

Lessons and Carols for Epiphany



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Advent Lutheran Church, Harleysville
Christ Lutheran Church, Kulpsville
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton
Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield
Little Zion Lutheran Church, Telford
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Telford

Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
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Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
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Prelude: Chorale on "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"
with a Trio on the chorale tune, arr. Kris Rizzotto

Max Reger

DIALOGUE

Pastor Nancy Raabe, Grace Hatfield



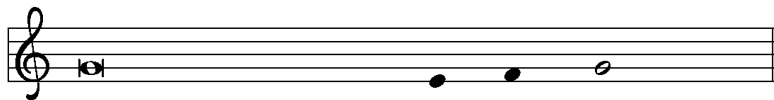
The light shines in the darkness, **and the darkness has not over- come it.**



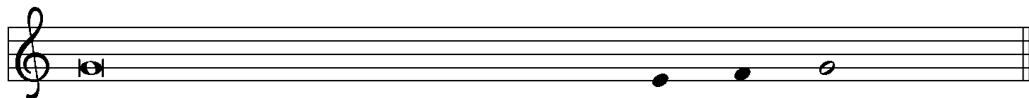
The Word became flesh and lived a - mong us,



and we have be - held Christ's glory.



To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.



In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

ENTRANCE HYMN: The First Noel

ELW 300

Opening Prayer

Pastor Raabe

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: John 1:1-14

Pastor Bill Coleman, St. Paul's Telford

In 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.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Of the Father's love begotten

ELW 295

Stanza 1: Dale Travis, solo

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 2: Women

Stanzas 4 & 5, all

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

Pastor Serena Sellers, Christ Kulpsville

¹⁸ Now 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 fulfil 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.'

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Infant holy, infant lowly

ELW 276

THIRD LESSON: Matthew 2:1–12

Pastor Mark Singh-Hueter,
Advent Harleysville

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

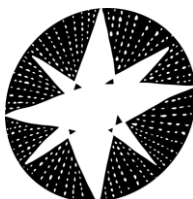
⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Bright and glorious is the sky

ELW 301



FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23 Pastor Erika Wesch, Little Zion Telford

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

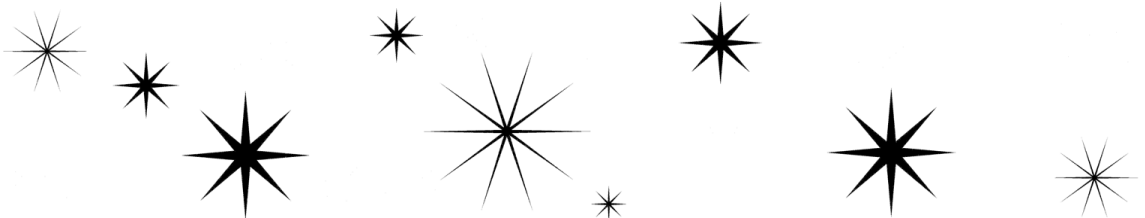
¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



Verses: Pastor Erika Wesch, solo

Refrain: All

- 1 Duérmete, Niño lindo, en los brazos del amor
mientras que derme y descansa la pena de mi dolor.

*Oh, sleep now, holy baby, with your head against my breast;
meanwhile the pangs of my sorrow are soothed and put to rest.*

Refrain: All

Refrain/Estribillo

A la ru, a la mé, a la ru, a la mé,
a la ru, a la mé, a la ru, a la ru, a la mé.

- 2 No temas al rey Herodes que nada te ha de hacer;
en los brazos de tu madre y ahí nadie te ha de ofender.

*You need not fear King Herod, he will bring no harm to you;
so rest in the arms of your mother who sings you a la ru.*

Refrain: All

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:41-51

Pastor John Heidgerd, Emmanuel Souderton

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

HYMN: In a lowly manger born

ELW 718

Anthem: Jesus, the Light of the World

ACS 914

Sung by the Epiphany Choir

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;
"Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.



- 2 Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world;
join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 3 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY: We Three Kings

WOV 646

We are grateful for your offerings, which are designated for the Code Blue shelter in Lansdale.



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Pastor Nancy Raabe, Grace Hatfield

P. Glory to God in the highest,
C. and peace to God's people on earth.

P. Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

P. Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
C. Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

C. Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
P. Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Offered in successive phrases by Pastors Erika Wesch, Serena Sellers, Bill Coleman, Nancy Raabe, Mark Singh-Hueter, and John Heidgerd



May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

DISMISSAL

Pastor Nancy Raabe

Go in peace. Share with the world the good news of Christ's light.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Noel VI

Louis-Claude Daquin

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a festive reception following the service!

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Mark Singh-Hueter, Advent Lutheran Church, Harleysville

Rev. Serena Sellers, Christ Lutheran Church, Kulpsville

Rev. John Heidgerd, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton

Rev. Nancy Raabe, Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield

Rev. Erika Wesch, Little Zion Lutheran Church, Telford

Rev. Bill Coleman, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Telford

Ushers: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt; Jeff Krout

Acolyte: Elijah Krout



Musicians:

Kevin Freaney, Grace Hatfield, organ

Priscilla Landis, Little Zion Telford, piano

Lisa Travis, Little Zion Telford, choir director

Will Shaffer, trumpet, Grace Hatfield

Lisa Travis and Liz Bergey, Little Zion Telford, flutes

Vocalists: Dale Travis, Pastor Erika Wesch, Diane King, Little Zion Telford

Epiphany Choir: Members of the participating congregations

Today's Virtual Organs

Today we hear two sets of virtual pipes, played in combination with our Allen Protégé Organ using a software called Hauptwerk.

1) St. Emmeram's Cathedral in Nitra, Slovakia. The cathedral's history goes back to the medieval times. The style of the building and the organ is that of the Baroque period. While the current organ is new, it incorporates around 200 of the historic, original organ pipes. This organ's sound sample set was recorded and produced by Piotr Grabowski from Poland.

2) (the last hymn and Postlude) The Organ of the St. Etienne Abbey in Caen, France, (a large Cathedral-style building). This pipe organ is a French Romantic style instrument built by Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, completed in 1885. Since 1975, the organ has been listed as a national cultural heritage. Every pipe of the organ was recorded in its large Cathedral-style building. The audio sample set represents a very live and grand acoustic. Many organ pieces such as Widor's Toccata in F major, were written by French composers who played Cavaillé-Coll pipe organs.

Heard as we gather together is the Virtual Carillon of Ghent. Ghent is one of Belgium's oldest cities. The region is flooded with UNESCO World Heritage belfries; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization" are places of importance to cultural or natural heritage. The belfries represent civil independence, and their bells were used for marking the routine in daily life. Today, the towers form the city skyline and are popular tourist stops on city trips.

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WORD SEARCH: "WE THREE KINGS"

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