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# A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

## +CHRISTMAS EVE + 24 DECEMBER 2022+

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# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“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.  
The Service of Lessons and Carols begins on page 5.*

**We welcome you to join us tomorrow morning for worship at 10am for the  
Christmas Festival!**





# Pre-Service Organ Recital

Mr. Jay Rogers, Music Director



## I. *Fantasy in C Major*

*Cesar Franck (1822-1890)*

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Cesar Franck, among the most important composers of the late Nineteenth Century. He wrote in many forms, and his only Symphony has become a staple of the orchestral repertoire.

He was organist at St. Clotilde, Paris for many years and his organ works were written for the magnificent Cavaille-Coll organ, which still exists.

The Fantasy in C Major begins with a chorale-like section played on the foundation stops. This is followed by an Aria on the trompette stop. Many American organs possess a single trumpet which is very loud and aggressive. However, the French style Trompette, while penetrating, was somewhat milder and rounder in tone. Fortunately, the Reuter Organ Company provided Good Shepherd with a Trompette which, if not exactly what CC had in mind is close enough to successfully render this lovely melody. The Aria is followed by a brief fanfare-like section, using the reed chorus starting with the swell box closed, an effect known as “caged rage.”

The final section utilizes the Voix Humaine stop. Often this stop has its own tremulant, to further imitate the human voice. In this case the swell tremulant is used, to bring the piece to a quiet ending.

## II. *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

*Dale Wood (1934-2003)*

Dale Wood spent most of his career in the Bay Area, working mostly in Episcopal churches. He wrote many organ and choral works, and a number of hymn tunes. “Shepherd’s Pipe Carol” is an original work, not based on any existing carol. It features contrasting flutes on two manuals.

## III. *Lo, How a Rose*

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

Brahms turned to the organ for his final work, the Eleven Chorale Preludes. This setting of “Lo, How a Rose” is probably the best-known. The melody is highly ornamented, being almost unrecognizable, while the hands alternate between two manuals.

IV. ***In Dulci Jubilio***

*Paul Manz (1929-2009)*

Paul Manz gives us a spirited version of this carol, with a countermelody which borrows a phrase from “Blow the Man Down.” The middle section is played on soft strings, with the pedal at 32’ and 16’ only. This gives a dark rumbling effect to the bass line.

V. ***In the Bleak Mid-Winter***

*David Lasky (b. 1957)*

David Lasky is Director of Music and Organist at St. Cecelia’s Roman Catholic Church in Leominster, Massachusetts. He gives us a brief but beautiful setting of Gustav Holst’s wonderful melody. For reasons best known to the editors, this carol has never found its way into an LCMS hymnal. It can be found in the current ELCA hymnal, but that is its first appearance there, also.

VI. ***Cold December Flies Away***

*Roberta Rowland-Raybold (b. 1938)*

Roberta Rowland-Raybold is Minister of Music at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

“Cold December Flies Away” is a Catalonian carol, dating from at least the 18th century. (A number of French composers treated the melody.) It can be found in Lutheran Worship but has been removed from LSB. Rowland-Raybold’s setting treats the song as an ornamented aria, after a simple statement of the melody.

VII. ***Berceuse Paraphrase***

*George Baker (b. 1951)*

George Baker is an adjunct professor at SMU and a licensed dermatologist. He has many publications to his credit. The “Berceuse Paraphrase” is based on “Away in a Manger.” (“Berceuse” means a lullaby.) Under a background of rich chords, he twists and turns the melody in many ways, often suddenly changing to an unexpected note. Near the end he introduces the alternate melody, “Cradle Song,” as a duet with the original melody. “Away in a Manger” was once known as “Luther’s Cradle Hymn,” but since both the melody and text date from the 19th Century, the association with Luther seems to be the fantasy of some music editor.



# 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!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.  
Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786  
Text and tune: Public domain

## 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

*LSB 241*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

*Sit*

### Reading

*Isaiah 9:2, 6–7*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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."

Text and tune: English  
 Text and tune: Public domain



**Birth of Jesus Foretold**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>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.

**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!

Text: para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924  
Text and tune: Basque, c. 18th cent

## Reading

*Luke 2:1–20*

### The Birth of Jesus Christ

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

### The Shepherds and the Angels

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

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And 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!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.  
Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–47  
Text and tune: Public domain



## Reading

John 1:1-4

### The Word Became Flesh

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In 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 - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.

Text and tune: French

Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

*Offering will be collected after service in the back of the church.*

*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.*

# 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!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93  
Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908  
Text and tune: Public domain

# 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

*Rejoice*

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

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85  
 Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787–1863  
 Text and tune: Public domain

*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!

### Hymn to Depart

### 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  
 ploy, 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Postlude

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*John Behnke (b. 1953)*

John Behnke is Professor Emeritus at Concordia University Wisconsin. He has here given us an interesting setting of “Hark the Herald” featuring the Trumpet stop of the Great Organ.

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