

THE SEVENTH LESSON

The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

DUET

Mary Did You Know
Brooke Kollman and Vanessa Johnson

Lory/Greene

THE EIGHTH LESSON

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL

The First Noel

ELW 300 (v.1, 3-4)

THE NINTH LESSON

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-14

SOLO

Birthday of a King
Harriet Wicklund

William Neidlinger

THE OFFERING

What Child Is This?
Anthony Perez

***THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** THE 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 today 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 DISTRIBUTION CAROLS

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord
Away In a Manger (alt. tune)

ELW 286
ELW 278

***THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

***CAROL**

Joy to the World

ELW 267

THE POSTLUDE

Special thanks to our singers and readers.

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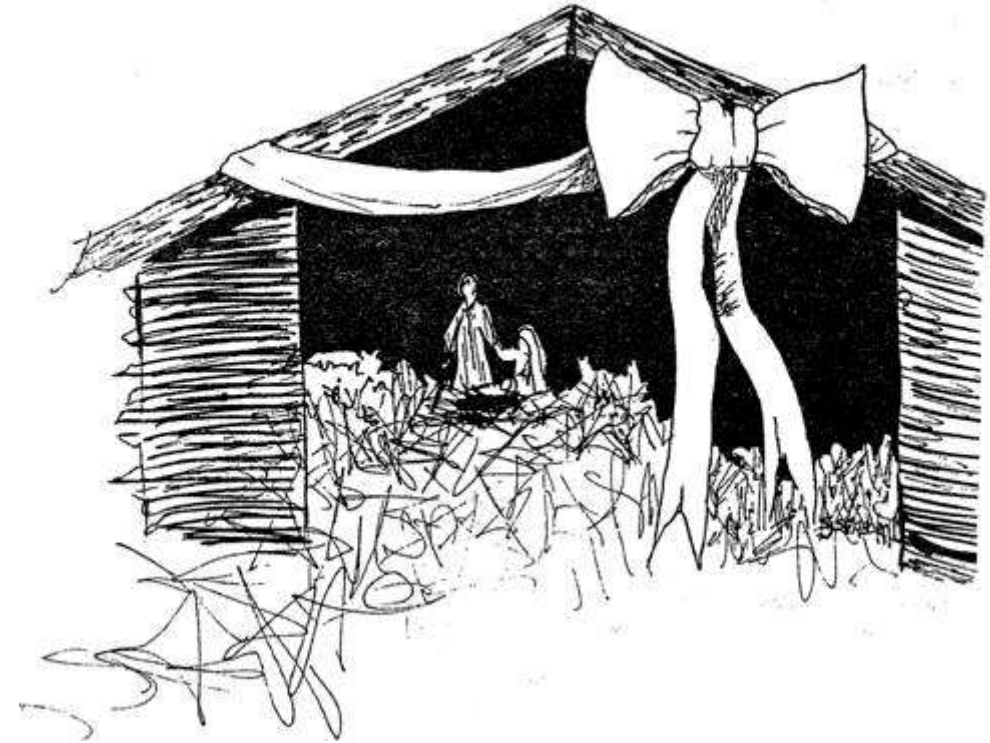
Olivia Becker, Sara Hansen

Readers:

Mark Boen, Carmon Jackson, Rick & Linda West,
Karen Lundstrom, Linda Mellon, and Anthony Perez

PA:

Bud Mellon



**Christmas Day – 10 a.m.
December 25, 2015**

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE PRELUDE

GREETING

***THE RINGING OF THE CHRISTMAS BELL**

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Once in Royal David's City
(Solo v.1 – Michael Wicklund)

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| 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 meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy. | 3) And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he. |
| 4) For he is our childhood's pattern:
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless;
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness. | 5) And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone. |
| 6) Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around. | |

***THE INVITATORY PRAYER** (the congregation stands)

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the babe lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us read and mark in holy scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this holy child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world: for peace on earth and goodwill among all people; for unity within the church He came to build, especially in this our community.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God 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.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven.

CAROL

The Bells of Christmas

ELW 298 (v. 1-4)

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

SOLO

O, Come All Ye Faithful/Adeste Fideles (Congregation please join in on v. 1 & 4)
Anthony Perez

ELW 283

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

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

SOLO

Breath of Heaven
Linda Mellon

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CAROL

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

ELW 282

THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SOLO

Night of Silence/Silent Night
Linda Mellon

Congregation: v.3 –hum Silent Night;
v.4 –sing v.1 of Silent Night

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276