

LESSONS & CAROLS



Saint John's Lutheran Church
December 10, 2023 | 4:00 PM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"
(John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. We worship every Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 AM and we hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God.

Festival Music 2023-2024: Please join us for all our special music and concert offerings. Duo Organ Concert featuring Christopher and Brian Harlow-Jennings on Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 PM. Choral Vespers for Eastertide will be on Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 PM.

115th Anniversary: Today we are celebrating the 115th Anniversary of the founding of our congregation. We give thanks for the faithful witness of those who came before and look forward to the future trusting in God's grace. Join us after today's service for a festive reception in Hinman Hall.

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

INTROIT Matins Responsory

G.P. da Palestrina

I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
 Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
 High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
 Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.
 Tell us, art thou he that should come?
 Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
 Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
 – Words translated from the *First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins*

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Solo	1	O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Choir	2	O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
All	3	O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
All	4	O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Upper	5	O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. <i>Refrain</i>	Lower	7	O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. <i>Refrain</i>
All	6	O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. <i>Refrain</i>	All	8	O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. <i>Refrain</i>

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:1–19

David New, *youth member*

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The Lord GOD said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers, he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to the man he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

CAROL Adam Lay Ybounden

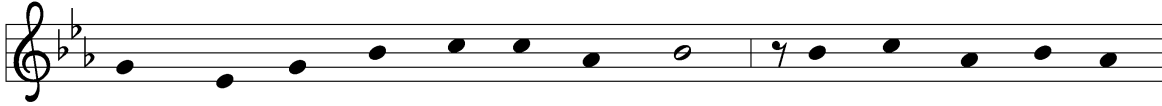
Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkës finden written in their book.
Nor had one apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Then had never Our Lady a-been heaven’s queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we may singen *Deo gratias!*

– Anonymous 15th Century English

Please stand.

HYMN ELW 245 Creator of the Stars of Night



All 1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
Left Side 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
Right Side 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
All 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
All 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
from all as - saults of our dread foe.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV
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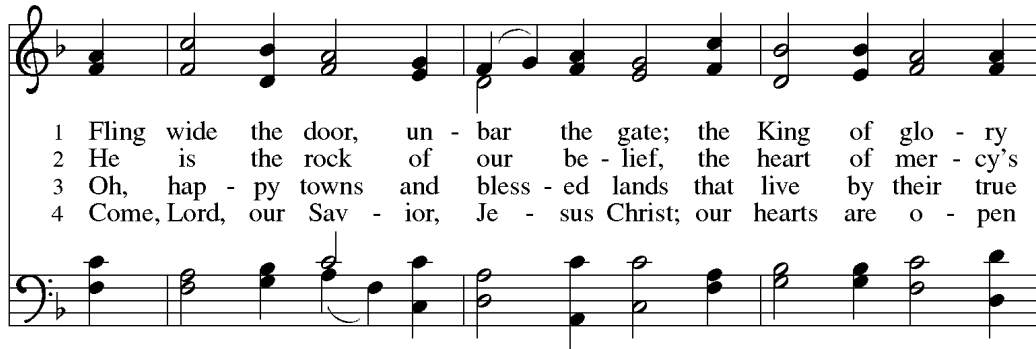
SECOND LESSON Isaiah 64:1–9a

Jessica Sherman, *member of the Choir*

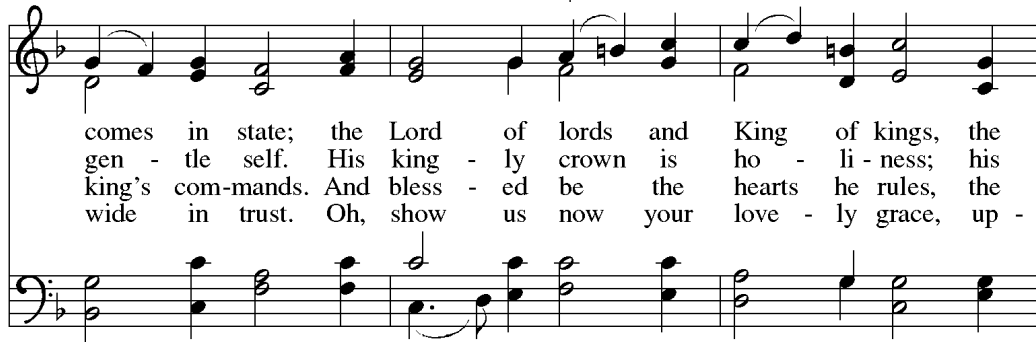
¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Please stand.

HYMN ELW 259 Fling Wide the Door



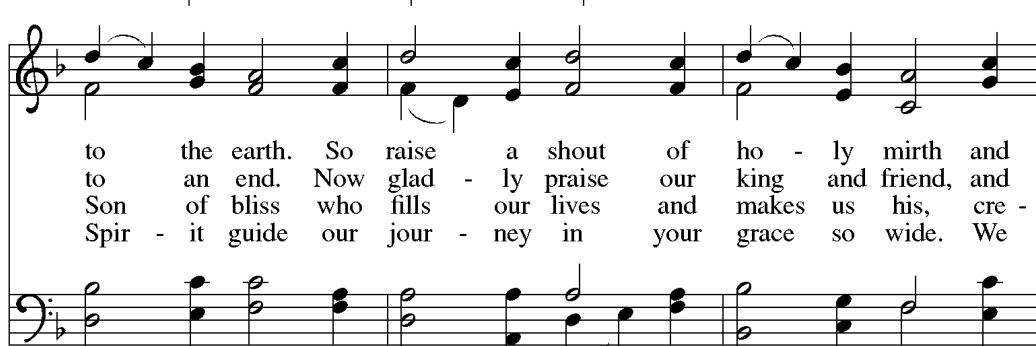
1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



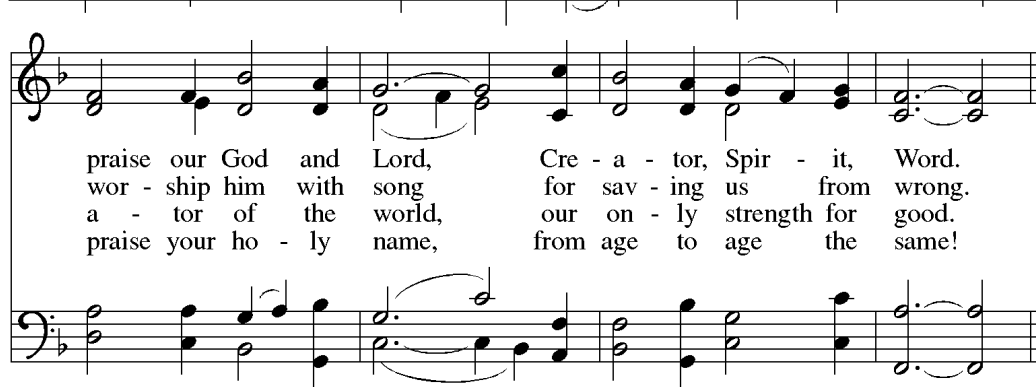
comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Please be seated.

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 40:1–11

Deacon Linda Walker, *Minister of Children's Faith Formation*

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

CAROL Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown nor by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes.
Amen. Amen.

—Anonymous

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1–9

Susan Leelike, *member of the Altar Guild*

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Please stand.

HYMN ELW 246 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav’n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

“Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!”
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv’n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Please be seated.

FIFTH LESSON Baruch 4:36—5:7

Matilda Moss, *youth member*

³⁶Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. ³⁷Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. ²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; ³for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. ⁴For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.” ⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. ⁶For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. ⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

People, look east. The time is near
 Of the crowning of the year.
 Make your house fair as you are able,
 Trim the hearth and set the table.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
 One more seed is planted there:
 Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
 That in course the flower may flourish.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
 Guard the nest that must be filled.
 Even the hour when wings are frozen
 God for fledging time has chosen.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the bird, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
 him who brings new life to earth.
 Set every peak and valley humming
 with the word, the Lord is coming.
 People look east, and sing today
 Love, the Lord is on the way.

–Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), 1928

SIXTH LESSON Luke 1:26–35

Andrew Young, *member of the Congregation Council*

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

CAROL Bogoróditse Dyévo, ráduisya (*All-Night Vigil*), Op. 37

Sergei Rachmaninoff

*Bogoróditse D̄évo, ráduȳsh̄ia,
 Blagodátnaya Mař̄iye, Ghospód s Tobóyu.
 Blagoslovēnna Tì v zhenáh,
 i blagoslovēn Plod chřéva Tvoyegó,
 yáko Spása rođilá yeř̄i dush násh̄ih.*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
 Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
 for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

SEVENTH LESSON Matthew 1:18–24

The Rev. Psomi Psomas-Jackloski,

Pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Parsippany, 15th and most recent member of Saint John's to be ordained

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

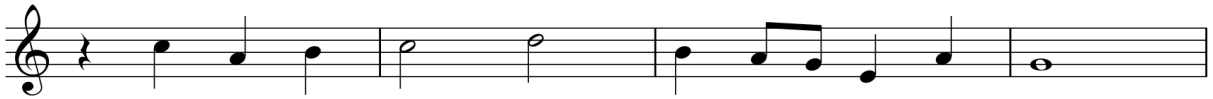
and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Please stand.

HYMN ELW 285 Peace Came to Earth



1. Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
2. And who could be the same for hav - ing held
3. You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
4. How else could I have known you, O my God!



when an - gels clove the sky with song and light
the in - fant in their arms, and lat - er felt
in flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pains,
How else could I have loved you, O my God!



and God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might—
the wound - ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled—
in bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain—
How else could I em - brace you, O my God!



Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but see Im - man - u - el!
Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but praise Im - man - u - el!

Please be seated.

EIGHTH LESSON Luke 2:8–16

The Rev. Dr. Christa Compton,

Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Chatham, one of two congregations Saint John's helped organize

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And 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!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CAROL A Babe is Born

William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator Spiritus.

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frank incense,
A solis ortus cardine.

A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine.

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator Spiritus,

*O lux beata Trinitas,
A solis ortus cardine,
Gloria tibi Domine.
Noel!*

– Anonymous 15th cent. English

Please stand.

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

Bishop Tracie Bartholomew,

Bishop of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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.

HYMN Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beau-teous heav'n-ly light and ush - er in the morn - ing:
ye shep-herds, shrink not with af-fright, but hear the an-gel's warn - ing.
This child, now weak in in - fan - cy, our con - fi - dence and joy shall be,
the pow'r of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Please be seated.
GREETING

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

*An offering will be collected during the carol for the support of the church.
You are invited to give in support of our many ministries. To give online:*



CAROL O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Laurdisen

*O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepe.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!*

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

– Fourth of the nine responsories for Matins of Christmas Day

Please stand.

COLLECT AND BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Lord our God,
Now and forever. Amen.

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing Almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and rest upon you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

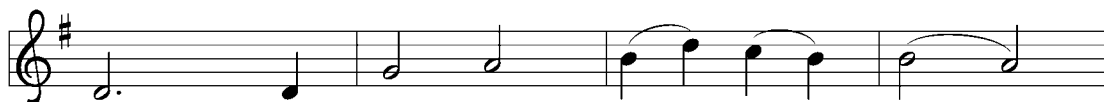


**YOU WILL KNOW THAT
THE LORD IS COMING
TO SAVE US AND IN
THE MORNING YOU
WILL SEE HIS GLORY.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



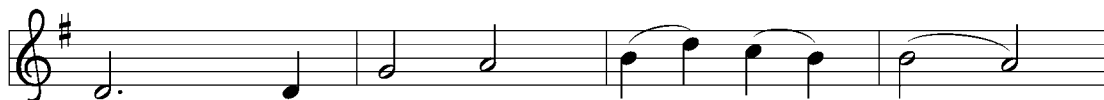
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent.....8:00 & 10:30 AM Christmas Bridges Run Prep..... 9:00 AM Greening the Church.....12:00 PM
Dec. 19	Blue Christmas.....7:00 PM
Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....9:15 AM
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Festival Prelude with Choir & Brass..... 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Service–All-in Pagenant5:00 PM Festive Prelude with Choir & Brass.....9:30 PM Christmas Eve Festival Service 10:00 PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Christmas Morning Service.....10:30 AM
Dec. 31	Lessons & Carols for Christmas.....10:30 AM

Upcoming Festival Music

Feb 25	Duo Organist Concert featuring Christopher & Brian Harlow-Jennings..... 4:00 PM
Apr. 28	Choral Vespers for Eastertide.....4:00 PM

