

Lessons & CAROLS



Sounds of the Season



December 18, 2022
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple Road
Birmingham, Michigan 48009



ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 18, 2022 – 9:00/10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Advent
A Festival Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

As We Gather

A Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918. The series of Scripture Readings captures the ancient prophecies concerning the Promised Messiah, as well as the Savior's birth in fulfillment of those prophecies. The loving purposes of God shine forth as seen and heard through the holy words of Scripture both read and sung. All leads to the manger where the Baby lies protected by His earthly parents, praised by heavenly hosts of angels, adored and worshiped by neighboring shepherds and, in time, visited by Magi bearing prophetic gifts. May this annual service inspire you through Word and music to travel in your heart to the manger and worship the newborn King!

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, open our hearts and minds to receive in faith and thanksgiving Your Word of promise and fulfillment spoken and sung into our ears. Help us to come in faith to the manger and worship the incarnate Christ as Savior and King. Bless us with Your gifts of grace, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Paul and Corinne Chesna because this was the prelude music played at our wedding 55 years ago.)

Processional Carol

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and meek, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and
obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms He lay;
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

Pastoral Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message - 10:30am

Bidding Prayer

**The congregation, standing,
shall be bidden to prayer in these words:**

P: Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to
prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and
in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing
which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore,
let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving
purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious

Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this Sanctuary glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us pray to Him for the needs of the whole world, and all His people; for peace upon the earth He came to save; for love and unity within the one Church He did build; for brotherhood and goodwill amongst all men, for our country and its leaders that greater responsibility for the common good of all will prevail in their minds and in their decisions; and for our own congregation, its people and its leaders, that all may strive to enlighten the community around us with the knowledge of the Savior born also for them.

And particularly at this time let us remember before Him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love.

– Time for special petitions –

P: These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ Himself hath taught us:

C: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

P: The Almighty God bless us with His grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life and unto the fellowship of citizens above may the King of kings bring us all. Amen.

Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Carol 62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel – Shall come to thee, O Israel!

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
The Fall of Adam and Eve
9:00/10:30 - Greg Merryman

Anthem All Praise to Thee – Hagenberg
(lyrics by Rev. Martin Luther)
Chancel Choir

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18
Abraham was tested
9:00/10:30 - Greg Merryman

Carol 645 Behold a Branch is Growing
Behold a branch is growing of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing; it springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flower in midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The ancient prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

9:00 / 10:30 – Mike Raezler, Head Elder

Anthem

Joy to the World – arr. Chapman

Redeemer Praise

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

The ancient prophet describes the peace that Christ brings

9:00 - Xander Gallo / 10:30 – Trevor Schultz

Carol 647

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 darkness shineth the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary the birth of Jesus

9:00 - Kristen Rolf / 10:30 - London Baker

Carol

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

9:00 / 10:30 - Toby Buechner, Vice President of the Congregation

AnthemMake Room – Casting Crowns
Redeemer Praise**Seventh Lesson**

Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger

9:00 – Sharon Tylenda

10:30 – Laura Vowell, Director of Family Life/ Middle
School/Outreach/Confirmation**Carol 85**

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry
home;

Glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now will say and sing.

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;

This little child, of lowly birth, shall be the joy of all the earth.

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi are led by a star to Jesus

Vicar James Greenwalt

(The Fourth Advent Candle is called The King's Candle.

We light it during the singing of the carol.)

Carol**We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O – star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-5, 10-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of Christ's incarnation

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Gathering of Offerings**Voluntary Anthem**

Gaudete Piae Cantiones Antioch 16c

arr. Behnke

Redeemer Ringers

Benediction**Recessional Carol**

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Postlude

Redeemer Brass



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Paul and Corinne Chesna in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary on December 16th. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by Cathy Hansen in loving memory of my husband, Al Hansen. Sanctuary pulpit flowers were placed by Sue Sack and family in memory of Bob Sack, and in recognition of what would be our 60th wedding anniversary. Chapel altar flowers were placed by the Quasarano Family - "Merry Christmas!"

Altar Guild

Kaki Mammel, Corinne Chesna, Sandy Springer, Jane Zehnder,
Kris Ortale, Jamie Burstein, Ann Marie Violante, Leanna Bush

Acolytes

9:00 - Kate Millichamp and Keira Pratt

10:30 - Norah Baker and Hannah Bienkowski

Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Andrew Farah, Arnie Glesmann,
John Wagnitz, Mike Bacon, Rick Russ

10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Alex Pedersen, Bob Meyer,
Dan Teahan, Jim Staargaard, Matthew Pedersen, Norman Morell,
Orion Pedersen, Ron Curcio

Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Perryman

10:30 - Jim Wingo

Greeters

9:00 - The Wiegand Family

10:30 - The Becker/Piturro Family

Family Advent Candle Lighting

9:00 - The Wiegand Family

10:30 - The Bienkowski Family

Special Thanks to:

Steven SeGraves – Director of Music

Rick Helderop – Organist

Chancel Choir, Redeemer Praise – Steven SeGraves, Director

Redeemer Ringers – James Compton, Director

Redeemer Brass:

Trumpets: Ed Ahlquist, Kyle Chuhran, Tim Kennedy

Horn: Jan McIntyre

Euphonium: Pete Swanson

Trombone: Tim Springer

Guest Tuba Player: Melanie Hutchings

And to all the instrumentalists, choirs and readers in this service

Christmas Worship

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight & Carols - 10:00am, 4:00 & 8:00pm

**Livestream will be at 8:00pm*

Santa Breakfast after 10am service

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Sunday Worship at 10:30am ONLY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

(no Monday worship 12/26/22)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Normal Worship times:

8:00, 9:00 & 10:30am

(no Monday worship 1/2/23)