



A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 18 & 19, 2021
Sat. 5:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

PRELUDE STRINGS: *Deck the Halls / Away in a Manger / The First Noel / Lo, How a Rose*

PROCESSION	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> (vs 1, 4)	ELW 295
1	Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.	
4	Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.	

READING: John 1:1-18

L) 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. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus

Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

OPENING HYMN	<i>Joy to the World</i> (please stand)	ELW 267
1	Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.	
2	Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.	
3	No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.	
4	He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.	

READING: Phil 2:5-11

L) ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GLORY RINGERS	<i>The Bells of Christmas</i>	Setting by Cathy Moglebust
WOMEN'S CHOIR	<i>Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine</i>	Arr. Kirk Mechem

READING: Matthew 1:18-25

L) 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.

MIXED CHOIR

Mary, Did You Know?

Arr. Fred Bock

Jane Andrews, Jim Good, Debbie Kunkel, Ed Young

READING: Luke 1:26-38

L) 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. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

WOMEN'S CHOIR:

Still, Still, Still

Arr. Ron Jeffers

MEN'S CHOIR

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Arr. Walter Pelz

READING: Luke 2:1-20

L) ¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid

him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CONGREGATION HYMN

***O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Vs 1 & 3) (please stand) ELW 283**

**1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:**

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: *Refrain***

READING: Luke 2:25-35

L) ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

The girls sing 2 verses - **Congregation then sings 2 verses** (please stand) **ELW 279**

*(Girls) How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.*

**(Cong) 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;**

PRAYER

SOLO (Sunday)

The Lord's Prayer
Ron Nolan

by Albert Hay Malotte

EARLY CHURCH CANON

Dona, Nobis, Pacem (sung as a round)

1. *mp* *Quietly and well sustained* *mf*

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem; Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2. *P* *mf*

Do - na no - bis pa - cem; Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3. *P* *mf*

Do - na no - bis pa - cem; Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

POSTLUDE - Strings: (*Hark the Herald Angels Sing, What Child is This, Angels We Have Heard on High, We Wish You a Merry Christmas*)

**Offering plates are by each of the brick pillars for your gifts today.*



Worship Leaders

Music Director- Dr. Jane Andrews
Worship Accompanist - Ginny Gingrich
Rocky Mountain String Quartet
Flute: Pr Deb Abbott

Pr Ruth Ann Loughry Pr Deb Abbott
Saturday Reader - Ron Schlattman

Sunday Readers- Nick Balogh, Sarajane Grandia, Lee Holmquist, Debbie Whitney

Ushers - Tom & Peg Hanson

Sound Operator Saturday- Pr Deb Abbott; Sunday - Scott Whitney

Coffee Cleanup - Sarajane Grandia

Announcements



Christmas Eve Worship

Join us Christmas Eve at 4:00pm or 7:00pm! The 4:00pm service will be recorded and posted online as well.

L2F2 Middle School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19, 12:45-2:00pm at KING OF GLORY

We will make ornaments to share with home-centered friends and will have a white elephant gift exchange. Friends welcome!

L2F2 High School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19, 12:45-2:00pm at ZION

We will make, bake and decorate Christmas cookies to share with home-centered friends and will have a white elephant gift exchange. Friends welcome!

Loveland Lutherans Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 19, begins at 2:30pm at ZION

Join us for a quick caroling rehearsal at Zion then we will break into groups and go out caroling to home-centered friends delivering cookies and ornaments. We should finish up by 4:00pm. All are welcome, no singing abilities required!

Joint Loveland Lutherans Blue Christmas & Longest Night Service

Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00pm at TRINITY

On the longest night of the year you are invited to a special service that reflects on grief and loss during this holiday season. All are welcome to join in person or by zoom. Pastor Ruth Ann will be preaching.

FREE Christmas Cards in the Concourse

Pick up some free Christmas cards (located in the Concourse) to use this season!

OFFICE CLOSED - The church office will be closed December 27-31. For pastoral care or emergencies call Pr Ruth Ann (303) 854-4737

There will be no Saturday worship service on December 25 or January 1.

Sunday, December 26 we will have a single worship service at 10:00am.

Worship Times Sunday, January 2 return to 8:30am and 10:45am, with Education hour at 9:45am

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