

# Family Christmas Eve Service 2020

**PRELUDE**      **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**      **Madeleine Kline**

## **FIRST LESSON: John's Prologue – John 1:1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. **Thanks be to God!**

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CAROL: ELW #283 O Come All Ye Faithful (verses 1-3)**

## **SECOND LESSON: John the Baptist**      **Ben Jacobsen**

I am 'the voice of one shouting in the desert: Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel! Every valley must be filled up, every hill and mountain leveled off. The winding roads must be made straight, and the rough paths made smooth. All mankind will see God's salvation!" "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." **Thanks be to God!**

**CAROL: ELW #267 Joy to the World! (verses 1-2)**

## **THIRD LESSON: Jesus is born – Luke 2:1-7**      **Al Stevens & Amelia Schanhofer**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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. **Thanks be to God!**

**CAROL: ELW #277 Away in a Manger (verses 1-2)**

## **FOURTH LESSON: The Shepherds – Luke 2:8-16**      **Brad & Delia Lindberg & Alyssa Weaver**

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those who he favors!"

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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. **Thanks be to God!**

**CAROL: ELW #289 Angels We Have Heard on High**      **Assoc. of Lutheran Church Musicians**

## **FIFTH LESSON: The Wise Ones – Matthew 2:1-11**      **Nicole, Landon, Nolan & Natalie Crego**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea: for so it has been written by the prophet: Then Herod secretly called for the wisemen and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then, 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." When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. **Thanks be to God!**

**THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS & SPECIAL MUSIC**      **Angie & Ella Plueger**

## **SIXTH LESSON: The Proclamation - Luke 2:17-18, 20**      **Delia Lindberg**

When the shepherds saw him, they made known what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Then, the shepherds went back to their fields, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen. **Thanks be to God!**

**CAROL: ELW #300 The First Noel (verses 1 - 3)**

**A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION & PRAYER – Pastor Dawn**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

### Distribution

Love has come: God's love for all people.

Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

### Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Emmanuel, God with us, **you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & SPECIAL MUSIC

Jean Calhoun

## CAROL: ELW #281 Silent Night

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Almighty God, who directed the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the wise ones by a star,  
bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

## SENDING CAROL: ELW #290 Go Tell it on the Mountain

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the love of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



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