

Lessons & Carols

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First Lutheran Church

December 28, 2025

1 Christmas

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

IRBY

Robert A. Hobby

Once in Royal David's City

(Please stand)

GATHERING SONG

Once in Royal David's City

ELW # 269



SOLP Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
WOMEN He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
MEN And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
ALL Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

DIALOGUE

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**C: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

**C: we have beheld Christ's glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

OPENING PRAYER

L: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

R: A reading from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW # 272



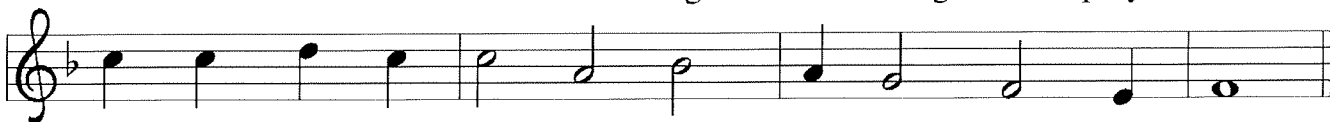
SOLO1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 MEN2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 WOMEN This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 ALL 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

SECOND READING

MICAH 5:2-5A

R: A reading from Micah, the fifth chapter.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in 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,

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol

It Came upon a Midnight Clear

ELW # 282



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

R: A reading from Luke, the first chapter.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² 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. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ 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. ³⁸ 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.

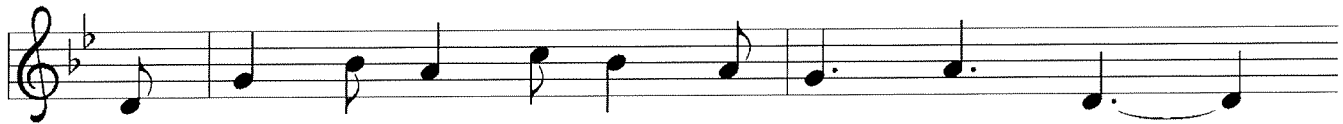
R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

ELW # 265



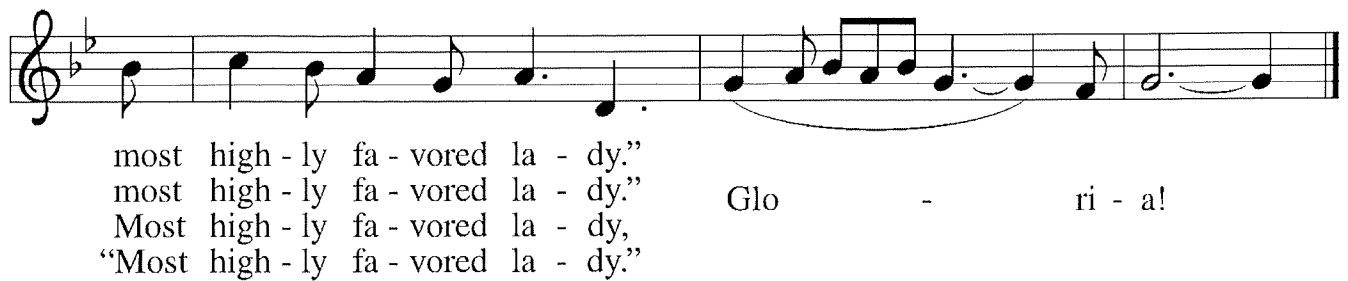
ALL 1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
WOMEN "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
MEN 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
ALL 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



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:



Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
 Music: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE, Basque carol

FOURTH READING

LUKE 2:1-7

R: A reading from Luke, the second chapter.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo

I Wonder as I Wander
 Elijah Shiley, bass

John Jacob Niles

FIFTH READING

LUKE 2:8-16

R: A reading from Luke, the second chapter.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW # 275



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

SIXTH READING

LUKE 2:21-35

R: A reading from Luke, the second chapter.

²¹ When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child, and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. ²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

That Boy-Child of Mary

ELW # 293



ALL That boy - child of Mar - y was born in a sta - ble,



a man - ger his cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.



Cantor What shall we call him, child of the man - ger?

ALL His name is Je - sus, God ev - er with us,

Women How can he save us, how can he help us,

ALL Gift of the Fa - ther, to hu - man moth - er,



What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem?

God giv - en for us in Beth - le - hem.

born here a - mong us in Beth - le - hem?

makes him our broth - er in Beth - le - hem.

MEN 5 One with the Father,
he is our Savior,
heaven-sent helper
in Bethlehem.

ALL 6 Gladly we praise him,
love and adore him,
give ourselves to him
in Bethlehem.

R: A reading from Matthew, the second chapter.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

What Child Is This

ELW # 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

EIGHTH READING

MATTHEW 2:13-18

R: A reading from Matthew, the second chapter.

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."
¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt
¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."
¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL

Coventry Carol



Women: 1 O sis - ters too, how may we do
 Men: 2 Her - od the King, in his ra - ging
 ALL: 3 That woe is me, poor child for thee!

for to pre - serve this day this poor young -
 charg-ed he hath his day his men of
 And ev - ery morn and day, for thy part -

ling for whom we sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?
 might, in his own sight, all young chil-dren to slay.
 ing nor say nor sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay.

Lul - ly, lul - lay, thou lit-tle tin - y child,
 bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay.

NINTH READING

JOHN 1:1-14

R: A reading from John, the first chapter.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ 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.

CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten

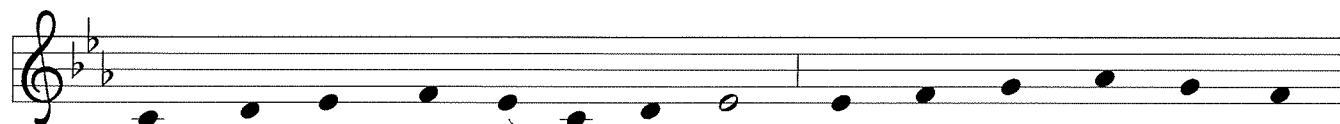
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Cantor Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 MEN 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 Women This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 Cantor Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 ALL 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

SUSSEX CAROL

Richard Lind

On Christmas Night

(Please stand)

OFFERING SONG

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

ELW # 297



Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won-der-ful child.



Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and



mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.



Lis-ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,



glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring!

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of glory,
great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Celebrating the news of Christ's birth,
let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: God of grace, you show us mercy not according to our worthiness,
but according to the abundance of your steadfast love.
Grant us the courage to go into the world and do likewise.

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of abundance,
the sun and moon praise you and the shining stars sing of your love.

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of life, you claim us as your own and care for us as Christ's siblings.
Pour out your compassion in every place your people suffer,
and protect them in the palm of your hand. We pray especially for . . .

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of compassion, you nurture children as the apple of your eye.
As you sheltered your son Jesus from Herod's grasp, shelter all children.
As you comforted Rachel, comfort all who have lost children.

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of love, you console those who weep for lost beloved ones.
Even as we mourn, we offer thanks for those who have gone before us,
trusting in your comfort and protection.

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you,
O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us prayer, as the Christ Child has taught us:

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.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us, bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

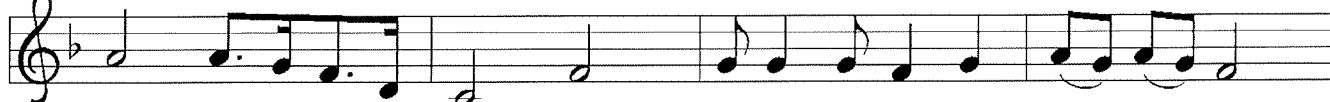
C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW # 290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

DISMISSAL

AM: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

L: Go in peace.

AM: Share the gift of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

GO TELL IT

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Richard Elliott

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	Dec 28
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	Dec 29
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Dec 30
<u>Wednesday</u>	Dec 31
<u>Thursday</u>	Jan 1
<u>Friday</u>	Jan 2
<u>Saturday</u>	Jan 3



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



January 25, 2026
After Service

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Jan 4
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	Jan 5
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Jan 6
<u>Wednesday</u>	Jan 7
7:00 PM	Worship & Music
<u>Thursday</u>	Jan 8
<u>Friday</u>	Jan 9
<u>Saturday</u>	Jan 10

The Poinsettia Dedication
Bulletin can be found
On the table in the lobby.



Poinsettias may be taken
home any time after this
week's service.



December Monthly Scroll
along with Jan-March 2026 Portals
of Prayer are now available on the
lobby table

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the
Information Board in the hallway. The time is
before and after Church Service. Approximately 4
dozen cookies are needed each week.



End of Year GIVING Statements

If you would like an End of Year Giving Statement.

Please sign the Sheet on the Information Board or let the office know.

Due to the amount of statements not picked up last year, these will not be automatically printed for everyone.

We will be happy to print a statement for anyone who still would like to have one.

This year we are starting a new procedure for ordering the Altar Flowers.

We can no longer send out an invoice for payment reminder, so instead we are asking for payment using the new Altar Flower Envelopes.

- 1) Pick the date that you want to reserve as a dedication.**
- 2) Fill out the Altar Flower Envelope with the information requested and place money into envelope.**
- 3) Return it with the offering collection or bring to the office and/or leave in basket.**



A Quick Reminder

As we enter the winter months, please be mindful of the weather.

Under a Level 3 Snow emergency there will be no worship services and the office will be closed.

Under a Level 2, we may opt to cancel services and close the office, depending on the situation.

Notifications will be sent via email and broadcast on WTTF.

**Radio: WTTF (93.3 FM) TV: WTOL (channel 11, CBS) TV:
WNOW (channel 24, NBC)
TV: WTVG (channel 13, ABC)**

(If you have any questions, please contact the office)

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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