

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
December 31, 2017

Announcements (10:25 a.m.)

Prelude (A time for Meditation)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" L. Smith

Gathering Hymn ELW 269
"Once in Royal David's City"

A: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:
C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

A: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Opening Prayer

A: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ELW 212

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" ELW 265

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Carol "I Wonder as I Wander" WOV 642

Fifth Reading: St. Luke 2:8-16

Carol "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" ELW 275

Sixth Reading: Luke 2:21-36

Carol "That Boy-Child of Mary" ELW 293

Seventh Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

Carol "The First Noel" ELW 300

Eighth Reading: Matthew 2:13-18

Carol "Your Little Ones Dear Lord" ELW 286

Ninth Reading: John 1:1-14

Carol "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ELW 295

Offering

Offertory "Bethlehem" R. Wilson

Responsive Prayer

A: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

A: Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

A: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

A: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

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Blessing and Dismissal

A: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"Go Tell It On The Mountain" ELW 290

Postlude

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

arr. M. Burkardt

A **LIVING GIFT** has been designated by:

Jack and Dorothy Gesalman to Lutheran World Relief in loving memory of son, Joel Thomas on the anniversary of his birthday.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF December 30, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Saturday	5:30 pm.	Lessons & Carols
Sunday	10:30 am.	Lessons & Carols
Monday	Happy New Year	Office Closed
	9:00 am.	New Neighbors
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
Tuesday	9:00 am.	Brunot – Sanctuary
	10:00 am.	Chat-n-Sew
	10:00 am.	Unity Quilters
	6:00 pm.	Tigers
Wednesday		Rocking Horse Resumes
	5:30 pm.	Wolves
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416
Thursday	6:00 pm.	Young Marines
	6:45 pm.	Webelos I
	7:30 pm.	Senior Choir
Saturday		Pack 416 Derby Fun Day
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	9:30 am.	Fellowship Meeting
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	2:00 pm.	Epiphany Tea at Donna Sheridan's House
	3:00 pm.	Pack 416 Committee Mtg.
	6:00 pm.	6 th Grade Pre-Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Troop 416 Committee

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the commons area. If you haven't already retrieved yours, please do so. Thank you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018
following the 10:30 Service

God is the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
May God grant you grace and peace
at the dawn of this new year.
Amen.

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