

**A MIDWEEK JOURNEY IN**

**ADVENT**

DECEMBER 06, 2023

*Lessons and Carols*



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## Processional Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City" *LSB 376; cong. sings st. 4-5*

4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His  
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the

own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and  
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in

gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He  
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like

leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.  
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences *Psalms 148*

- P** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
**C** **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**  
**P** Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!  
**C** **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**  
**P** Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.  
**C** **And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope. (*Ps. 130:5*)
- C** **Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.** (*Ps. 107:4-5*)
- P** Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (*Is. 40:31*)
- C** **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.** (*Lam. 3:22-23*)

## Advent Kyrie

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*Kneel/Sit- Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
- C** **Almighty God, we confess that we have turned away from your will for us. We do not follow your commandments and we daily sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We seek to satisfy our own sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**
- P** God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus suffered, died and rose from death for us. Through faith in his name we will have a home in his

presence forever. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Heavenly Father, when the time was right, you fulfilled your promise and sent your Son into the world to be our Savior. Our crucified and risen Lord, who once slept in a humble manger in Bethlehem, has now ascended to rule at your right hand and prepare a place for us. We look forward with joy to the day when he will return in glory to take us to himself forever. Hear our prayer in the name of our Advent King. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**C Amen.**

## *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

### **Lesson I**

*The Fall of Man; Genesis 3:1-13*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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."

**Carol I****"In Adam We Have All Been One"**

LSB 569

1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel-lious man;  
 2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;

We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.  
 Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.

**Lesson II***The Covenant with Abraham; Genesis 22:9-19*

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

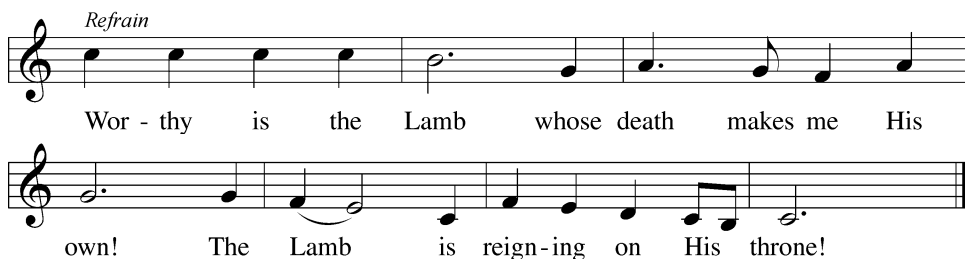
And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

**Carol II****"The Lamb"**

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.



### **Lesson III**

#### *The Prophet Foretells the Coming of the Savior; Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

### **Carol III**

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

*Sleeth; Jr. Chancel*

### **Lesson IV**

#### *The Prophet Foretells the Coming of the Savior- Isaiah 11:1-9*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

### **Carol IV**

"Christ is Coming Soon"

*Ziegenhals; Jr. Chancel*

## Lesson V

*The Annunciation; Luke 1:26-38*

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."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## Carol V

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

*LSB 356*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words on two lines. The first line of the melody has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics for the first line are: "1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came," and "3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;". The second line of the melody has notes: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are: "With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:" and "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said. The third line of the melody has notes: C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half), C3 (half). The lyrics are: "All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y," and "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name." The fourth line of the melody has notes: B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half), C3 (half), B2 (half). The lyrics are: "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a! and "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!".

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

## **Lesson VI**

*Birth of Jesus; Luke 2:1-7*

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.

## **Carol VI**

"Beside Thy Cradle"

*Bach; LHNW Choir*

## **Lesson VII**

*The Shepherds Visit Jesus; Luke 2:8-16*

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 fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a 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.

## **Carol VII**

"The First Noel"

*Pink Zebra; LHNW*

## **Lesson VIII**

*The Wisemen Visit Jesus; Matthew 2:1-12*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:



“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

### **Carol VIII**

*“Where Is He?”*

*Posegate; Combined Choirs*

### **Lesson IX**

*The Word Became Flesh; John 1:1-14*

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. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens 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.

### **Carol IX**

*“Hodie”*

*Bedford; Combined Choirs*

### **Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

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**An Advent Prayer**

**P** Lord Jesus, there was no place for you in Bethlehem's inn, so your first bed was a humble manger in a stable. You laid aside your majesty to take on human flesh, to be born among us for the sake of our salvation. We praise you, Lamb of God, for your redeeming death and resurrection. Lord, we long for our eternal home and so we pray,

**C Come, Lord Jesus!**

**P** Lord Jesus, especially during this Christmas season, fill us with compassion for those who are lonely, for those who cannot get home and for those who have no home. Help us to seek out opportunities to help others, providing them with shelter, food or clothing as they have need. We pray that they might see your love through our service and witness and so come to worship you as their Savior. Lord, we long for our eternal home and so we pray,

**C Come, Lord Jesus!**

**P** Lord Jesus, we give you praise and thanks for our earthly homes, for our families and for all of the gifts that you have given us. Yet with Abraham we too long for another home, a lasting home, the city that has foundations, that heavenly city whose designer and builder is God. We pray that you would come quickly, as you have promised, to take us home. Lord, we long for our eternal home and so we pray,

**C Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Lord's Prayer***Mt. 6:9-11*

**G 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.**

**Advent Benediction**

**P** Jesus said, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."

**C Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"**

**P** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

**C No one comes to the Father except through me."**

**P** Now may the Lord ☩ of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

**C Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



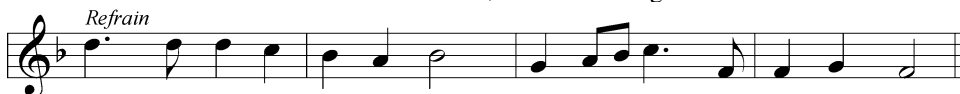
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

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# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

<i>Midweek Advent Services:</i>	<i>12/06, 12/13, 12/20 @ 7pm</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Morning Service:</i>	<i>12/24 @ 9:30am</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Services:</i>	<i>12/24 @ 5pm and 11pm</i>
<i>Christmas Morning Service:</i>	<i>12/25 @ 10am</i>

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