St. Mary's Lutheran Church
5:00pm December 30th

2001 80th Street, Kenosha, WI
9:00am December 31st, 2023

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS: SAVIOR, CHRIST, LORD

The service takes its theme from the Gospel of Luke (2:10-11), focusing on the ways God comes to us in Jesus as Savior (first set of lessons), Christ (second set of lessons), and Lord (third set of lessons).

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." In ✣ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Amen.

Gathering Carol……. Hymn #289 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise…….. Hymn #292 "*Love Has Come"*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Pew Bible Page)

"For unto you is born a *Savior*, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6 pgs. 558-559

Response: #290 *"Go Tell It On The Mountain" (refrain only)*

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23 pg. 783

Carol: Hymn #287 *"Let All Together Praise Our God" vs. 1, 2, 3, 4*

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is *Christ*, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11 pgs. 603-604

Response: #290 *"Go Tell It On The Mountain" (refrain only)*

Lesson: John 1:19-23, 29-34 pg. 862

Carol: Hymn #279 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the *Lord*"

Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 pg. 553

Response: #290 *"Go Tell It On The Mountain" (refrain only)*

Lesson: Luke 1:26-35 pg. 831

Carol: Hymn #272 *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

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Prayers of Intercession

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Offering Carol Hymn *#276 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

Preface

Acclamation and Amen

Tune: Hymn #270 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of Hosts, by all Adored!
Heav'n and Earth cannot contain All the Glory of Your Name.
Hail! Hosanna, God most High! Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King. Hallelujahs glad we sing,
Hail, Hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord to You!

Words of Institution

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.

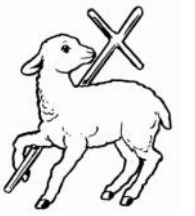
Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Song

Tune: Hymn #271 *"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"*

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.



Communion Distribution Hymn #278 *"Away in a Manger"*

Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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.

Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus
who is Savior, Christ, and Lord. Almighty God, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Carol Hymn #267 *"Joy to the World!"*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor……...……..…….…Rev. Kathy Brown
Music……...…...Deb Black
Assisting Minister……..……..….Tim Somers (5), Harold Frush (9)
Readers: ……Lisa Zanin, Tim Somers (5) & Dick Sjoerdsma, Harold Frush (9)
Communion Assistants:
Lisa Zanin, Todd Woller (5) & Leslie & Dave Sandahl, Sandy Bear (9)
Greeter: ……..…...……...…….Anne Winkle (9)

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The altar flower side arrangements are given in loving memory of Roger Lemnus by his wife, Inez, and in honor of our first Great-Grandson!