



St. John's

Lutheran Church & School

December 24th, 2018 ~ Christmas Eve Service

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CAROL: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 357

St. 1: All
St. 2: Choir
Sts. 3-4: All
St. 5: Choir
Sts. 6-7: All

- *Choral stanzas by Carl Schalk*

CHOIR: “Let Our Gladness Have No End” setting by Kenneth T. Kosche
(Text: LSB # 381)

CAROL: “Once in Royal David’s City” # 376

ORGAN: “Silent Night” Samuel Barber

CAROL: “Away in a Manger” # 364

CHOIR: “O Holy Child, We Welcome Thee” arr. Carl Halter

*O holy Child, we welcome Thee,
With happy lays Thy birth we praise.*

*Sleep softly in Thy bed, sweet Child,
The night is bright with heavenly light.*

*O Child divine, our Savior dear,
Lead us in love to heaven above.*

- *Bohemian Brethren, 1600*
Tr. J. T. Mueller, 1916

CAROL: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” # 358

Sts. 1-5: Solo
Sts. 6-7: Choir
Sts. 8-9: **All**
St. 10: **Men**
Sts. 11-12: **All**
St. 13: **Women**
Sts. 14-15: **All**

Choral settings by Ralph C. Shultz

BELLS: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Richard Gieseke
(Text for meditation: LSB # 384)

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Stand

OPENING HYMN: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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Descant on st 3 by David Willcocks

PRAYER

PO God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose grace we again celebrate the birth of our Savior, we come into Your presence with holy joy, for You have gloriously fulfilled Your promises, given to our first parents after the Fall, to the Patriarchs, to Moses and the Prophets, and to all Your people of old, who waited in hope for the Salvation of Israel. Accept, we implore You, our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving, and grant that through the birth of Your Son we may be born again in the spirit unto the blessed hope of everlasting life.

O Jesus, the Son of God, we bless You for becoming flesh of our flesh and for enriching us with inestimable gifts from the treasures of Your grace. You have made reconciliation for our iniquity, so that now we have peace with God and access to the Father. You did become the Son of Man, that we might be made the children of God in You. Bestow upon us a simple, childlike faith, that in Your lowliness we may adore You; and give us grace to behold the glory shining through the veil of Your humanity, the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Speak to us the words of life, that, as You have loved us, so we may also love You. Be our Light in darkness, our Abundance in want, and our very present Help in trouble. And as You did descend from heaven to earth for our salvation, so may we have power to ascend from earth to heaven, to the glory of Your great and adorable name.

O Holy Spirit, we praise You for Your comfort and guidance. Incline our hearts to meditate devoutly on the sublime mystery of the Nativity, and help us to embrace our Redeemer, in true faith, as our most precious possession. Fill our hearts with peace, and comfort, and hope, and life, and joy in Him. Let us so keep the feast that at its close, with Your benediction upon us, we may resume the burdens of our several callings, rejoicing in our salvation and delighting to do Your will.

O Holy Trinity, who would be praised for mercy rather than judgment, we glorify You, for You have had respect unto the lowly. Let Your covenant of peace endure forevermore, that we may rejoice in You forever and ever.

C Amen.

Sit

CHOIR: "Magnificat"

Healey Willan

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.
 For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.
 For, behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.
 For He that is mighty hath done to me great things, and holy is His name.
 And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.
 He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imag-
 ination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty
 away.
 He hath holpen His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, as He spake to
 our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

- Luke 1:47-55

LESSON: To us a Child is born

Isaiah 9:1-7

HYMN: "A Great and Mighty Wonder"



1. A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:
 2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
 3. While thus they sing your Mon-arch, These bright angelic bands,
 4. Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
 5. And idol forms shall perish, And error shall decay,



The Virgin bears the Infant With virgin honor pure.
 And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.
 Rejoice, ye vales and mountains, Ye oceans, clap your hands.
 The Infant born in Beth-l'em The Savior and the Lord.
 And Christ shall wield His scepter, Our Lord and God for aye.

Refrain



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men!"

LESSON: The Ruler to be born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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LESSON: Christ, the Son of Man and Son of God

Romans 1:1-7

HYMN: “What Child Is This”

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LESSON: Christ’s coming brings God’s salvation

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

HYMN: “All My Heart Again Rejoices” Sts. 1-7

All:



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
Sweet-est an - gel voic - es. “Christ is born!” their choirs are sing - ing
Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.

All: 2 Forth today the Conqu’ror goeth,
Who the foe, Sin and woe,
Death and hell, o'erthroweth.
God is man, man to deliver;
His dear Son Now is one
With our blood forever.

Men: 3 Shall we still dread God's displeasure,
Who, to save, Freely gave
His most cherished Treasure?
To redeem us, He hath given
His own Son From the throne
Of His might in heaven.

Choir: 4 *Should He who Himself imparted
Aught withhold From the fold,
Leave us broken-hearted?
Should the Son of God not love us,
Who, to cheer Suff’ers here,
Left His throne above us?*

All: 5 If our blessèd Lord and Maker
 Hated men, Would He then
 Be of flesh partaker?
 If He in our woe delighted,
 Would He bear All the care
 Of our race benighted?

Women: 6 He becomes the Lamb that taketh
 Sin away And for aye
 Full atonement maketh.
 For our life His own He tenders
 And our race, By His grace,
 Meet for glory renders.

All: 7 Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
 Soft and sweet, Doth entreat:
 "Flee from woe and danger.
 Brethren, from all ills that grieve you
 You are freed; All you need
 I will surely give you."

LESSON: The birth of Christ announced to Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN: "All My Heart Again Rejoices"

Sts. 8-15

All: 8 Come, then, banish all your sadness,
 One and all, Great and small;
 Come with songs of gladness.
 Love Him who with love is glowing;
 Hail the Star, Near and far
 Light and joy bestowing.

Women: 9 Ye whose anguish knew no measure,
 Weep no more; See the door
 To celestial pleasure.
 Cling to Him, for He will guide you
 Where no cross, Pain, or loss
 Can again betide you.

Choir: 10 *Hither come, ye heavy-hearted,
 Who for sin, Deep within,
 Long and sore have smarted;
 For the poisoned wound you're feeling
 Help is near, One is here
 Mighty for their healing.*

All: 11 Hither come, ye poor and wretched;
 Know His will Is to fill
 Every hand outstretchèd.
 Here are riches without measure;
 Here forget All regret,
 Fill your hearts with treasure.

All: 12 Let me in my arms receive Thee;
On Thy breast Let me rest,
Savior, ne'er to leave Thee.
Since Thou hast Thyself presented
Now to me, I shall be
Evermore contented.

Men: 13 Guilt no longer can distress me;
Son of God, Thou my load
Bearest to release me.
Stain in me Thou findest never;
I am clean, All my sin
Is removed forever.

Choir: 14 *I am pure, in Thee believing,
From Thy store Evermore
Righteous robes receiving
In my heart I will enfold Thee,
Treasure rare, Let me there,
Loving, ever hold Thee.*

All: 15 Dearest Lord, Thee will I cherish.
Though my breath Fail in death,
Yet I shall not perish,
But with Thee abide forever
There on high, In that joy
Which can vanish never.

LESSON: Christ is born in Bethlehem

Luke 2:1-7

CHOIR: "This Night a Wondrous Revelation"

Benjamin M. Culli

*This night a wondrous revelation
Makes known to me God's love and grace;
The Child that merits adoration
Brings light to our benighted race;
And though a thousand suns did shine,
Still brighter were that Light divine.*

*The Sun of Grace for thee is beaming;
Rejoice, my soul, in Jesus' birth!
The light from yonder manger streaming
Sends forth its rays o'er all the earth.
It drives the night of sin away
And turns our darkness into day.*

*This light, which all thy gloom can banish,
The bliss of heaven glorifies;
When sun and moon and stars shall vanish,
Its rays shall still illumine the skies.
This light through all eternity
Thy heaven and all to thee shall be.*

*O Jesus, precious Sun of Gladness,
Fill Thou my soul with light, I pray.
Dispel the gloomy night of sadness
And teach Thou me this Christmas Day
How I a child of light may be,
Aglow with light that comes from Thee.*

- Casper F. Nachtenhöfer, 1624-85
Tr., Anna Hoppe, 1889-1941

LESSON: The angels announce the birth to the shepherds **Luke 2:8-14**

HYMN: “Angels We Have Heard on High” **# 368**

LESSON: The shepherds go to the manger **Luke 2:15-20**

HYMN: “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” **# 386**

SERMON

OFFERING

BELLS: “Love Came Down at Christmas” **arr. Richard Gieseke**
Based on the following poem by Christina Rossetti:

*Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and others,
love for plea and gift and sign.*

Stand

COLLECTS AND LORD’S PRAYER

☐ O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that, as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ Amen.

P O God, You make this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us 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.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn on next page...

During the introduction, the lights are dimmed and the candles lit.



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,
stream from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

The candles are extinguished as the postlude begins.

POSTLUDE: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Wednesday, 25 December, 9:30 A.M.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I bring you good tidings of great *joy*,
which shall be to
all people. For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David a *Saviour*,
which is
Christ the Lord.

➤ Luke 2:10 & 11 ➤