



A Service of

Lessons and Carols

December 8, 2019

Lutheran Chapel Church Chancel Choir

Reader: Rev. Michael C. Comer

Lessons and Carols for 2019
Lessons contained in The Holy Bible (NKJV)
Pastor Michael C. Comer

*Please stand for all hymns to honor Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Lighting of the Advent Candles

He Came Down

The musical score for 'He Came Down' is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the final verse and the concluding phrase 'hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.' The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and rests. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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The Offering

Confession:

P: Examine your thoughts, your words and deeds. Let us take them to the foot of the cross.

Congregation kneels.

P: Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in Your presence as Your children. We have sinned.

C: Forgive and heal us.

P: The Virgin Mary accepted Your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: Your Son, our Savior was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of Your ways. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek You. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to Himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Processional Hymn: Once in Royal David's City Gauntlett (1806-76) Harm: Mann (1850-1929)
1st vs. solo Will Clark

C. F. Alexander

Once In Royal David's City

H. J. Gauntlett
Harmonized by: A. H. Mann

Solo 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a
Choir 2. He came down to earth - from hea - ven Who is
Choir 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would
Choir 4. For He is our child-hood's pat - tern, Day by
Choir 5. And our eyes at last - shall see Him, Through His
Congregation 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, And His
hon - our and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en, In whose
day like us He grew, He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and
own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see Him; but in heav - en, Set at

man - ger for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall; With the poor and mean and
gen - tle arms He lay; Chris - tian chil - dren all must
smiles like us He knew; And He feel - eth for our
Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren
God's right hand on high, Where like stars His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
be Mild, o - be - dient, good as He.
sad - ness, And He shar - eth in our glad - ness.
on To the place where He is gone.
crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

Introduction/Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2,6,7 The Prophecy of the Messiah's Birth

P: Lord, our God, on the first day of creation You made the light that scatters all darkness. Let Christ, the light of lights, hidden from all eternity, shine at last on Your people and free us from the darkness of sin. Fill our lives with joy as we go to welcome Your Son at His coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

C: Amen.



Hymn: **Lost In the Night** ELW 243

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Lost in the Night

LOST IN THE NIGHT
Finnish folk tune

Nordic hymn;
tr. Olav Lee, 1859-1943, alt.

1. Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,
2. Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?
3. Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,
4. Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;

long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,
Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,
dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,
riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,

plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.
giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?
earth's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ing.
bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.

Will not day come soon?
Will You help us soon?
Christ is com - ing soon!
Come and save us soon!

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Come and save us soon!

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Anthem: **The People Who In Darkness Walked** David W. Music b. 1949

Second Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 The Annunciation to Mary

P: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Savior, fill us with Your grace, that in all things we may embrace Your holy will and with her rejoice in Your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Hymn: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW 265

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

Basque Carol
arr. C. Edgar Pettman, 1865-1943
and John Wickham

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

wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes — as flame: — "All
gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee; — thy
me be as it pleas - eth God," she said, — "My
Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn, — and

hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y, — most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, — most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name." Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: — "Most high - ly fa - vored la - day."

Glo - ri - a!

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Anthem: There Is A Flower John Rutter, b. 1945 arr. & accmp. R. Myers, b 1956

Third Reading: Luke 2: 1-7 The birth of Jesus

P: (Going to manger in chancel near altar) Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness You humbled Yourself to be born among us and were laid in a manger. Let the light of Your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of Your beauty, for You are now alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime ELW 284

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Jean de Brebeuf, 1593-1649
tr. Jesse E. Middleton, 1872-1960, alt.

Une Jeune Pucelle
French Folk Tune, c. 16th cent.

All 1. 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time when all the birds had fled, that
Women only 2. With in a lodge of bro-ken bark the ten-der Babe was found; a
Men only 3. The ear-liest moon of win-ter-time is not so round and fair as
All 4. O chil-dren of the for-est free, the an-gel-song is true; the

God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -
rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped His beau - ty round; but
was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The
Ho - ly Child of Earth and Heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,

fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:
as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high—
chiefs from far be - fore Him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.
kneel be - fore the rad - iant Boy, who brings you beau - ty, eace, and joy.

Je - sus your King is born! Je - sus is born, in ex - cel-sis glo - ri - a!

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Edward Caswall, 1817-1878

John Goss, 1800-1880
arr. David Willcocks, 1919-2015
simp. arr./ed. R. Myers

1. See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years;
Hail, thou everblessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
2. Lo, within a manger lies He Who built the starry skies;
He Who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim;
Hail, thou everblessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?
Hail, thou everblessed morn! Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
4. "As we watched in dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing 'Peace on earth' Told us of the Savior's birth."
Hail, thou everblessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
5. Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!
Hail, thou everblessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Congregation

6. Teach, O teach us, Ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee, In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty;
Hail, thou ev - ver - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!
Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

Fourth Reading: Luke 2: 8-16 The shepherds go to the manger

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth; accept our heartfelt praise as we worship You, our Savior and our eternal God.

C: Amen.

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Nahum Tate, 1625-1715

Winchester Old
melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592
harmony from Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is
4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to
5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap -
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high and

3
seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
seized their trou - bled mind; "Glad tid - ings of the
born of Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, Who great
hu - man view dis - played, all the mean - ly wrapped is
peared a shin - ing throng of an - gels prais - ing
on the earth be peace; good will hence - forth from

6
Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
— Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid.
God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

Anthem: The Shepherds Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

Anthem: Go, Tell It On the Mountain arr. Lloyd Larson

Fifth Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 Wise men are led by the star to Jesus

P: Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn: **The Only Son from Heaven** ELW 309

The Only Son from Heaven

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Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500-1535;
tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-1874, alt.

HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN
Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

1. The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
2. Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
3. A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,
4. O Fa - ther, here be - fore You with God the Ho - ly Ghost,

3
by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the King a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin born,
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,
and Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel - host;

5
No sphere His light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly shin - ing
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be - fore us
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en prov - ing,
be - fore You mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

7
as He, our Morn - ing Star.
and bring us life a - gain.
may reap its full - ness there.
O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Anthem: **How Shall We Approach This Wonder** Carl Schalk, b. 1929
simp. arr./ed. R. Myers

Gospel Acclamation:

P: Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory.

C: Alleluia.

Sixth Reading: John 1: 1-14 The Incarnation of the Word of God

Anthem: The Word Was God Rosephanye Powel, b. 1962

Anthem: God So Loved the World Bob Chilcott, b. 1955

Blessing: (Congregation kneels)

P: May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon us. May Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill us with joy and peace. May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the Godbearer, give us grace to carry the news of Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us now and always.

C: Amen.



Recessional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW 283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786
tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802/1880 sts. 1, 3-4
tr. unknown st. 2

attr. John Francis Wade

Unison 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
SATB 2. The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal, —
Unison & Descant 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —
Unison 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; —

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold Him,
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes; Son of the Fa - ther
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove! Glo - ry to God —
Je - su, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n! Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels,
now in flesh a - pear - ing!
in the high - est: O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
now in flesh a - pear - ing:

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

PARISH NEWS

WHAT IS THE ADVENT WREATH? In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer. Bible studies for each Advent word are provided in the narthex (source: BibleProject.org; Presbyterianmission.org).

SERVING AT LCC: The Worship and Music committee is in the process of setting up the Communion Assistants and Presenters for 2020. If you would like to be added to the list, please let us know by indicating on the **yellow insert** as to how you would like to serve or you can call Patsy Lindler at (704) 460-3229. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Items for the care bags include: Gospel tract, referral list, small water bottles, Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruits such as raisins, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush, deodorant, socks. If you would like to help, please give such items in the box located in the educational building outside the church office. Our Outreach team or youth will assemble as gifts are received.

LCC CONTRIBUTIONS: It's time to get your 2019 Church Contributions up-to-date. If you have not paid for your 2019 Altar Flowers, please see the church office. (Cost of flowers is \$55.00.)

LADIES NIGHT CHRISTMAS BANQUET: The men of the church are happy to sponsor our Ladies Night entertainment and dinner on **Saturday, December 14th at 6 PM in the Family Life Center**. We are very excited to have as our entertainment this year, Cantamos which is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel through sacred and contemporary Christian music. Presently the choir has 18 active members that donate their time and talent to this outreach ministry, made up of volunteers from several churches in the Hickory, Taylorsville, Statesville, Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis areas. Cantamos has sung for over 10,000 in various venues, including churches, conventions, and organizations throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Concerts have also been given at Lenoir Rhyne Grace Chapel as well as the Biltmore House at Christmas for the past four years. Cantamos has been rehearsing at Lutheran Chapel for the last few years, and greatly appreciates our hospitality. We are honored to have them sing for our Ladies Night this year. *Tickets are on sale now!*

LADIES NIGHT DOOR PRIZES: Please consider donating a door prize for our annual Ladies Night Banquet that will be held on Saturday, December 14th in the Family Life Center. It will be most appreciated!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Christmas program will take place Sunday, **December 15 during the 10:30 worship service**. (A dress rehearsal will be held during Sunday School.) *Lunch will be provided afterwards for the entire congregation. SAVE THE DATE!!!*

GIRL'S NIGHT: All ladies of the church are invited to the home of Katherine Sanders on Tuesday, **December 17th at 7pm**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and a gift (no more than \$20) to share. Looking forward to a night of good food and fellowship. Please contact Amy Carpenter or Katherine Sanders for more information.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: All are invited to a Christmas concert and singing at the home of Pastor Peter and Nancy Homovich (1293 White Pond Dr., Gastonia) on **Saturday, December 21** from 7:00 to 9:00. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket!

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD (Psalm 1:2). A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The *"Our Daily Bread"* devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Jerry Fogle, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Jeff Coffey, Amelia Edwards, Heath Hasket, Michael Hobbs, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Emmalyn Reeder, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Sharon Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Betty Webb, Dana Williams, Hannah Wilson, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 50: DECEMBER 8, 2019 to DECEMBER 15, 2019

Sun-8 Morning Reading: 3 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 8, 9, 10
Mon-9 Morning Reading: Jude—Evening Reading: Daniel 11, 12
Tue-10 Morning Reading: Revelation 1—Evening Reading: Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4
Wed-11 Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8
Thur-12 Morning Reading: Revelation 3—Evening Reading: Hosea 9, 10, 11
Fri-13 Morning Reading: Revelation 4—Evening Reading: Hosea 12, 13, 14
Sat-14 Morning Reading: Revelation 5—Evening Reading: Joel
Sun-15 Morning Reading: Revelation 6—Evening Reading: Amos 1, 2, 3

Song Of Praise *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* ELW #249

Next Sunday, DECEMBER 15, 2019:

8:30 Service: Holy Communion ~ Revelation 14:1-5, 12-13 ~ *"Endurance of Saints to the End"*

10:30 Service: **Children's Christmas Program** ~ Matthew 11:2-11 ~ *"Ransomed"*

This **QR code** goes straight to the Daily Prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

Sun-8	9:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15 am	Opening for Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Service of Lessons & Carols and Congregational Meeting
	11:45 am	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal with lunch
	4:00 pm	Wind Ensemble
	5:00 pm	Roots Youth Group
	5:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	6:00 pm	Open Gym
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:30 pm	Roots Meal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-9	8:30 am	Preschool
	9:00 am	Dirty Collar Workers
Tue-10	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:30 am	Clothing Closet Work Day
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:45 pm	Hand Bells
	7:00 pm	Advent Prayer Service
	7:45 pm	Chapel Voices
Thur-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut)
Fri-13	All Day	Set-up for Ladies Night Christmas Banquet (Family Life Center & Kitchen)
Sat-14	6:00 pm	Ladies Night Christmas Banquet (Family Life Center)

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.