

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



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



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.



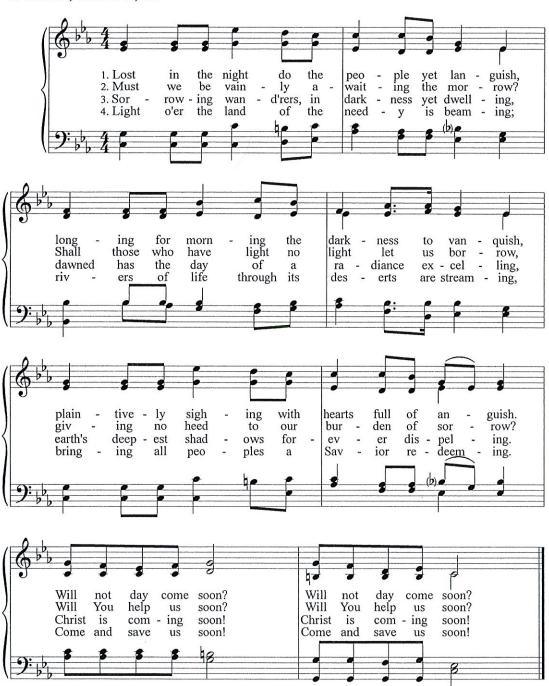
Hymn: Lost In the Night ELW 243

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Lost in the Night

LOST IN THE NIGHT Finnish folk tune

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



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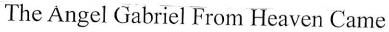
Anthem: The People Who In Darkness Walked David W. Music b. 1949

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



para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924 Basque Carol arr. C. Edgar Pettman, 1865-1943 and John Wickham 1.The gel an Ga bri - el from heav came, 2."For know a bless ed moth thou shalt be, all 3.Then gen tle Mar у meek bowed her head; her, Em - man el, Christ, was born wings as drift ed snow, with flame: "ÁII gen a tions laud hon or thee; thy me as pleas eth God, she said. "My Beth hem all Christ mas morn, hail to thee, 0 maid - en low - ly most high-ly fa-vored la Son shall be Em man - u el, by seers fore told, high-ly fa-vored la name." most shall laud mag - ni - fy God's ho Most high-ly fa-vored la Chris - tian folk through - out the world "Most say: high-ly fa-vored la Ġlo

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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.



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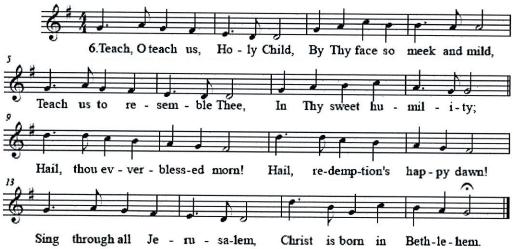
See Amid the Winter's Snow

Edward Caswall, 1817-1878

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

- 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.
- Lo, within a manger lies He Who built the starry skies;
 He Who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim;
 Hail, thou everblessed mom! 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 Saviors'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.





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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



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



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

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

attr. John Francis Wade attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786 tr. Frederick Oakeley, 18021880 sts. 1, 3-4 tr. unknown st. 2 faith - ful, ho - ly, an - gels, greet Thee, joy - ful and tri - um -light of light e - ter -sing in ex - ul - ta -Unison 1.0 1.O come, all ye 2.The high - est, most SATB nal,_ Unison & Descant 3. choirs of Sing, tion,_ Unison 4. Lord, we born this hap - py Yea, morn - ing;_ Beth come and be - hold Him, come O ye to le - hem; mor - tal born of He comes; of the Fa - ther a vir - gin, a Son cit - i - zens of heav - en sing, all ye a - bove! Glo - ry God_ to Word of su, to glo ry giv'n! the Thee be. Fa - ther, Refrain born the King of an pear - ing! high - est: flesh a come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us now in flesh a - pear - ing: the Lord! dore Him, Christ. dore Him, O come, let us a

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

Song Of Praise

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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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"



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.