***Lessons & Carols***

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

**December 27, 2015**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

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**GATHERING**

*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

\*Please rise and join in singing our gathering song - *Joy To The World* **ELW #267**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her king;**

**let ev'ry heart prepare him room**

**and heav'n and nature sing,**

**and heav'n and nature sing,**

**and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**

**Let all their songs employ,**

**while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**

**repeat the sounding joy,**

**repeat the sounding joy,**

**repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 No more let sin and sorrow grow**

**nor thorns infest the ground;**

**he comes to make his blessings flow**

**far as the curse is found,**

**far as the curse is found,**

**far as, far as the curse is found.**

**4 He rules the world with truth and grace**

**and makes the nations prove**

**the glories of his righteousness**

**and wonders of his love,**

**and wonders of his love,**

**and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**DIALOGUE**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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**

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

L: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.  3You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.  4For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7His authority shall grow continually  and there shall be endless peace  for the throne of David and his kingdom.  He will establish and uphold it  with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.  The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**  **ELW #279**

**1 O little town of Bethlehem,**

**how still we see thee lie!**

**Above thy deep and dreamless sleep**

**the silent stars go by;**

**yet in thy dark streets shineth**

**the everlasting light.**

**The hopes and fears of all the years**

**are met in thee tonight.**

**2 For Christ is born of Mary,**

**and, gathered all above**

**while mortals sleep, the angels keep**

**their watch of wond’ring love.**

**O morning stars, together**

**proclaim the holy birth,**

**and praises sing to God the king,**

**and peace to all the earth!**

**3 How silently, how silently**

**the wondrous gift is giv’n!**

**So God imparts to human hearts**

**the blessings of his heav’n.**

**No ear may hear his coming;**

**but, in this world of sin,**

**where meek souls will receive him, still**

**the dear Christ enters in.**

**4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,**

**descend to us, we pray;**

**Cast out our sin, and enter in,**

**be born in us today.**

**We hear the Christmas angels**

**the great glad tidings tell;**

**oh, come to us, abide with us,**

**our Lord Immanuel!**

**Luke 1:26-35, 38** ***The annunciation to Mary***

*The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 38 Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY  ELW #276**

**1 Infant holy, infant lowly,**

**for his bed a cattle stall;**

**oxen lowing, little knowing**

**Christ the child is Lord of all.**

**Swiftly winging, angels singing,**

**bells are ringing, tidings bringing:**

**Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**Christ the child is Lord of all!**

**2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping**

**vigil till the morning new**

**saw the glory, heard the story,**

**tidings of a gospel true.**

**Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,**

**praises voicing, greet the morrow:**

**Christ the child was born for you!**

**Christ the child was born for you!**

**Luke 2:1-7 *The Birth of Jesus***

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 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. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 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.

**AWAY IN A MANGER ELW #277**

**1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,**

**the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;**

**the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,**

**the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,**

**but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.**

**I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.**

**Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

**Luke 2:8-16** ***The shepherds go to see the Savior***

*The Shepherds and the Angels*

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 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: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14  **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”** 15 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.” 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY  ELW #275**

**1 Angels, from the realms of glory,**

**wing your flight o'er all the earth;**

**once you sang creation's story,**

**now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Come and worship, come and worship,**

**worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,**

**watching o'er your flocks by night,**

**God with us is now residing,**

**yonder shines the infant light.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,**

**worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations,**

**brighter visions beam afar;**

**seek the great desire of nations,**

**you have seen his natal star.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,**

**worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**4 All creation, join in praising**

**God, the Father, Spirit, Son,**

**evermore your voices raising**

**to the eternal Three in One.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,**

**worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Luke 2:21-36** ***Jesus receives his name***

*Jesus Is Named*

21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Jesus Is Presented in the Temple*

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 “Master, now you are dismissing your servant[h] in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31  which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” 33 And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS ELW #296**

**1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,**

**on Mary's lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet**

**while shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the king,**

**whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud,**

**the babe, the son of Mary!**

**2 Why lies he in such mean estate**

**where ox and ass are feeding?**

**Good Christian, fear; for sinners here**

**the silent Word is pleading.**

**Nails, spear shall pierce him through,**

**the cross be borne for me, for you;**

**hail, hail the Word made flesh,**

**the babe, the son of Mary!**

**3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;**

**come, peasant, king, to own him.**

**The King of kings salvation brings;**

**let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**Raise, raise the song on high,**

**the virgin sings her lullaby;**

**joy, joy, for Christ is born,**

**the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Matthew 2:1-11 *The magi follow the star***

*The Visit of the Wise Men*

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 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.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 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.” 9 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. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 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.

**THE FIRST NOEL  ELW #300**

**1 The first Noel the angel did say**

**was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;**

**in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,**

**on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

***Refrain***

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!**

**Born is the King of Israel.**

**2 They looked up and saw a star**

**shining in the east beyond them far;**

**and to the earth it gave great light,**

**and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain***

**3 And by the light of that same star**

**three wise men came from country far;**

**to seek for a king was their intent,**

**and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain***

**4 This star drew near to the northwest,**

**o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;**

**and there it did both stop and stay**

**right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain***

**5 Then entered in those wise men three,**

**full rev'rently upon their knee,**

**and offered there in his presence**

**their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain***

**John 1:1-14** ***The mystery of the incarnation***

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son,full of grace and truth.

**HE CAME DOWN  ELW #253**

**1 He came down that we may have love;**

**he came down that we may have love;**

**he came down that we may have love;**

**hallelujah forevermore.**

**2 He came down that we may have light;**

**he came down that we may have light;**

**he came down that we may have light;**

**hallelujah forevermore.**

**3 He came down that we may have peace;**

**he came down that we may have peace;**

**he came down that we may have peace;**

**hallelujah forevermore.**

**4 He came down that we may have joy;**

**he came down that we may have joy;**

**he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.**

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER *\*Please rise***

L: Glory to God in the highest,

**C: and peace to God’s people on earth.**

L: Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

**C: You rule the earth with truth and justice.**

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

**C: You share our humanity.**

L: Have mercy on the sick, the dying,

**C: and all who suffer this day.**

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

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

*Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray.*

**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.**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

L: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Go Tell It On the Mountain***

***Refrain***

**Go tell it on the mountain,**

**over the hills and ev'rywhere;**

**go tell it on the mountain**

**that Jesus Christ is born!**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching**

**o'er silent flocks by night,**

**behold, throughout the heavens**

**there shone a holy light. *Refrain***

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled**

**when, lo, above the earth**

**rang out the angel chorus**

**that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

**3 Down in a lonely manger**

**the humble Christ was born;**

**and God sent us salvation**

**that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

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**Readings for next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-14, Ps 147:12-20, Eph 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9]10-18

*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, and Danny Lang.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30-**Bingo at Truman Senior Living, b e there at 1:45 pm.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**: The church office will be closed on January 1st.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

9-10:00 Sunday School

10:00-10:30-Kid friendly snack

10:30 Communion Worship

*Reader: Mike Taylor, Comm. Server: Marlene Breitbarth*

*Ushers: \*Vern Quade, Dave Baarson, Jim Hansen and Zach Hansen*

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Committee Reports are due for the Annual Report!!! Please hand them into the office by **January 4th.**