri Lyn Mannes

"The Hands that First Held Mary's Child"

Dan Forrest Kristen Stapleton, voice Dalyne Shinneman, clarinet Dana Shinneman, piano



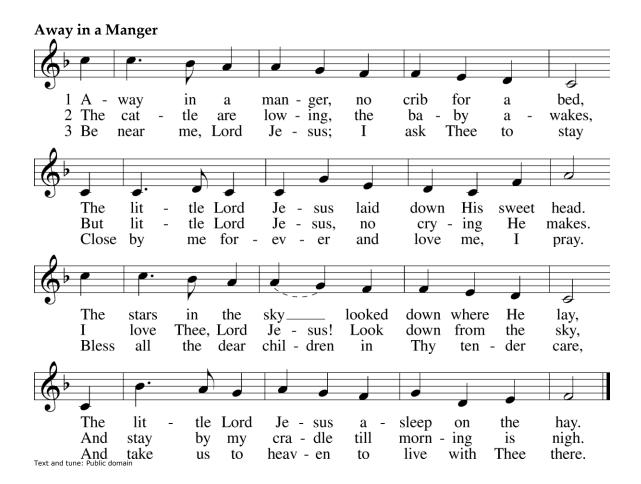
The Seventh Lesson Luke 2:1-7

## A Reading from the book of Luke

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord





## **Junior Choir & Echoes of Praise**

"On A Silent Night"

**Joyce Eilers** 



A Reading from the book of Luke

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

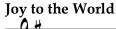
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

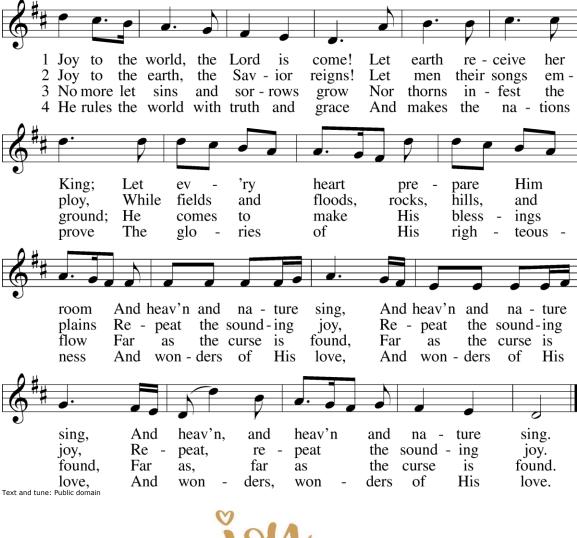
When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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Junior Choir "He Is Born" Arnold B. Sherman







The Ninth Lesson John 1 1:14

A Reading from the book of Luke

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

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

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And 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.

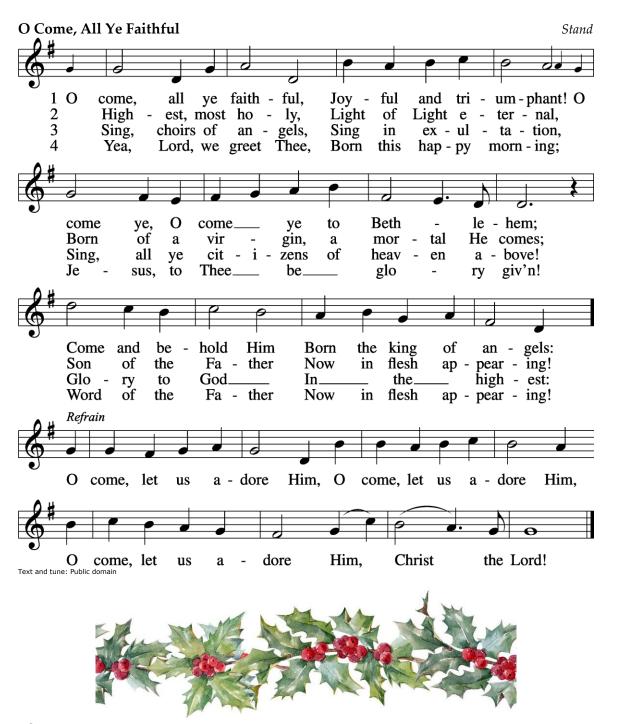
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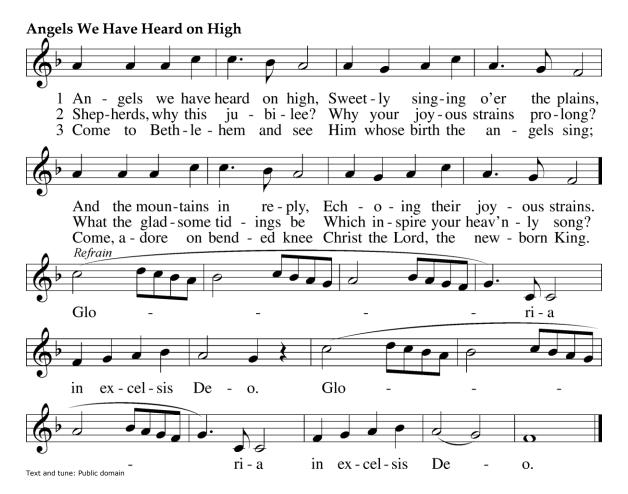
Children's Choir

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Kenneth Kosche



- The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C Amen.
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- c in the name of the Lord. Amen.



**Postlude** 

"Pastoral Symphony"

A. Corelli

#### Readers

Mrs. Julie Lunde Mrs. Vicki Wykert Ms. Savannah Strasser Mr. Aaron Loveless Mrs. Renee Hull Mrs. Holly Hackleberg

Mr. Tom Wykert Mrs. Kendall Knafl Mrs. Sue Cappa

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Lindsay Romo Augustus Dimoff Anna Agung Daleyza Diaz Makenna Roon **Evangeline Dimoff** Brayden Dorgan Isabella Skipper Gunnar Garbarz Emma Maxant Ainsley Wilson Avery Johnson Sophia Mendez Violet Anisi Rosaline Kobza Emma Laidlaw Liliana Carey Brian Moy Francisco Rios Anastasia Daly Winona Martin Edgar Roberson Bernadette Daly Delilah Rodriguez Santino Romano Jonathan Espinosa Anabella Romano Mason Sedory **Iacob Kovel** Kayla Romo Eleanor Shilney Paige Orech George Sherby Laila Perez Alivia Thomas Jakobi Ssenyonjo Kaius Gregory Joy Ssenyonjo Jeremy Trapp Ember Wilson Lucca Guevara **Emily Bochenek** Amelia Knafl Sara Braun Isaac Zeman

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Mr. Mark Behnke Mrs. Christine Mrs. Dalyne Shinneman
Mrs. Amy Buonassisi Kirchenberg Mr. Dana Shinneman
Mrs. Karen Ciango Mr. Gintas Kriauciunas Mrs. Kristen Stapleton

Ms. Elise Ferro Mrs. Sue Kunz Mr. Ben Witte

Mrs. Cheryl Haugen Mr. David Kreiss

## String Quartet

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