



Lessons & Carols for Christmas



Family Service
on
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The service of Nine Lessons and Carols is a traditional English Christmas service. Tonight we will follow the pattern of King's College Chapel in Cambridge, which has been a standard since 1918.

Stand

PROCESSIONAL CAROL: Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376:1–2

CHRISTMAS ADDRESS

BIDDING PRAYER

P These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne in heaven, in words which Christ Himself has taught us;

C **LORD'S PRAYER**

P The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

C **Amen.**

INVITATORY CAROL: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380:1–2

Sit

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8–19

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

CAROL: O Sing of Christ

LSB 362:1–2

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15–18

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL: Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367:1–3

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

CAROL: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366:1–2

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–10

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

CAROL: Joy to the World

LSB 387:1–3

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The lights in the sanctuary are dimmed. The congregation turns on small electric lights.

CAROL: Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

CAROL: Away in a Manger

LSB 364

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8–16

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The lights in the sanctuary are turned on. The congregation turns off small electric lights.

CAROL: Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

CAROL: What Child Is This

LSB 370

Stand

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1–14

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

CAROL: Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384:1–2, 5

P The Lord be with you,

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

P Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✝ Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379:1–2

Minister: Rev. Dr. George Kirkup

Organist: Doreen Leonard

Readers: Nathanael Kirkup, Doreen Leonard, Lennox Debra, Rev. David Anglin

Acolyte: Jameson Moody

Poinsettia Dedications

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias to decorate the altar this Christmas. Please take your plants home after 11PM Christmas Eve service or in succeeding weeks. They will be removed after our celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord on January 5, 2025

Given by

*Arlene Stuzen
Barbara Roth*

Elaine Kohler

Susan Bieler

Linda McAvey

Carolyn & Timothy Trimborn

Beth & Joe Sagerstrand

Evelyn & Michael Schroeder

Lori Connelly

Stacey Alborano

Marlene Countiss

Barbara Ciniglio

Marilyn Mazeski

Carol Ciccio

Joan Wolff

Sally & Paul Cataldo and Family

Dedication

In memory of Barbara Rogers

In memory of Ryan Joseph Putter

In memory of Diane Kauff Boyle

In memory of Cressy Kauff & Wilbur Kauff

In memory of Howie, Joan & Helen Hansen

In memory of Joy Losgar

In memory of John F. McAvey

In memory of all our loved ones

In memory of loved ones

In memory of K & P Spengler

In memory of K & G Schroeder

In memory of Traudi Schroeder

In memory of James W. Connelly

In memory of Lorraine & Harold Webber

In memory of our daughter

Madison Elizabeth Alborano

In memory of Leanna McNaughton

In memory of loved ones

In celebration of our Savior's birth

In memory of Doris & Kenneth Busch

and Ralph Ciccio

In memory of Daniel Wolff

In memory of Lillian & Peter Cataldo

In memory of Julia & Sam Lundy

In memory of James Moran & Mike Dove

December 25 th	Divine Service (Christmas Day)	10:00AM (WC)
December 29 th	Divine Service (Christmas 1)	10:00AM (BC)
January 5 th	Divine Service (Epiphany)	9:00 & 11:00AM (BC)
January 5 th	New Years' Brunch	10:00AM (SB)
January 11 th	Removal of Christmas Decorations	10:00AM (BC)

Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes there is a sign-up sheet to indicate that desire.