



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd

The service begins with a procession - the congregation is invited to stand and face the rear of the church for the bringing of the Light

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

ELW #269

VERSE 1: Solo VERSES 2,3,4: Congregation

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER

M: Dear people of God.... To sum up all these petitions, let us pray as Christ himself taught us.

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.

BE SEATED

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15 THE SEED OF THE WOMAN WILL CRUSH THE SERPENT'S HEAD

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, 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?" ¹⁰He 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 from 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 from 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 tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord GOD said to the serpent, "Because you have done this cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon 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 hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22:15-18**GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM**

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

SOLO

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Soloist: Pastor David Strom

THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7 THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness —on them light has shined.⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW #27

FOURTH LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-9**A BRANCH FROM THE STEM OF JESSE**

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

QUARTET

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-35, 38

THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

DUET & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Annunciation & Magnificat"

Insert

from Holden Evening Prayer – Marty Haugen

soloists: Kari Vaughn and Linda Mellon

violin: Laurie Strom

SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SOLO

What Child Is This

violin: Laurie Strom

SEVENTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-20

THE SHEPHERDS VISIT THE MANGER

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

QUARTET

The First Noel

EIGHTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-12

THE MAGI WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

As with Gladness, Men of Old

ELW #302

NINTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the

light.⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Break Forth Oh Beauteous Heavenly Light

1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, and ush - er in the morn - ing;
2 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to thee, Lord Je - sus Christ, be gi - ven;

ye shep - herds, shrink not with af - fright, but hear the an - gel's warn - ing.
thou hast our broth - er deigned to be, our foes in sun - der riv - en.

This child, now weak in in - fan - cy, our con - fi - dence and joy shall be,
Oh, grant us through our day of grace with con - stant praise to seek thy face;

13
the pow'r of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.
grant us ere long in glo - ry with prais - es to a - dore thee.

OFFERING***Create in me a Clean Heart*****ELW #186**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION**COMMUNION****CONGREGATION STANDS****PRAYER**

M: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son (†), and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN***Joy to the World*****ELW #267****SENDING**

M: Jesus is Born- go tell the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God – Alleluia**

This service is an adaptation of the Christmas Carol Service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England on December 24.

Next Sunday, January 2- Second Sunday after Christmas

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- NO Sunday School & Butterflies

Monday, January 3:

- NO Love Days Quilters
- 12:00pm Executive Committee, *Conference Room*
- 12:00pm Personnel Committee, *Kairos Room*
- 5pm Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 4:

- 12:00pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 5:30pm Yoga, *Narthex*
- 5:30pm Discipleship Committee

Wednesday, January 5:

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 5:00pm OA
- 3:30-4:30pm FLY K-6 @Roosevelt
- 3:30-4:30pm FLY 7-12 @Church
- 6:00pm Handbells Practice
- 7:30pm Choir Practice, *Narthex*

Thursday, January 6:

- 6:00pm Women's AA, zoom id #147353510; passcode 999

Friday, January 7:

- Office Closed

Next Sunday, January 9- Third Sunday after Christmas

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee & fellowship, *Narthex*.
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School & Butterflies

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!
* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.
* The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.
* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.
* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

Kid Worship Challenge – What is your favorite Christmas song?

The flowers this week are sponsored by Tedd Steenboch in honor of Tedd's birthday, family birthdays and being a member of First for 34 years.

The radio this week is sponsored by the Linda and Bud Mellon with gratitude for clergy.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in 2022; Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is available in 2022. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

Sunday School/Butterflies will resume Sunday, January 9th.

Offering Envelopes have been ordered but have not yet arrived. Remember, this year we have ordered generic envelopes, so please remember to write your name on them when you turn in your offerings. Thank you! Please contact the office with any questions. 218-739-3348.

24 Days of Giving – Join the First Lutheran Sunday School students in giving to the Community Food Shelf with the gift of money as we count down the days to Christmas. Envelopes can be found in front of the church office. Please turn in your envelopes by Jan. 16th.

We need one more person to help call volunteers for funerals at church! If you are willing to help let the office know.

Thank you to those who helped prepare and deliver Christmas Baskets to various members of our community! We delivered 23 baskets total this year.

We are seeking volunteers to provide rides to members from Pioneer Point and individual homes. Please contact the church if you are available to do so. Thanks! 218-739-3348, office@flcff.org.