



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Festival of Lessons & Carols ✠

December 20, 2020

This morning, we hear again the familiar story of the fall, the promise and God's redemption in the English tradition of a Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The worship service follows an order that was written a century ago in 1918 by the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White. He had served as a chaplain in the trenches of World War I, and wanted to comfort his fellow soldiers with the Christmas gospel.

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

The Wexford Carol

Irish Folk Song

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Today we light again the first three candles of the Advent wreath, the candles of Hope, Peace and Joy. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In the St. John's gospel, we find these words:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."—John 13:34-35

Let us pray:

Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior. Amen.

Advent Song

*Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.*

*Our Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.
A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.*

*O Holy Spirit, you appeared As fire and heav'nly dove,
Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love.*

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Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love*



*Please stand
as you are able.*

Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*During the season of
Advent and Christmas,
we will use the
traditional words for
the Lord's Prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

✠ A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols ✠ ***Once in Royal David's City***

*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.*

*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 meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior Holy.
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.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.*

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam
that he has lost the life
of Paradise and that
his seed will bruise the
serpent's head*



P: The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Mary Sabatke

They heard the voice 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. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 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 you gave to be with me, she gave me 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 tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals and among the wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life: I 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." And unto Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; and in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Adam Lay ybounden

Peter Warlock

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter thought he not to, O long;
And all was for an apple, and apple that he to, Ok,
As clerkes finden written in their bo, Ok.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady ybeen heavene Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:
Therefore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.*

Second Lesson

Genesis 22: 15-18

God promises faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.



Third Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2b, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Choral Anthem

Steve Hoyt

The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself have I sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I 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, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ding, Dong, Merrily on High

Barbara Wallace

*Ding dong merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! Verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "I-o, i-o, i-o!" By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Carolyn Hagford

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sing, I Sing, This Blessed Morn

French Folk Song

*Sing O sing this blessed Morn, unto us a child is given;
Unto us a child is born, God himself comes down from heaven.
God with us, Emmanuel, deigns forever now to dwell,
He on Adam's fallen race sheds the fullness of his grace.
God comes down that we may rise, lifted by him to the skies;
Christ is born for us that we born again in him may be.
O, renew us, Lord we pray, with thy Spirit, day by day;
that we ever one may be with the Father, and with thee.*

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

*The prophet Micah
foretells the glory of
little Bethlehem.*

*Please stand
as you are able.*



Please be seated.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel
salutes the Blessed
Virgin Mary.*

David Hagford

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. 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. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, and 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, and he shall be the one of peace.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*All O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Janna Haug

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

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem



Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

The Angel Gabriel

Basque Carol arr. by Richard Shephard

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
All hail, said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!
"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady, Gloria!"
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, to me be as it pleaseth God, she said,
my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name. Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

David Ackerman

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

The Christ Child's Lullaby

Carol McClure

*My love, my joy, my pleasure, oh, My wonder new and pleasure, oh,
My son, my beauty ever, oh, Immanuel, my child, my King.
My little babe, the Lord of all, Your bed shall be a manger stall;
Then, at your feet the world shall fall, Immanuel, my child, my King.
God's angels shall announce your birth, And share the news with songs of mirth,
That God has come to dwell on earth, Immanuel, my child, my King. Alleluia!*



Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go
to the manger.*



*Please stand
as you are able.*

Please be seated

Eric Amann

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, 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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*All Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.*

*Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Offering

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Gospel of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

*St. John unfolds the
great mystery of the
Incarnation.*

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Ballisodare



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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

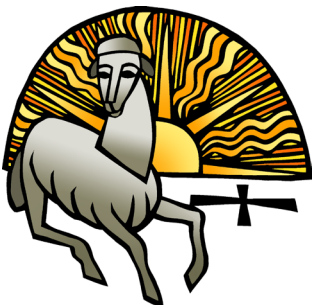
P: Let us pray:

Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever. **Amen.**



Interlude

Collect for Christmas

*Please stand
as you are able*

Benediction



Postlude

Away in a Manger

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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 for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: Amen.

P: May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, + be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain: *Oh come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
on of the Father now in flesh appearing!*

Refrain

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God... In...the .. highest:*

Refrain

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be... glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing*

Prelude to the Te Deum

*Marc Antoine Charpentier (1643 –1704)
arr. Christopher Morris*

*You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.
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WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again —
for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Preacher.....*Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug*
Organist.....*Dr. Kris Rizzoto*
Readers.....*David Ackerman, Eric Amann, David Hagford, Carolyn Hagford, Steve Hoyt, Mary Sabatke*
Celtic Artists*Laura MacKenzie & Andrea Stern*
Trumpet*Ben Alle*
Usher*Linda Nelson*

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion..... Sanctuary</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....Patio/Fellowship Hall</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry.....Zoom</i>
	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA Group.....Sunday School Rooms</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study.....Zoom</i>
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting.....Zoom</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24	4:30 PM	<i>Christmas Eve Family Service..... YouTube</i>
	10:00 PM	<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.....Sanctuary</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25	9:30 AM	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion..... Sanctuary</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Farrell Bergner, the family of **Bruce Hoyt**, **Brian Krinke**, son of Jean Krinke, **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne** and **Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morrell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe; **Peggy Wagner**, friend of the congregation; **Heidi Chadwick**, sister of Cindy Huttner.

Our Saviour's Housing Meals in 2021

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a meal for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, our monthly meals are provided by donation via check, money order, or online. The shelter orders and serves the meal. Suggested donation is \$250. Thrivent members may apply for a Thrivent Action grant which will cover the cost of the meal, and often much needed supplies, in addition.

Thank you to everyone who has provided a meal for the shelter in 2020!

Dave & Mary Goplen have reserved JAN 1, 2021

Please consider providing on...

	MAY 1	SEP 3
FEB 5	JUN 4	OCT 1
MAR 5	JUL 2	NOV 5
APR 2	AUG 6	DEC 3

Check your calendars and choose your month. Reserve by contacting Cheri Moe at 952-431-5226 or moeclana@aol.com.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tommy Nesheim 12.20 Hayden John Nelson 12.20
Lars Olson 12.21 Guthrie Frahm 12.22

The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

End of the year gifts to LOTI must be received by **Thursday, December 31st.**

Christmas Eve Worship

Join us for the

Family Devotional

4:30 PM

[stream](#)

&

Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

10:00 PM

[In-person with reservation](#)

[livestream](#)

Poinsettias

If you ordered a poinsettia, you may take it home after the **10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** or any time the church is open starting **Sunday, December 27th.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A red ribbon graphic with a gold buckle, tied in a bow.



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