

## SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT II 2024

Hand Bells “Tree of Life”

STAND

### EXHORTATION AND PRAYER

**P:** Dear people of God, in this Advent and 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.

**Let us pray,**

Heavenly Father, we 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. We pray for the people of this community and for those in our congregation.

We remember, in Your 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, or who do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Finally, let us remember all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light than we, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope is 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.

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

**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**

BE SEATED

### THE READINGS

AFTER EACH READING IS SAID:

**P:** O Lord have mercy on us. **C:** Thanks be to God.

**First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-19**

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

LSB 572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden



1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the  
2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly  
3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a  
4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who



day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents  
showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren  
God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond  
spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are



shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!  
learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.  
Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:  
cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:



Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly  
All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'ings Crest - ed  
Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of  
“Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en



God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y  
as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -  
Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would  
on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of

gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.  
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.  
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.  
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

5 **Taste and see the bliss of heaven**  
**Known by saints around the throne,**  
**Where the Lamb, in closest union,**  
**Lives to love and feed His own.**  
**From His riven side forever**  
**Flows the purest stream of love,**  
**Love that robes us with the raiment**  
**Worn by all who feast above.**

6 **Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,**  
**Gone the age of sacrifice;**  
**Ours the time of grace and favor,**  
**Ours the call to paradise!**  
**Ever, Lord, impress upon us:**  
**Only You can cover sin—**  
**Take our worthless, self-made garments;**  
**Clothe our shame and cleanse within.**

**Second Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18**

**God's promises to Abraham**

**LSB 547 "The Lamb"**

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

**Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

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

**Choir "Long is Our Winter"**

**Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-3a, 6-9**

**A Branch from the Stem of Jesse**

**LSB 359 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness

sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright

cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

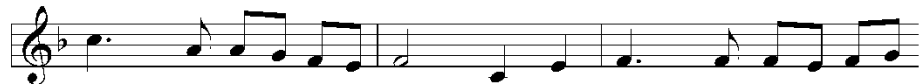
**Fifth Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a**

**The Savior will come from Bethlehem**

**376 Once in Royal David's City Vs 1 Solo, Vs 2 Choir, Vs 3-5 All**



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He  
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.  
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

5 **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!**

**Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:5-17**

**The Birth of John the Baptist announced**

**344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**Vs. 4 Choir**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge the  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

**Seventh Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

**The Angel Gabriel visits Mary**

**LSB 356 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"**

**Vs. 1 All, Vs. 2 Men Only, Vs. 3 Women Only, Vs. 4 All**



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

### Eighth Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-6, 10, 12

#### By His wounds we are healed

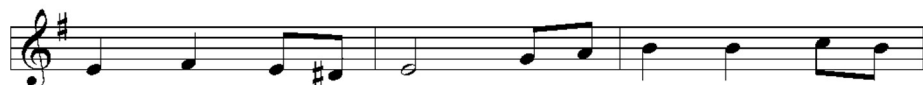
#### LSB 451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

### Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14

#### The Mystery of the Incarnation

#### LSB 578 "Thy Strong Word"



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out 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 **STAND 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!**

## THE OFFERING

### Choir “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

*STAND*

## PRAYER

**P:** 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

**P:** 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 the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen**

