

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Oak Lake Lutheran Church

The Church Bells Call Us to Gather....

Christmas Message

God's Story of Love Come Down

Sharing the Meal

Blessing

OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" v. 1,2,3 #45 Green

Call to Worship

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

P When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman,

C born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law.

P Restore us, O God of Hosts.

C Show us the light of Your countenance.

P: Glory be to God, the three in one; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. **Amen.**

CAROL "Once in Royal David's City" v. 1,2,3 #643 Blue

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
*Adam and Eve disobey God's command
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

CAROL "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" v. 1,2 #30 Green

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18
*God promises that, through Abraham,
all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

CAROL "Of the Father's Love Begotten" v. 1,3,4 #42 Green

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
*The people who walk in darkness
receive the promise of the Messiah*

CAROL "Hark the Glad Sound" v. 1 & 4 #35 Green

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse
to restore the peace of creation*

CAROL “Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel” v. 1,3,5 #34 Green

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child*

CAROL Meditation “Mary Did you Know?” Kim Thiessen, 2003

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,
where Mary gives birth to her child*

CAROL “Away in a Manger” all verses #67 Green

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of the Messiah*

CAROL “The First Noel” verses 1&2 #56 Green

“Angels We Have Heard On High” v. 1&3 #71 Green

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah
and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

CAROL “The First Noel” verses 3, 4, 5 #56 Green

LIGHTING OF OUR CANDLES

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night” all verses #65 Green

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: In Christ, the Light, the Word, the Glory of God’s love shines in our hearts. We are forgiven and given strength to go forward into a new future. Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is truly with us. God is truly with each of us.

C: And Also With you.

Let us pray: With longing for the presence of Christ, we pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs. For the Church that we might bear fruits worthy of your name Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** For leaders of the world, that they would turn their hearts to You and work for peace among all people. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** For the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, and those who lack the basic necessities of life, that we may share with them and bring them joy. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** For those who are hospitalized or ill (*especially...*), that they might cast all their cares upon You. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** - With thanksgiving we remember all those who have died and rest securely in Your arms. God of joy, hear the prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel who taught us to pray:

THE 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 May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World!" all verses #39 Green

SENDING:

Go forth to give witness to the Light, to the Word,

to the Glory of God dwelling in us;

Go forth to live in grace and truth.

Thanks be to God!

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