

Lessons and Carols for Christmas

January 4, 2026



**10 a.m. Worship
Augustana Lutheran Church
Pastor *Amy Kelly*
Accompanists *Anne & Phil Hintz***

GATHERING

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

*(*stand if able)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Isaiah 9:2-7

God promises a king

"Emmanuel"

W&P #36

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has notes C4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4 with lyrics 'Em - man - u - el,'. The second staff has notes A4, C#4, D4, E4, F4, G4 with lyrics 'his name is called Em - man - u - el;'. The third staff has notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5 with lyrics 'God with us, re - vealed in us;'. The fourth staff has notes F4, A4, C#4, D4, E4, F4 with lyrics 'his name is called Em - man - u - el.' and a final whole note C4. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, C/E, F, G, G7, C, C/Bb on the first staff; A, A/C#, Dm, G7, G/B, C on the second staff; C/E, F, G, G7, C, C/Bb on the third staff; A, A/C#, Dm, G7, F/C, C on the fourth staff.

Micah 5:2-5a

The king will come from Bethlehem

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Versus 1,2 & 4



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893


Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

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

"The Magnificat"


Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."
(immediately to "The Magnificat")

All:



1.3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

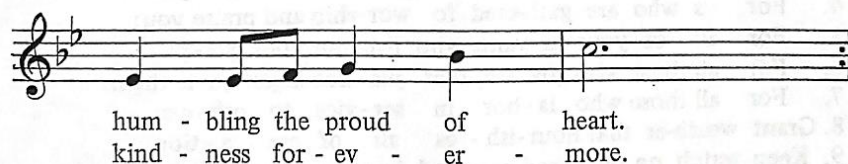
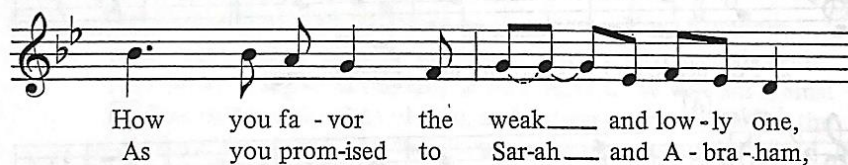
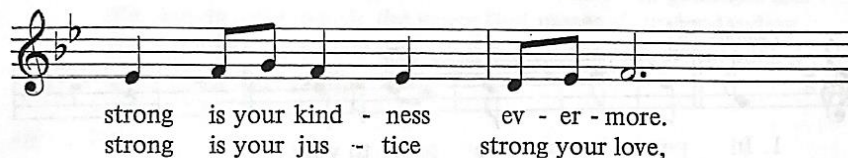
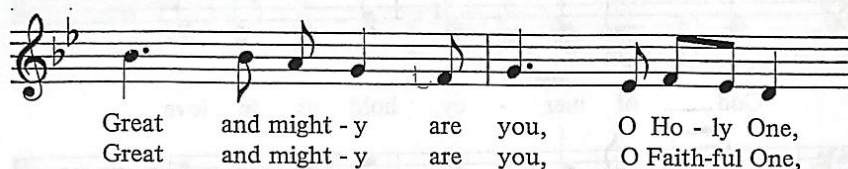
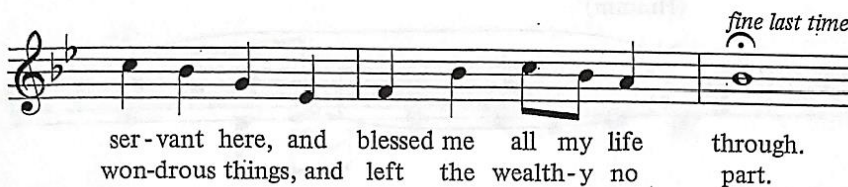
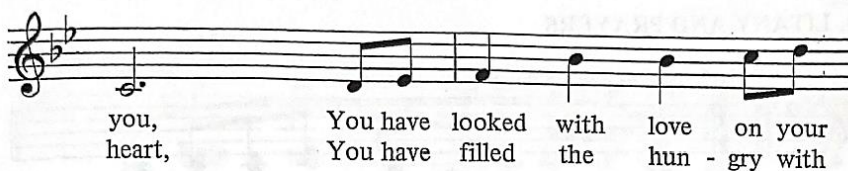
The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. A dashed line connects the first two notes (G4 and A4).



great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

The musical notation continues on a single staff. It consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. A triplet bracket is placed over the last three notes (F#4, E4, D4).

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Luke 2:1-7
The birth of Jesus

“Infant holy, Infant Lowly”

ELW #276



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Verse 1

Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Shining afar thru shadows dim
Giving a light for those who long
have gone
And guiding the wise men on their
way
Unto the place where Jesus lay
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine
on

Chorus 1

Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory
dawn
And guiding the wise men on their
way
Unto the place where Jesus lay
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine
on

Verse 2

Oh beautiful Star the hope of light
Guiding the pilgrim thru the night
Over the mountain 'til the break of
dawn
And into the light of perfect day
It will give out a lovely ray
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine
on

Chorus 2

Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory
dawn
And into the light of perfect day
It will give out a lovely ray
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine
on

Verse 3

Oh beautiful Star the hope of rest
For the redeemed the good and
blest
Yonder in glory when the crown is
won
For Jesus is now that Star divine
Brighter and brighter He will shine
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine
on

Chorus 3


Oh beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory
dawn
For Jesus is now that Star divine
Brighter and brighter He will shine
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine
on

Matthew 2:1-11


The magi follow the star

"The First Noel"

Versus 1, 2 & 3



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .




cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

Matthew 2:13-18

The slaughter of the holy innocents

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

ELW #286



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
sweet-est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

John 1:1-14

The mystery of the incarnation

"He Came Down"

ELW #253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

ELW #288



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!	Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this!	Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!	Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

P: Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

P: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



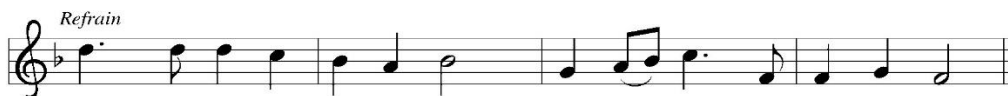
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king!”

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, Chris is with us.

C: Thanks be to God.

AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/4	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship
Wed	1/7	3:45 p.m.	Confirmation
Thu	1/8	9 a.m. 12 p.m.	Piecemakers Quilting Bible Study
Sun	1/11	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m. 11:30 – 2 p.m.	Coffee fellowship Rejoice Worship; Meal following worship Puzzles and Pie

Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week.

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Augustana Lutheran Church's Welcome Statement

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-off or down on your luck. We especially welcome crying babies and excited toddlers. We welcome single parent families and those with no family at all, individuals with special needs and individuals in need of Christ's love. We welcome you whether you can sing like Michael Buble' or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up or just got out of prison. It makes no difference to us if you were awarded a Sunday School Perfect Attendance Pin or you haven't been to church since Christmas Eve Service when you were five. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those with an 11:30 tee-time, and those with nowhere to be, active duty military members, veterans, keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters, teetotalers and homebrewers. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because you're visiting Grandma and she insisted on coming. We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or took a wrong turn on Cascade Avenue and ended up here by mistake. We don't believe it was by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, vacationers, seekers, skeptics, believers in God, people in need of a God who believes in them, and, of course, you.

** The origin of Augustana's Welcome Statement is a bit mysterious. It was adopted at Coventry Cathedral in England but shared with their minister by a friend from the US. Later, the minister of Coventry Cathedral was contacted and told that it came originally from a small church in Wales who simply asked that whenever it was used people would thank God for its writer. We thank God for the writer and for those who contributed to its present adaptation and, especially, for those who strive to live out Jesus' wide welcome day after day.*