

A Service of Lessons and Carols

PASTORAL GREETING

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way of the Lord

BSLC Choirs with Piano and Violin

Martin

ANTHEM

Emmanuel

Littles Choir with Ukulele Keiko Ying

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ADVENT PRAYER

Pastor:

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, the Son of the living God and Son of David, come. Come now to Your Church that You have purchased with Your blood. Come with Your gracious presence, that we may rejoice in You. Come and rule over us, that we may serve and follow You. Come with Your love, humility, and perfect obedience, and let Your lowliness become our glory. Come into the midst of Your people and bless us. Forgive us our sin, and do not angrily cast away Your servants, for You are meek and gracious. Clothe us with the garment of Your righteousness, for You are the only righteous one and our helper. Satisfy us with the abundance of Your mercy, for You did become poor for our sakes, that by Your poverty we might be made rich. Hear us, Lord Jesus, for the sake of Your holy name.

People: Amen.

Sit

LESSON 1: Genesis 3:8-15

The Curse and Promise in Eden

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

5. Bruise for me the serpent's head

I may cling to You in faith,

6. Then when You will come again

As the glorious king to reign,

Freely ransomed by Your grace.

I with joy will see Your face,

That, set free from doubt and dread,

Safely kept through life and death.

LSB 352:1, 2, 5, 6

- Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
- 2. What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired, What they longed for many_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.

LESSON 2: Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Unto Us a Child is Born

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Children's Choir with Piano and Flute

A Branch From the Root of Jesse

arr. Farnell

LESSON 3: Isaiah 11:1-6, 10

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342

- What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild; The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!
- A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,
 A branch from David's line,
 A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
 The fruit of God's design.

LESSON 4: Micah 5:2-4

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 3. As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss, That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.
- Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
 Lead past the angel's flaming sword— Come, open heaven's door.

Bethlehem in the Land of Judah

ANTHEM

Fantasia on Forest Green Beata Handbells

arr. Larson

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376

- Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for His bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.
- In a manger for His bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

 2. He came down to earth from heaven,
 Who is God and Lord of all.
- 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 mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 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 feels for all our sadness,
 And He shares in all our gladness.

- 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
 Through His own redeeming love;
 For that child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heav'n above;
 And He leads His children on
 To the place where He is gone.
- 5. Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

LESSON 5: Luke 1:26-35

Lector:

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This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Mary Did You Know

The Annunciation to Mary

Adult Bells arr. Page

LESSON 6: Luke 2:1-7 The Birth of Jesus

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

ANTHEM Hope is Born

Youth Choir with Piano arr. Dengler

LESSON 7: Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherds and Angels

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM While Shepherds Watched

Adult Choir arr. Parker

LESSON 8: Matthew 2:1-11 The Magi Worship the King

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Laudate Ringers arr. Moklebust

LESSON 9: John 1:1-14 The Word Became Flesh

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
 At Thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank Thee,
 While Thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death, Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

- 3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
 Bright with Thine own holiness,
 Glorious now, we press toward glory,
 And our lives our hopes confess.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining
 Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
 From the cross forever beameth
 All Thy bright redeeming light.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!
- △ 6. God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.

 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.

 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.

 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

LESSON 10: Revelation 1:1-7; 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Christ Will Come Again

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

ANTHEM Joy to the World

Congregation, Adult Bells, Adult Choir with Organ arr. Moklebust

1. (ALL)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. (WOMEN)

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. (MEN)

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. (ALL)

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

Women: The LORD strong and mighty, Men: the LORD mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: The LORD Almighty – He is the King of glory.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the

beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, we praise You that You comforted Your people with the promise of a

Redeemer. We praise You that in the fullness of time You sent Your Son as the Redeemer. We praise You for the promise that He will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Open our hearts to receive our Redeemer now as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Open our eyes in awareness of His rule in our lives by His grace. Make Advent a blessing to us as we welcome our King in faith and love. We lift up our heads to welcome Him anew. Fill us with gladness as He comes

to us.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

People: Amen.

HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379:1, 2

O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant!
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,
 Light of Light eternal,
 Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
 Son of the Father
 Now in flesh appearing!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Carl Schalk

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 18 8:00am & 10:45am & 6:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:00am (one service only)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Service – 6:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

First Sunday after Christmas Service – 9:00am (one service only)