
A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

+CHRISTMAS EVE+ 24 DECEMBER 2021+



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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“A Church where God gives and we receive.”

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*Welcome to our traditional Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols!
We are delighted you are joining us for this joyous celebration of our Lord's birth.
We hope you will come back again soon to hear His Word of life and forgiveness.*

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to kneel or stand, and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

Please join us for the following services of our Lord:

Christmas Day Festival Service – tomorrow, December 25th at 10am

Sundays at 10am





Pre-Service Organ Recital

Mr. Jay Rogers, Music Director

I. **A Nativity Suite**

Wilbur Held(1914-2015)

O Come Emmanuel

Silent Night

Shepherds

The Three Kings

Joy to the World

Wilbur Held was a professor at Ohio State University for many years and wrote this piece for his students. It was published by Concordia in 1959 and is still in print. The technical demands are kept modest, but the student is introduced to the many tone colors of the organ, and a number of playing techniques.

II. **The Only Son From Heaven**
Two Settings

Georg Philipp Telemann(1681-1767)

Telemann was perhaps the best-known composer of his time, very popular all over Europe. He was a friend of J. S. Bach and godfather to his son Carl Philipp Emmanuel. Telemann was a highly prolific composer, but his output for organ and keyboard was limited. The two settings of "The Only Son from Heaven " (LSB 402) are typical of his writing. The first is a three-part chorale with the melody played on the pedal with a four-foot stop. The second is a bicinium, a two-part setting with a lively left-hand part, a common style during the Baroque Era.

III. **Where Shepherds Lately Knelt**

Carl P Schalk (1929- 2021) arr. Robert J Powell (b.1932)

Carl Schalk was one of the most influential church musicians of our time. Besides writing a great deal of organ and choral music, he wrote many books and articles on church music in general, and Lutheran music in particular. He also composed many hymn tunes, often in in collaboration with Jaroslav Vajda. This beautiful tune (LSB 369) has been given a wonderful organ setting by Robert J. Powell.

IV. **Puer Nobis Nascitur**

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck(1562-1621)

Sweelinck was the most important organist and pedagogue of his time. He became organist of the Oude Kerk (Old Church) in Amsterdam possibly as early as 1577, although the records are not clear. He was certainly there by 1580, and served there for the rest of his life. He wrote many organ and choral works, and had many pupils, especially from Germany. His pupils developed what became known as the North

German organ style, which eventually culminated with J. S. Bach. Although he was in the Calvinist tradition, he wrote a number of works on Lutheran chorales, which he probably learned from his German pupils.

“Puer Nobis Nascitur” is a very old melody. In LSB it appears as “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (344). Sweelinck uses a variant version of the tune for his setting.

The Oude Kerk is still in existence. However, Sweelinck’s organ was replaced by a “modern” organ in 1726. That instrument is still in use.

V. **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

Charles W Ore (b.1936)

Charles Ore is professor emeritus at Concordia University Seward. He has produced many organ and choral works over the years. In his hymn-based music, he often manipulates the rhythm and melodic lines of the tune so that it is suggested rather than stated outright. Here, Dr. Ore gives us an English-style trumpet tune, with a cheerful ritornello between disguised phrases of the tune.

VI. **Weinachten (Christmas) Op. 145, No. 3**

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Reger was, like Brahms, a “classical romanticist.” He wrote much music, in many forms, but is mostly remembered today for his organ works, which are extensive.

“Weinachten” was written in 1915, at the height of World War I. Reger uses several German carols, including “There Comes a Ship,” “From Heaven Above,” and “Silent Night.”

Reger did not give the piece a specific program, but it is not hard to imagine the mysterious opening section representing the various tensions and intrigues which led to war, the middle section, which builds to full organ, the outbreak of conflict, and the final section the arrival of the Christ Child bringing respite. (This could be a reference to the Christmas Truce of 1914.)

This final section, in which Reger combines “From Heaven Above” with “Silent Night,” surely ranks among the most beautiful passages in all music.



A Service of Lessons and Carols

Rise and face the Cross for the procession.

Processional Hymn

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

C Alleluia.

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

There will be time for silent prayers after each bid.

P I welcome you, on behalf of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We have come together as the family of God, in our Father's presence, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. In this service which has become a Christmas Eve tradition here at The Good Shepherd, we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols and in prayer.

In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit, as you are able.

Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

Let us pray all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Let us pray our Lord God that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel.

Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church.

Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians.

Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation.

Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will.

Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.**

Sit

Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

² 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

Hymn Response

377 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
 made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
 in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then
 sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an-gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
 life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 sing, All for to see the new - born King.
 men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

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Reading

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And

behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He 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, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And 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. ³⁶And 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.

³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And 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.

Hymn Response

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 “To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 “My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

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Reading

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*14"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Hymn Response

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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!



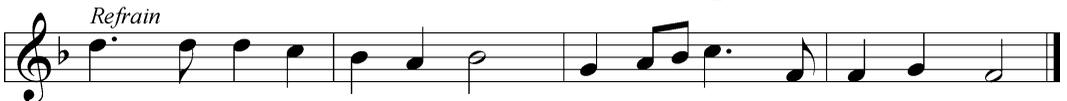
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



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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Reading

John 1:1-4

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.



Hymn Response

368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

Offering will be collected in the Narthex after service.

During the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" on the facing page, the ushers will go to the chancel and light their candles from the pastor's candle.

They will then light members of the congregation's candles.

Please tip your unlighted wick to the flame to prevent wax from spilling. Once your candle has been lit, remain standing.



Hymn

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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Prayer

P O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known 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 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Hymn

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, born! Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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You may now extinguish your candles.

The Prayers

P Mercifully hear, O Lord, the prayers of Your people, that, as we rejoice in the birth and first advent of Your Only-begotten Son, so when He comes a second time in majesty, we may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Glory to God in the Highest!**

P O God, who gladdens us with the yearly remembrance of our redemption, grant that we who now joyfully receive Your Only-begotten Son as our Redeemer may also behold Him without fear when He comes as our Savior and Judge, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Glory to God in the Highest!**

P Most merciful God, who has given Your eternal Word to be made incarnate of the pure Virgin, grant to Your people grace to put away fleshly desires that so we may be ready for Your visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. **Glory to God in the Highest!**

The Blessing

P He who by His incarnation gathered into one all earthly things and heavenly things, fill you with His peace and light. The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, **✝** Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with you, this night and always.

C Amen!

Sit

Hymn

387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Postlude

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Franklin D Ashdown(b. 1942)

Franklin D. Ashdown, in addition to being an organist and composer, is also a licensed physician. He lives in Alamogordo, New Mexico, where he serves in the Latter Day Saints Church.

You will probably find the melody of this setting unfamiliar. It is an English folk tune that was adapted by Sir Arthur Sullivan for “It Came upon the Midnight Clear.” It is common in England, and is found in some American Hymnals. Ashdown has given it a dramatic setting.

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The Birth of the Good Shepherd Is Proclaimed to the Shepherds

The first ones to visit the infant Lord Jesus are lowly shepherds (Luke 2:15–20), for Christ came that the last may be first and that the humble may be exalted. Furthermore, Jesus Himself came to be a shepherd, the Good Shepherd who would lay down His life for the sheep. *“He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord”* (Micah 5:2–5). The babe in the manger whom the shepherds worship is He *“whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”* For in Christ Jesus, conceived and born of Mary, *“the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared”* (Titus 3:4). Like Mary, let us keep and ponder in our hearts these things that God has revealed to us through His Word. And like the shepherds, let us glorify and praise God for all the things we have heard and seen in Christ His Son.

A Prayer on Christmas Eve

O God, as You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech You, that we who have known the mysteries of that Light here on earth may come to the fullness of Its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

