



A PROCESSION OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 3, 2023
at 4:30 p.m.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE WELCOME YOU!

Celebrated by Christians since the fourth century, the season of Advent includes the four Sundays before the Feast of the Nativity. In the Anglo/Roman/Lutheran liturgical traditions, Advent is the season of hope, a reflective time for personal preparation as we commence our journey to Bethlehem to see and rejoice in the miracle at the stable that Christmas Eve so many years ago. As the secular world celebrates Christmas with the traditional carols, the hustle and bustle of the season between Thanksgiving and December 25, liturgical Christians reserve the religious celebrations and traditional carols for the season of the Nativity of our Lord, which commences at sunset on Christmas Eve and culminates in Epiphany twelve days later (hence the popular secular carol: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*). The Day of Epiphany on January 6 concludes the cycle, commemorating the visit to the Christ Child by the Magi from the East.

The service of *A Procession of Lessons and Carols for Advent* was first introduced in 1934 by Eric Milner-White, Dean of King's College Chapel at Cambridge University in England, and followed a similar format to his *Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve*, from 1918, lessons followed by several carols, which has been adopted in some form by many Christian Churches throughout the world.

May your Advent season prepare your hearts for the joy of Christmas!

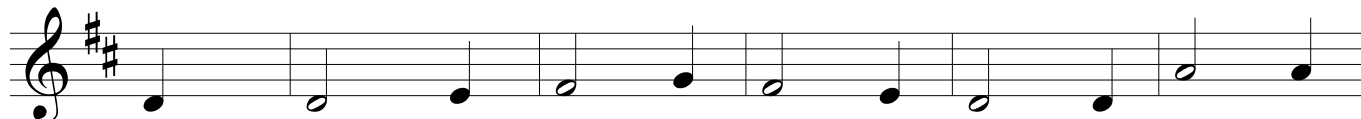
Immediately following this service, you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for a complimentary soup supper. Also, if you do not have a church home, and are looking for additional opportunities to worship during the Advent and Christmas season, we invite you to visit our church's website welcometocentral.org for a complete list of services.

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP The Carillon

The Advent Responsory -- Palestrina
Cantors and The Central Chorale

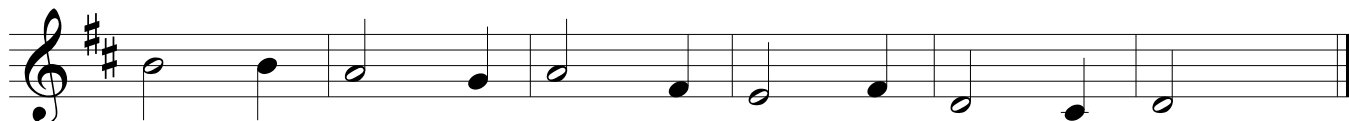
THE CAROL *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth* (please stand if you are able)



1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and ma - ni -
2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the
3. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the
4. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness
5. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent



fest thy vir - gin birth: Let ev - 'ry age a -
Spi - rit, thou art still the Word of God in
Fa - ther back he speeds; His course he runs to
breathe a new - er light, Where end - less faith shall
sets thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
flesh ar - rayed; the pro - mised fruit to all dis - played.
death and hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
shine se - rene, and twi - light ne - ver in - ter - vene.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

THE WELCOME - Pastor Laurie Jones

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE 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.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-8 Donna Bennett
The Prophet Isaiah proclaims good news to a people in exile.

THE CAROL *Resonet et laudibus* (Let Zion Resound in Praise) - Handl
Central Chorale

THE CAROL *Wexford Carol*, an Irish Carol - arr. Stewart-Cook
Alyse Jamieson, Mezzosoprano

THE CAROL *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* - John Rutter
Women's Ensemble

THE SECOND LESSON: Jeremiah 23:5-6 Arya Saks
The Lord promises to send his people a righteous king.

THE CAROL *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE CAROL *Suo gân*, a Welsh Carol - arr. Wilberg
Central Chorale

THE CAROL *Fum, Fum, Fum*, a Czech Carol - arr. Lind
Brombaugh Organ

THE CAROL *Rocking*, a Czech Carol arr. Stewart-Cook
Chamber Ensemble

THE THIRD LESSON: Haggai 2:6-7 Elise Henriksen
The Lord promises that the king will come to Israel in peace.

THE CAROL #435 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (*please stand*)

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Now re - demp - tion long - ex - pect - ed, comes in sol - emn
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at -
 splen - dor near; all the saints this world re -
 ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the pow'r and

tend - ing join to sing the glad re - frain:
 ject - ed thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 glo - ry claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia, See the day of and God ap - pear!
 lu - ia, Thou shalt reign, and thou a lone!

THE CAROL *Splashing and Dancing*, a Castilian Carol McClure
 Children's Choir with Alyse Jamieson, Mezzosoprano
THE CAROL *Pat-a-pan*, a French Carol arr. Eithun
 Central Handbell Ensemble

THE FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-6 Bernie Bopp
The Prophet Isaiah foretells the glory of the kingdom of God.



THE CAROL *Unto Us a Child Is Born* (please stand)

Choir: 1. Un - to us a Child is born! The King of all cre -
 All: 2. Cra - dled in a stall was He with sleep - y cows and
 Men: 3. He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
 Women: 4. Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
 All: 5. Un - to us a Child is born! The King of all cre -

a - tion, came He to a world for - lorn, the
 ass - es; but the ve - ry beast could see that
 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
 a - tion, came He to a world for - lorn, the

Lord of ev - ery na - tion.
 He all men sur - pass es.
 Beth-lehem in his fu - ry.
 to the joys a - bove us.
 Lord of ev - 'ry na - tion.

THE CAROL *Angelus Domini* - Biebl
 Central Chorale

THE CAROL *What Child Is This*, an English Carol - Stewart-Cook
 Chamber Ensemble

THE CAROL *Il est né (He Is Born)*, a French Carol - John Shields
 Men's Ensemble

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Larry Sutton
The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.



THE CAROL #265 The Angel Gabriel

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

THE CAROL *Ave Maria* - Schubert

David Gustafson, Tenor

THE CAROL *King Jesus Hath a Garden* - John Rutter

Central Chorale

THE CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION - Pastor Ben Nickodemus

THE CAROL #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*please stand*)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el,
 2. O come, O wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, O Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Branch of Jes - - - se, free
 5. O come, O key of Dav - - - id come,

and ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el,
 em - brac - ing all things far and nigh;
 as to your tribes on Si - - - nai's height
 your own from Sa - tan's tyr - - - an - ny;
 and o - pen wide our heav - - - n'ly home;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile here
 in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 in an - cient times you gave the law
 from depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 make safe the way that leads on high.

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - - - e - ry.

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u-el Shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Allegro* from *Concerto in D Minor* Vivaldi, arr. Bach

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Laurie A. Jones & Pastor Ben Nickodemus

Dr. A. ElRay Stewart-Cook, Organist/Choirmaster

Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers, Associate Organist & Children's Choir director

Crucifer: Liesl Benda

Torchbearers: Elise Henriksen & Lucy Ruhland

Acolytes: Jan Bremer & Liam Mayers

Flute: Kristen Halay

Trumpet: Doug Doefert

Trombone: James Meyer; Horn: Roger Welch

Violin: Megan Susuico Scott

Viola: Liesl Benda

THE CHAMBER GROUP

Harp: Martha Griffith

Violin: Andy Strietelmeier

Cello: Austin Bennett

Thank you for coming!