

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Bells & Welcome

Please Stand

The Opening Prayer

P: Prepare the way for the Lord;

C: **Make straight paths for him.**

P: Dear Lord God, awaken us so that when your Son comes we may be prepared to receive him with joy and to serve you with pure hearts.

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Please be Seated

Congregation Carol "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"
Christian Worship 23, verses 1 & 3

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
 Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
Refrain
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

We see why our Lord needed to come – to bring us peace.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Congregation Carol "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Christian Worship #28, verses 1-2

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the
 tru - ly kept his word, And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.

Second LessonGenesis 22:15-18

As time moves forward, God continues to renew is promise of coming forgiveness.

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

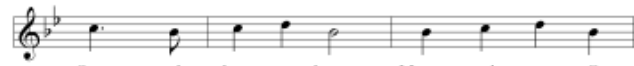
Carol....."Savior of the Nations, Come"

Christian Worship #2

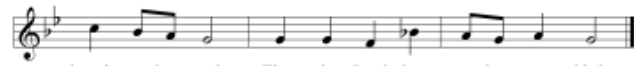
Choir: verses 1,3; Congregation: verses 2,4; All: verse 5



Choir: 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
Congregation: 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
Choir: 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
Congregation: 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
All: 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Isaiah speaks about the Messiah who would be the Prince of Peace.

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Congregation Carol "The People that in Darkness Sat"

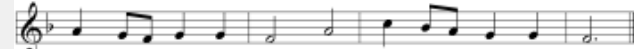
Christian Worship #90, verses 3-4



3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver



last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His



God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

Isaiah describes what the Messiah will bring to His Church.

^{11:1}A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord — ³and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child

put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Congregation Carol**“Behold, a Branch is Growing”**
Christian Worship #47, verses 1 & 4

1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of
4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With
love - liest form and grace, As proph - ets sang, fore -
fra - grance fills the air; His bright - ness ends the
know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race And
dark - ness That kept the earth in fear. True
bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est
God and yet true man, He came to save his
win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.

Fifth Lesson **Luke 1:26-33**
The Angel Gabriel tells Mary what her role will be in God's plan of salvation.

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will

give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

Congregation Carol **“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”**
Christian Worship #24, verses 1 – 2

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's de - cree: A
wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, "Most
Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!
high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!

Sixth Lesson **Luke 1:39-55**
As Mary visits Elizabeth, both Elizabeth and Mary rejoice in the coming Messiah.

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

A Song of Joy

Carol..... **“My Soul in Stillness Waits”**
Christian Worship Supplement #703; Choir – verses; Congregation joins on refrains

Refrain Congregation

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,

To verses | Last time

tru-ly my hope is in you. you.

Verses Choir

1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
 4 O Key of Know - ledge, guide us in our

To Refrain

glo - ry, Your ra-diance shines in all who look to
 spir - its. Our thirs - ty hearts are yearn - ing for your
 in us, And in your ad - vent draw us all to
 pil-grim-age, We ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -

you. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha-dow.
 Word. Come, make us whole, be com-fort to our hearts.
 you, Our hope re - born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
 main. O - pen to us the path-way of your peace.

The Offering

The Prayers

The Words of Institution of the Lord’s Supper

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

The Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastor.

The Distribution Carol “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
Sung by St. Paul’s Choir

1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world hath suf-fered long;
 4. And ye, be-neath life’s crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5. For lo, the days are has-tening on By proph-et-bards fore - told,

From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
 And still their heaven-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world;
 Be-neath the an-gel-strain have rolled Two thou-sand years of wrong;
 Who toil a-long the climb-ing way With pain-ful steps and slow:
 When, with the ev-er-cling years, Shall come the Age of Gold;

'Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King!
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hover-ing wing,
 And man, at war with man, hears not The love song which they bring;
 Look now, for glad and gold-en hours Come swift-ly on the wing!
 When peace shall o-ver all the earth its heaven-ly splen-dors fling,

The world in sol-ern still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
 And ev-er o'er its Ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
 O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the an-gels sing.
 O rest be-side the wea-ry road, And hear the an-gels sing.
 And all the world give back the song Which now the an-gels sing.

The Closing Prayer

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Please remain standing

The Closing Hymn "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"
Christian Worship 23, verse 4

4 Oh, come, O Key of Da-vid, come, And o-pen wide our
 heav'n-ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to mis-er-y. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 Em-man-u-el Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen
Adult Choir Director Mrs. Marie Becker
Accompanist Miss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be **NO** Sunday School today, December 27th or January 3rd. There will be no Adult Bible Class on December 27th or January 3rd due to the Christmas and New Year holidays .

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASS: The Public School Confirmation Instruction Class will not meet Tuesday, December 22nd, and Tuesday, December 29th, due to the Christmas holiday and Christmas break.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will once again go Christmas Caroling this evening. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm. Following the caroling, everyone is invited back to the parsonage for chili, cider and hot chocolate. If you wish to bring a snack or cookies to share, that would be fine. Also, if anyone would like to stop by the parsonage without going caroling, you are invited to join us for fellowship.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES: THANK YOU! The door collection last Sunday for providing gift bags to the children whose families are Food Pantry recipients was \$589. As wonderful as this is, it wasn't the end of the story. Within hours of asking for help with toys for the gift bags and for the children to wrap for siblings, I had around 500 Beannie Babies from one family, delivered to my door. By Monday night, I had around 600 toys total. I'd say unbelievable, but I've seen too much in the last few years to not be a believer.

Monday night at tutoring was really an experience. To keep it 'manageable', I only brought about 150 of the toys for the children to wrap for siblings. However, when you add about 40 excited children with no wrapping experience, 12 rolls of wrapping paper, and 15 rolls of tape, 'manageable' left the building. What incredible Christmas Joy! I wish all of you experience some degree of the Joy in that room this Christmas.

One twelve year girl, that started attending our program this year, is an oldest child with a younger brother and sister. She was very excited about being able to pick out and wrap presents for her siblings. After we wrapped her presents, she softly asked me if she could wrap one for herself because she never had a present before. I think she had a big smile on her face when I said "certainly" but my eyes were a little moist to say for certain. I made sure to tell the others that they could wrap one for themselves.

The children helped us create the gift bags on Wednesday night and they were distributed on Saturday. We are truly blessed, and it is wonderful to see our blessing shared with our young brothers and sisters in Christ.

150TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT: God has blessed St. Paul's for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for the Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. The final cost of the organ is \$58,150. To date, we have received \$46,357.00. More information as to how everyone can participate in the project will be coming out soon. We give thanks to God for all the blessings that God has showered upon us.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Please join us for our upcoming Christmas and New Year's services:

December 20 – Advent 4 (8:00am & 10:30am)
December 21 – Advent 4 (6:30pm)
December 23 – Children's Christmas Service (6:30pm)
December 24 – Children's Christmas Service (4:30pm)
December 24 – Candlelight Service (10:00pm)
December 25 – Christmas Day Worship (10:00am)
December 27 – Christmas 1 (8:00am & 10:30am)
December 28 - No Monday Worship
December 31 – New Year's Eve (6:30 pm)

ALTAR FLOWERS: This week the altar flowers are given by Randy and Nancy Willms for the 15th anniversary of Randy's liver transplant.

GREETER SCHEDULE 2016: The Greeter Schedule for 2016 is completed and in your church mailboxes.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER: The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 421-1833. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2016.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN: Junior Kindergarten can use your old Christmas cards for art projects. If you would like to donate them, please drop them off in the Junior Kindergarten classroom. Thank you!

FUTURE PASTOR'S OFFICES: We will soon be starting construction on new offices for the Pastors. The cost to complete this project will be approximately \$18,000. To date we have received \$8,886.00. This work will be done with our own people including rough carpentry, drywall, insulation, painting, suspended ceilings and floor covering. If you are able to help financially in addition to your weekly offering, please place in separate envelopes stating "New Pastor's Offices". You may drop off your contribution in the school office, put it into the collection plate, or give it to Pastor Adams. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Derouin (414) 881-8944 or Bob Hille (414) 427-6106.

5th GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: Attention all 5th grade students and parents! Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza just for you on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 5:30–7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. Plus, we're giving away an iPad and other prizes! We'll have exciting science experiments, robot demonstrations, music, basketball and lots more. To reserve your spot, **please RSVP by January 25**, by going to www.wlhs.org/news.

JOB OPENING AT WLHS: Taher, Inc, the exclusive food service management company for Wisconsin Lutheran High School, is looking for a creative, friendly, reliable chef. This individual would serve food and beverages to the students, faculty, and friends of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This is a great opportunity for someone that wants to use their creative cooking skills, earn some money, but not be tied down with a full time position. Requirements include preparing brunch for a group of 25-40 individuals from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on weekends during the school months only. This position also has the potential to earn extra hours during the week in our lunch or catering department.

Please contact Sarah Derouin, Food Services Director at chef@wlhs.org for more information or to set up an interview. If applicable, please include resume.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (December 20 & 21)

8:00 AM – Dave & Marlene Horn
10:30 AM – Steve & Irva Baade
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10:00 PM – Jean Villwock

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:00 AM – Andrew & Renate Nazimek

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (December 27)

8:00 AM – Jeff & Chris Romeis; Nolan
10:30 AM – Tammy Sunjic; Simun
6:30 PM – NO SERVICE

NEW YEAR'S EVE: 6:30 PM – Don & Marge Gebert

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

8:00 AM TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
10:30 AM TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman
6:30 PM TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

CHILDRENS SERVICE DECEMBER 23RD 6:30 PM TEAM #5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

CHILDRENS SERVICE DECEMBER 24TH 4:30 PM TEAM #7-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Peter Eppen, Ian Eppen

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 24TH 10:00 PM – Jeff Romeis, Nolan Romeis

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE DECEMBER 25TH 10:00 AM TEAM #3 Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski

ALTAR GUILD:

December 9-December 22- TEAM #2 Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra
 December 23-January 3 - TEAM #3 Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 20

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study/**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:15 AM
 Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM
 Neighborhood Caroling 6:00 PM

Monday, December 21

No School Christmas Break
 Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 22

No School Christmas Break
No PSCIC

Wednesday, December 23

No School Christmas Break
Children's Christmas Service 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 24

No School Christmas Break
Children's Christmas Service 4:30 PM
Candlelight Service 10:00 PM

Friday, December 25

No School Christmas Break
Christmas Day Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 27

Worship Service 8:00 AM
No Adult Bible Study/ No Sunday School
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am 102, Communed-n/a; 10:30 am- 115, Communed-n/a; 6:30 pm-40,
Communed-n/a
Total Attendance 257, Total Communed n/a
Bible Class 22, Sunday School 14

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