



Lessons & Carols

at



Sunday, December 29, 2024, 9:30am

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

Journeying together in love for God and for all people.

Our Vision

A world where all people will experience love
and know their value in the eyes of God.

ELW = red hymnal ACS = purple hymnal

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath *Children's Sermon*

Gathering Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* **ELW 289**

Dialogue

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God of heaven and earth,

you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—

a beam of light that shines through Jesus.

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world
and in our hearts.

Amen.

The First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18 Read by Steve Kennedy
God begins creating; "Let there be light"

Carol "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime ELW 284

The Second Lesson Micah 5:2-5a Read by Sally McDonald
One is coming who will rule Israel

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem, verses 1 & 3 ELW 279

The third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38; 2:1-7 Read by Geof Kusch
Jesus is born

Carol The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW 265

The Fourth Lesson Luke 2:8-20 Read by Karen McCormick
The shepherds hear of Jesus birth

Carol Glory to God
Children who received bells can ring them during the "Glory to God" hymn of praise!

Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The Fifth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Read by Rick Carlson
The Magi meet the baby Jesus

Carol The First Noel ELW 300

Prayers of Intercession

We respond to each petition: God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*At this time, we share God's peace with our neighbors.
Congregation is then seated for the offering.*

Offering

The Table is prepared as offering and worship record cards are collected and brought forward.



Online giving is available. Simply scan this QR code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and give as you feel led.

Offering Prayer

God of heaven and earth,
**from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.
Amen.**

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.

...And so, with joyful hearts, we join the angels in their song . . .

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. The first line ends with a half note G. The second line ends with a half note G. The third line ends with a half note G. The fourth line ends with a half note G. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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...In this, we prepare the way for your arrival again,
when you will return to remake all of existence
into your kin-dom of perfect mercy, justice, and love.



Lord's Prayer

Together, we join in the prayer our Lord 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.

Invitation to Communion

Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

All are welcome to Christ's table!

In this meal, we meet Jesus and the expansive life He brings. An usher will invite you forward to receive bread from Pastor. You can then receive red wine from the chalice or an individual cup. White grape juice is also available in individual cups. As you return down the side aisle, you may dispose of your cup in the basket. If you would like to receive communion from Pastor, but are unable to come up front, please let an usher know and Pastor will come to you.

Prayer after Communion

God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Sixth Lesson Luke 2:21-38

Read by Nadine LaGruth

*Jesus is named and presented in the temple
This reading from Luke is the assigned Narrative Lectionary text for today.*

Carol

That Boy-Child of Mary

ELW 293

The Seventh Lesson John 1:1-14

Read by Mike McCarthy

In the Beginning was the Word

Carol

Of the Father's Love Begotten, verses 1, 3, & 5

ELW 295

Responsive Prayer

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.
Your Word, Jesus, is truth.
In his light, draw all to the manger
to gather in wonder with the shepherds.
In his light, draw all to the manger
to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.
In his light, draw all to the manger
to sing for joy with the angels.
In the brightness of his life
cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.
It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

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

Amen.

Sending Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.



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Serving in Worship

	This Sunday Dec 29	Next Sunday Jan 5
Musician:	Cindy Rogers	Cindy Rogers
Worship Assistant:	-----	Sally McDonald
Worship Coordinator:	Sally McDonald	Bill Kauffman
Usher:	Jennie Posey	Fred Russell
Acolyte:	Caleb Martin	Ava DeShon
Readers:	Many Voices	Colleen Schenck
Communion Assistants:	Madonna L. & Michelle C.	Sherry Russell
Greeters:	Robie Clearwood	Dennis Smith
Coffee Bar Attendants:	Karen McCormick	Fred & Jean Russell
Coffee With Luther Host:	Karen McCormick	OPEN
Altar Guild:	Sherry Russell -----	Sherry Russell Judy M. & Barb H.
Bread Baker:	Nancy Bond	Judy McCarthy
Offering Tellers:	Fred Russell Jean Russell	Fred Russell Krystal Taylor

Altar Flowers

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Next Week's Texts

Psalm 2:7-8; Luke 2:41-52

