

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

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The 4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

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Asterisks denote those parts in which the congregation is invited to stand. You will sit for most of this service. Please observe safe distancing in choosing your seat, with plenty of space around you.*

Prelude

***Welcome**

Leader:

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas,
let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.
Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel
foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people.
Let us rejoice, in carols and hymns,
that the good purpose of God is being fulfilled.
Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves,
for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it;
for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death;
and for the Church in this place and everywhere,
that it may be freed from all evil and fear,
and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.
We offer these prayers to God in the words which Christ himself taught us:

**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.**

I. The beginning of creation

Genesis 1:1-4, John 1:1-15

Leader:

In the beginning of creation,
When God made heaven and earth,
The earth was without form and void.
Darkness was over the face of the deep,
And a mighty wind swept over the waters.
God said, "Let there be light,"
And there was light.

**ALL: God saw that the light was good,
And God separated the light from darkness.**

Leader:

When all things began, the Word already was.
The Word dwelt with God,
And what God was, the Word was.
Through him all things came to be;
No single thing was created without him.
All that came to be was alive with his life,
And that life was the light of the world.

**ALL: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**



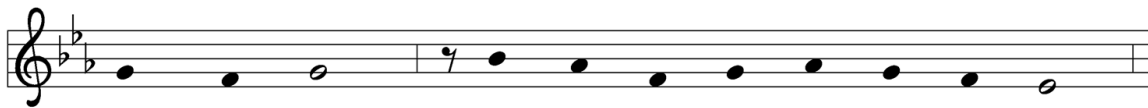
Creator of the Stars of Night (ELW 245)

Stanzas 1-3 only

8 a.m., Cantors; 10:30 a.m., Grace Choir



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
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.

II. The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader 1:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

Reader 2:

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader 1:

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (ELW 257)**Stanzas 1-3**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

III. The King will come

Zechariah 9:9-10

Leader:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold, thy King cometh unto thee:
he is just, and having salvation;
lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,
and the horse from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow shall be cut off:
and he shall speak peace unto the heathen:
and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea,
and from the river even to the ends of the earth.



*Hymn: People, Look East! (ELW 248)



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

IV. The peace that Christ will bring is foreshadowed

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

Reader 1:

A 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.

Reader 2:

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.

Reader 1:

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.



In the Bleak Midwinter (ELW 294)



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

V. The birth of Jesus

Luke 2: 1; 3-7

Leader:

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Some Children See Him (10:30 only) Lyrics by Whila Hutson, music by Alfred Burt
Richard Badman, vocal solo

Some children see Him lily white,
the baby Jesus born this night.
Some children see Him lily white,
with tresses soft and fair.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
The Lord of heav'n to earth come down.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed,
this Savior whom we kneel beside.
some children see Him almond-eyed,
with skin of yellow hue.
Some children see Him dark as they,
sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray.
Some children see him dark as they,
and, ah! they love Him, too!

The children in each different place
will see the baby Jesus' face
like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace,
and filled with holy light.
O lay aside each earthly thing
and with thy heart as offering,
come worship now the infant King.
'Tis love that's born tonight!

Music note:

"Some Children See Him" dates from 1951, at the height of the Korean War and only six years following World War II. The appeal of the text is in its simplicity and universality, a message that children of all races and nations can understand and imagine – can SEE – Jesus to be like them. The text affirms that love, as seen in the birth of the baby Jesus, is more important than and transcends matters of race and nationality.

VI. The angels rejoice

Luke 2:8-14

Leader:

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!"



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

VII. The shepherds tell the good news

Luke 8:15-18

Leader:

When 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.

*Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship leader, Frank Stone

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Readers, Karen Seiler (8 a.m.), the Slugg family (10:30 a.m)

Ushers, Ken and Karen Seiler (8 a.m.), Kay Stone and Kay Deussing (10:30 a.m.)



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The Angels Rejoice

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If you are in need of pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office at 215-855-4676; or anytime on her cell phone, 614.214.2639 (texting is good!). Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.

Coming up at Grace:

- ❖ **Christmas Eve, December 24: “Night of Silence,”** worship with Holy Communion and carols by candlelight, at 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. The 6:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed; find the link on the Online Worship page of our website.
- ❖ **Watch our Sunday School’s Virtual Christmas Pageant!** See our kids as shepherds, angels, animals, all caring well for Baby Jesus. Find it under the Worship menu of our website.
- ❖ **You may also view Pastor Raabe’s Christmas message** in the same place. (This is different from her Christmas Eve sermon.)
- ❖ **Pastor Raabe’s daily Advent podcast continues through December 23.** Find the link for the “Advent God Minutes” under the Worship menu of our website, where these short daily devotions are also printed.
- ❖ **December 26, one service at 9:15: Christmas Carols by Request.** Wear your gaudiest Christmas sweater and come with a list of carols you’d like to sing. It would be helpful if they were in one of our worship books, but if not we’ll do our best!
- ❖ **January 2: Return to regular worship schedule** of 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ **January 13 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.:** Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner with all the trimmings for Faith Build. Just \$10 per meal. Drive up for dinner for the whole family!

