

# Holy Communion Lessons and Carols



*First Sunday of Christmas*  
December 26, 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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*The Holy Spirit gathers  
us in unity on this first  
day of the week*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming,” Op. 122, No. 8

arr. Johannes Brahms

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Bless be the holy Trinity,

✠ one God,

who creates, redeems and sustains us

and all of creation.

**A** **Amen.**

**P** As we gather in the newness of the Christmas season, let us  
confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** To you, O God,

**A** **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you,  
confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us  
in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead  
us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus  
Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

**P** By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and  
through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives  
you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in  
all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**A** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Still, Still, Still”

arr. Paul Manz

### READING

Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden



*God speaks to us in  
scripture reading,  
preaching,  
and song*



at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said,  
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

#### **CAROL**

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Hymn 276

#### **READING**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>For 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.  
His 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.



**CAROL**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Hymn 272  
Stanzas 1-2

**READING**

Luke 2:1, 3-7

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

**CAROL**

“Away in a Manger”

Hymn 277

**READING**

Luke 2:8-16

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

**CAROL**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymn 289

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** As we wait and watch, let us pray for the church the world and all God's creation.

*Each petition concludes:*

God who is with us,

**AD** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands gracious God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise to hear our prayers.

**AD** **Amen.**

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*



## MEAL

### PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**AD** **And also with you.**

*(Please remain standing)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**AD** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**AD** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. . .

. . . Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**AD** **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**AD** **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## COMMUNION

*(Please stand)*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**AD** Amen.

## SENDING



*God blesses and sends us  
in mission to the world*

### BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**AD** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

"Love Has Come"

Hymn 292

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

"O Hail this Brightest Day of Days," BWV 605

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen *presiding*  
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe *preaching*  
Ron Fiscus *assisting minister*  
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Mark Kieffer *video/sound*  
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