



A FESTIVAL OF  
LESSONS and CAROLS  
2013

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

- Colossians 3:16

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Recounting the History of the Birth  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Almighty God, you dealt wonderfully with your servant Mary, in choosing her to be the mother of your dearly beloved Son and thus graciously made known your regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive your Word with hearty faith and to rejoice in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **OUR FACILITIES**

Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. (Church, like much of life, needs to be “taught” to young children.) If your young one needs some “time out,” we have an audio-equipped children’s room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**Once in Royal David's City**

*Valerie A. Floeter*

**Coventry Carol**

*Mark Hayes*

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

*Kenneth T. Kosche*

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Stand as soon as the bells begin to ring.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Once in Royal David's City**

Christian Worship 50

*Sir David Willcocks*

Solo: 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.

Choir: 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 mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

**C: But our eyes at last shall see him Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars his children crowned, All in white, his praise will sound.**

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## EXHORTATION

M: Dear people of God, in this Christmas season, it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us—the Christ Child lying in a manger.

Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy child. But first, let us pray for people all over the world who would delight with us to know the good news of Jesus Christ and who would join with us in singing his praises. Let us pray for the people of Waukesha and for all those in our own congregation and our synod.

And, because this would please our Lord, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who are sad, the lonely and the unloved, the elderly, and the little children. We especially remember all those who do not know the Lord Jesus, those who do not love him, and those who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light than we, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, who died in faith, and who live before the throne of God and praise him each day in his temple. We confess that we are united with them as we are united with one another.

*Prayers and petitions of the week*

To sum up all these petitions, let us pray as Christ himself taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.

**C: We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.**

M: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

**C: We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Four Advent candles are lit*

## OFFERING

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you!

If you are not a member of Trinity, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. (God wants us to be cheerful with our gifts, not giving out of guilt or a sense of obligation.) We gather our offerings in church, *because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship.* The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given in worship. May the Lord bless you. And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

**Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel**

*Anne Krentz Organ*



# SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

## FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 3:8-15**

*The Seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head*

*Pastor Aaron Christie - Trinity Lutheran Church*

## CAROL

**O Savior of Our Fallen Race**

*Music by Keith Getty*

*Arranged by Daniel Grassi*

O Savior of our fallen race, O Brightness of the Father's face,  
O Son who shared the Father's might Before the world knew day or night.  
Remind us, Lord of life and grace, How once, to save our fallen race,  
You put our human vesture on And came to us as Mary's son.

O Jesus, very Light of Light, Our constant star in sin's deep night:  
Now hear the prayers your people pray Throughout the world this holy day.

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest Thy virgin birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.  
And we are jubilant today, For you have washed our guilt away.  
O hear the glad new song we sing On this, the birth of Christ our King!

O Savior of our fallen race, The world will see your radiant face;  
For you who came to us before Will come again and all restore.  
Let songs of praise your name adorn, O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

## SECOND LESSON

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light*

*Karl Christie - Student, Luther Preparatory School*

## CAROL

## Unto Us a Child is Born

*Kenneth T. Kosche*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is giv'n,  
and the government will be upon his shoulder.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Let Christians all sing praise to God on heaven's glorious throne;  
*Sing to the Lord a new song; oh praise God's wondrous deeds.*  
For God today opens heav'n again and gives the world a Son.  
Sing to the Lord a new song; oh, praise God's wondrous deeds;  
tell the wond'rous deeds of the Lord!

## THIRD LESSON

## Micah 5:2-4

*A Branch from the stem of Jesse*

*Andy Gates - Student, Wisconsin Lutheran High School*

## HYMN

## Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel

Christians Worship 23  
*Sung by the congregation*

*Stand*

1. **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 you, O Israel!**
2. **Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save, And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**
3. **Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**
4. **Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

*Be Seated*

## FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary

Jacob Roecker - Student, Martin Luther College

## CAROL

Holy Is Your Name

David Haas

*Congregation sings the refrains where indicated in bold.*

And ho - ly is your name, through  
all gen - er - a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your  
mer - cy to the peo - ple you have  
cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name.

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My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:  
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people. **Refrain**

I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered, for all will call me blessed. **Refrain**

I proclaim the pow'r of God, you do marvels for your servants;  
though you scatter the proud hearted, and destroy the might of princes. **Refrain**

To the hungry you give food, send the rich away empty.  
In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen. **Refrain**

In your love you now fulfill what you promised to your people.  
I will praise you Lord, my Savior, everlasting is your mercy. **Refrain**

## FIFTH LESSON

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*The birth of Jesus*

*Ted Oertel - President, Trinity Lutheran Church*

## CAROL

**The Only Son from Heaven**

*J. S. Bach*

The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears –  
No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.

O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ the Virgin born,  
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heaven before us  
And bring us life again.

O Father, here before Thee, With God the Holy Ghost,  
And Jesus, we adore Thee, Thou Pride of angel host:  
Before Thee mortals lowly Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,  
One God in Persons Three!"



## SIXTH LESSON

**Luke 2:8-20**

*The shepherds go to Bethlehem to see the Christ-Child*

*Mr. Matthew Rydecki - Teacher, Trinity Lutheran School*

## CAROL

**Glory to God**

*G. F. Handel  
from "Messiah"*

*Recitative:*

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heav'nly host, praising God, and saying:

*Chorus:*

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.

*Stand*

## SEVENTH LESSON

**John 1:1-14**

*The mystery of the incarnation*

*Pastor Larry Gates - Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Be seated*

## CAROL

**Night of the Father's Love**

*Pepper Choplin*

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 the future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

*Congregation joins to sing:*

**Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**



*Stand*

## PRAYER

M: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

*Remain standing for the recessional hymn.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### **Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**

Christian Worship Supplement 704

*Kevin Hildebrand*

*See next page*





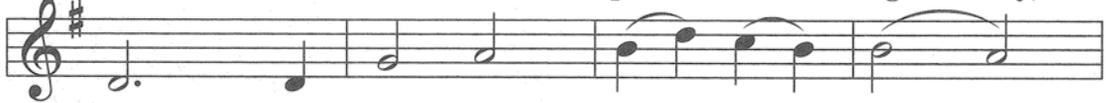
All: 1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 Women: 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 Choir: 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 All: 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Men: Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Trinity Junior Choir

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*Trinity Chamber Brass*

Rod Clouser, Brian Genrich, trumpet

Tracy Clouser, Tim Pederson, trombone

Rick Backhaus, baritone

Amy Donovan, Kaila Banaszak, violin

Ruth Kovaciny, viola

Tim Donovan, Max Vasatko, cello

Trish Frederick, Corrine Weismueller, flute

Suzanne Swenson, oboe

Beth Thornton, clarinet

Michael Schultz, guitar

*Soloists (In order)*

Michael Bina

Lauren Bacik

Erin Laabs



“I am not satisfied with him who despises music, as all fanatics do; for music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful; one forgets all anger, unchasteness, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise.”

- Martin Luther

# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE



December 24	Christmas Eve Family Service	3:00 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Choral Vespers	5:00 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Candlelight Service	10:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Morning with Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.
December 28	<i>No Saturday Service</i>	
December 29	The First Sunday after Christmas	Regular Sunday Schedule
December 31	New Year's Eve	5:30 p.m.
January 4-5	The Second Sunday after Christmas	Regular Weekend Schedule
January 6	Epiphany Candlelight Service	6:30 p.m.

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