



**January 3, 2021**

**10:00 am**



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## WELCOME

We welcome our visitors who worship with us today. We are glad you have joined us and we invite you to worship with us again and often. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider Christ Lutheran Church. If you want to know more about our church or would like to talk to our Pastors, please call the office at 267-5082.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host at the table of Holy Communion and invites all to come. Here the real presence of Jesus meets us under the form of bread and wine. In this sacrament he offers himself to us for the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

You may come forward by the center aisle and receive the elements of bread and wine. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. The trays have red wine and clear grape juice. Those who do not wish to receive the bread and wine may receive a pastoral blessing. Small children who have not had their first communion may also come for a pastoral blessing.

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Ann Colbert Wade, **Director of Music**

# Lessons and Carols for Christmas

**Prelude:** *Two Settings of “We Three Kings”*

Held; Langlois

Welcome

<b>Gathering Song:</b> <i>Once in Royal David’s City</i>
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## Dialogue

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

**C We have beheld Christ’s glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

## Opening Prayer

P Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lessons and Carols

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7** God promises a king

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For 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. <sup>7</sup>His 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.

**Hymn:** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (stanzas 1 & 2)

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**Reading 2: Micah 5:2-5** The king will come from Bethlehem

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule 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 brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

**Hymn:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (stanzas 1 & 2)

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**Reading 3:** **Luke 1:26-38** The annunciation to Mary

Video 1

**Hymn:** *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

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**Reading 4:** **Luke 2:1-10** The birth of Jesus

Video 2- 3

**Hymn:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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**Reading 5:** **Luke 2:8-15** The shepherds go to see the Savior

Video 4

**Hymn:** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

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**Reading 6:** **Matthew 2:7-12** The magi follow the star

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**Hymn:** *What Child Is This*

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### **Reading 7: Matthew 2:13-18** *The slaughter of the holy innocents*

<sup>3</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." <sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

## **Instrumental Response**

### **Reading 8: John 1:1-14** *The mystery of the incarnation*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And 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.

**C**    **Responsive Prayer**

**P**    **Glory to God in the highest,**

**C**    **and peace to God's people on earth.**

**P**    **Blessed are you, Prince of peace.**

**You rule the earth with truth and justice.**

**C**    **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

**P**    **Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.**

**C**    **Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

**P**    **Blessed are you, Son of God.**

**You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.**

**C**    **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament**

**that we may bear your light to all the world.**

## **Offertory**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**A**    **Let us pray.**

**A**    **Merciful Father,**

**C**    **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P**    **The Lord be with you.**

**C**    **And also with you.**

**P**    **Lift up your heart.**

**C**    **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P**    **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C**    **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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 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.

### Distribution

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world  
C **Have mercy on us.**  
P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
C **Have mercy on us.**  
P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
C **Grant us peace.**  
C **Amen**

### Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and  
keep you in his grace.  
C **Amen.**



## Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray...

C God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbors with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## Blessing and Dismissal

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

<b>Hymn:</b> <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	#270
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**Postlude:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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