



A Service of Lessons and Carols
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Olathe, Kansas
December 20, 2023, 6:45pm

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PASTORAL GREETING

ANTHEM

The Wonder of Christ's Birth

BSLC Choirs and Congregation with Piano and Adult Handbells
Behnke

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Advent Prayer

Little's Choir with Piano and Chimes
Patterson

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

ADVENT PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, the Son of the living God and Son of David, come. Come now to Your Church that You have purchased with Your blood. Come with Your gracious presence, that we may rejoice in You. Come and rule over us, that we may serve and follow You. Come with Your love, humility, and perfect obedience, and let Your lowliness become our glory. Come into the midst of Your people and bless us. Forgive us our sin, and do not angrily cast away Your servants, for You are meek and gracious. Clothe us with the garment of Your righteousness, for You are the only righteous one and our helper. Satisfy us with the abundance of Your mercy, for You did become poor for our sakes, that by Your poverty we might be made rich. Hear us, Lord Jesus, for the sake of Your holy name.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

LESSON 1: Genesis 3:8-15

The Curse and Promise in Eden

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

LSB 352: 1, 2, 5, 6

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
2. What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
5. Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
6. Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Laudate Ringers

arr. Behnke

LESSON 2: Genesis 22:15-18

Promise to Abraham

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936: 1, 2, 4

1. Sing praise to the God of Israel!
Sing praise for His visitation!
Redeeming His people from their sin,
Accomplishing their salvation,
Upraising a mighty horn within
The house of His servant David!
2. God spoke by the prophets long ago,
His promise on oath recalling—
To Abraham made in former years:
Of vanquishing foes appalling,
That those He delivered from their fears
Might gladly and truly serve Him.
4. O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us
In need of illumination;
Come scatter the shades of sin and death
And shatter their domination.
Be guiding our footsteps on the path
Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

LESSON 3: Isaiah 9:2-7

Unto Us a Child is Born

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Prince of Peace

Intermezzo Ringers

arr. Ingram

HYMN*The People That in Darkness Sat*

LSB 412

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.
3. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.
5. His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.
- △ 6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

LESSON 4: Jeremiah 23:5-6**The LORD will Send a Righteous King**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**HYMN***Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 343

1. Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!
2. God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!
3. Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him!
Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!
4. His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

LESSON 5: Micah 5:2-4

Bethlehem

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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It's So Still in Bethlehem

Youth Choir with Piano and Flute
arr. Schram

LESSON 6: Luke 1:26-35

The Annunciation of Mary

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel

Beata Handbells
arr. Raney

LESSON 7: Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

Christmas Sanctus

Adult Choir with Piano
Dengler

LESSON 8: Luke 2:8-20

The Shepherds and Angels

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hear the Angels, Hear Them Sing

Childrens Choir with Piano
Bedford

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The First Noel

Adult Handbells
arr. Moglebust

LESSON 9: Matthew 2:1-11

The Magi Worship the King

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

What Child is This?

LSB 370

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

LESSON 10: John 1:1-14

The Word Became Flesh

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6. God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

LESSON 11: Revelation 21:1-7; 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Christ Will Come Again

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

People: **that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

Women: The LORD strong and mighty,

Men: the LORD mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

People: **that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: **The LORD Almighty – He is the King of glory.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, we praise You that You comforted Your people with the promise of a Redeemer. We praise You that in the fullness of time You sent Your Son as the Redeemer. We praise You for the promise that He will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Open our hearts to receive our Redeemer now as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Open our eyes in awareness of His rule in our lives by His grace. Make Advent a blessing to us as we welcome our King in faith and love. We lift up our heads to welcome Him anew. Fill us with gladness as He comes to us.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

Congregation, Adult Choir with Organ, Trumpet, & Beata Handbells
arr. Delancy

- 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:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
- 2. *Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,*
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
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:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
- 4. **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;**
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Carl Schalk

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Advent Divine Service – 8:00am and 10:45am
Family Education Hour – 9:30am – 10:30am



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion – 9:00am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Day Divine Service – 8:00am and 10:45am (No evening service)
Family Education Hour – 9:30am – 10:30am