



The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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December 27, 2015

Lessons and Carols

10:00 am

PRELUDES

Improvisation On What Child Is This
Away In A Manger
Still, Still, Still

Richard Purvis
David Cherwien
Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR LBW 54

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all gracious king.
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling;
And all the world give back the song,
Which now the angels sing.

DIALOGUE

- P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
C: **By day and night he shines for all to see.**
P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
C: **that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**
P: God so loved the world that he sent Jesus
C: **so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**
P: Jesus is the light of the world.
C: **Jesus is the light of our lives.**
P: Sing to God a new song!
C: **A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

OPENING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God of Heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness – a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

C: **Amen.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5,14-18

I WONDER AS I WANDER

WOV 642

1. I wonder as I wander,
out under the sky;
how Jesus the Savior did come
for to die for poor ord'n'ry
people like you and I.
I wonder as I wander,
out under the sky.
3. If Jesus had wanted
for any wee thing,
a star in the sky or a bird on the
wing, or all of God's angels
in heav'n for to sing
he surely could have had it
'cause he was the king.

SECOND READING

MICAH 5:2-5a

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LBW 41

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
4. O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

THIRD READING**LUKE 1:26-35,38****LO, HOW A ROSE IS GROWING****LBW 58**

1. Lo, how a rose is growing,
a bloom of finest grace;
the prophets had foretold it:
a branch of Jesse's race
would bear one perfect flow'r
here in the cold of winter
and darkest midnight hour.
4. This flow'r, so small and tender,
with fragrance fills the air;
is brightness ends the darkness
that kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
he came to save his people
from earth's dark night of sin.

FOURTH READING**MATTHEW 1:18-25****PEACE CAME TO EARTH****WOV 641**

1. Peace came to earth at
last that chosen night
when angels above the sky
with song and light;
and God embodied love
and sheathed his might
Who could but gasp:
Immanuel
3. You show the Father
none has ever seen.
in flesh and blood you
bore our griefs and pains
in bread and wine you
visit us again
Who could but see
Immanuel

FIFTH READING**LUKE 2:8-18****ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY****LBW 50**

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and
worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and
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worship Christ, the newborn king.

SIXTH READING**MATTHEW 2: 1-11****WHAT CHILD IS THIS****LBW Hymn 40**

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| <p>1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!</p> | <p>2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!</p> |
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SEVENTH READING**JOHN 1:1-14****LOVE HAS COME****ELW Hymn 292 (vs.1&3)**

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| <p>1. Love has come a light in the darkness
Love shines forth in Bethlehem skies
See, all heaven has come to proclaim
Hear how their song of joy arises
Love Love! Born unto you a Savior
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.</p> | <p>3. Love has come and never will leave us
Love is life everlasting and free
Love is Jesus within and among
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of
Christmas
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on
High!</p> |
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RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Neil Harmon

OFFERING*As With Gladness Men of Old (Vs. 3)***LBW Hymn 82**

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly king.*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: **To gather in wonder with the shepherds,**

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: **To kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: **To sing for joy with the angels,**

P: In the brightness of his life

C: **Cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

P: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: **In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

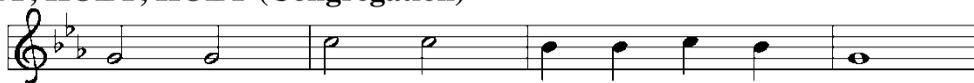
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Congregation)



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

<We sit.>

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – *(Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. At The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, we receive communion by intinction, receiving the bread and then dipping it into the chalice of wine).*

COMMUNION HYMN **Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

LBW Hymn 29

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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SUNG BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

LBW Hymn 71

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Angels From The Realm of Glory

Michael Burkhardt

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Worship Leadership

Presiding Minister: The Reverend Matthew Titus

Organist: Huger Caughman, Jr.

Choir Director: Gayle Lindley

Ushers: John Hammond, Tommy Fellers, Ben Chapman, Davy Wilson, Elmer Long

Communion Preparation: Janet Long

	Today	Next Sunday
Lector and Communion Assistant	Beth Singletary Ernie Shealy	Tony Chapman 8:45 Beth Singletary 11:00
Greeter		
Crucifer	Jordan Cary	Grace Lindsay
Acolyte	A. C. Cary	Madeleine Long

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you with us at worship this morning. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please see an usher.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their children, Sean Montgomery and his family and Heather Kaikini and her family by Bob and Carol Montgomery.

Offering Envelopes are ready and are in the narthex. Please pick yours up at your convenience.

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