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LESSONS
AND
Carols

Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:30 AM

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lessons and Carols of the Christmas Season

PRELUDE: (5:00) “Once in Royal David’s City” -arr. A. Whitworth
(9:30) “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” -arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please stand, as able)*

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty,

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

P: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.
(time of silence for reflection)

P: Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

**Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of the child born for us, and the joy of the one given to us be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS AND CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS *(Please remain seated)*

Each reading ends with "Word of God, Word of Life"

Congregation's Response is "Thanks be to God"

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5

HYMN: ELW #279 **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** *(vs. 1 & 2)*

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN: ELW #296 **"What Child Is This"** *(vs. 1, 2, 3)*

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

HYMN: ELW #290 **"Go Tell It On The Mountain"** *(vs. 1,2 ,3)*

SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

HYMN: ELW #277 **"Away in a Manger"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AS A NEW YEAR BEGINS

L: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

- L:** We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God,
C: **receive our prayer.**
- L:** Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Thanks for sharing your gifts. Offering envelopes can still be mailed to the church, you can use the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app, or you may wish to sign up for Simply Giving to have your offering scheduled on an automatic basis. Information for both programs can be found on the Electronic Giving page at ssmelca.org)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L:** Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.
C: **Amen.**



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION

Participants may proceed up the center isle to receive the wafer from Pastor (gluten free wafers are available) then proceed to the left or right to receive wine or grape juice. For those who do not wish to come forward, prefilled communion cups with wafers are available from the ushers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

P: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. May God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this New Year.

C: **Amen.**

P: All flesh is grass, but the Word of God remains forever. May God who is eternal keep you in hope of the resurrection.

C: **Amen.**

P: The past, the present, and the future rest in God's hands. May God guard your coming in and your going forth, this New Year and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

DISMISSAL

AM: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **Peace to God's people on earth!**

AM: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: (5:00) "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" -arr. J. Pachelbel
(9:30) "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" -arr. Held



THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP!

Reader: (5:00) Pam Maschke

(9:30) Denise Sanders

Ushers: (5:00): Bob Brownell & Sue Stasiewski

(9:30): Dan Resterhouse, Mason Resterhouse & Tom Zuleger

Communion Set Up: (5:00) Bonnie Court

(9:30) Julie Starks & Denise Sanders

Communion Servers: (5:00) Bonnie Court & Heidi Hennessy

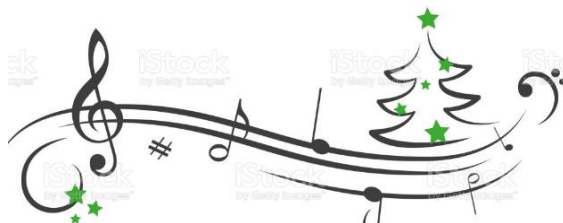
(9:30) Julie Starks & Bonnie Zimmermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date: **The SSM Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on January 30, 2022 immediately following the worship service. There will also be a budget discussion session on January 23rd, also immediately following the worship service. More information to follow.

The Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up forms are now posted on the office door for 2022.

This Week at SSM				
Monday	1/3	1:00pm	Bible Study	
Tuesday	1/4	6:30pm	Mega Meeting	
Wednesday	1/5	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	
Saturday	1/8	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Patti Nelson & Herb Leppien
				Reader: Heidi Hennessy
Sunday	1/9	9:30am	Worship	Ushers: Pat Burns, Shelley Burns & Nancy Mineau
				Reader: Jeremy Hanna
			Sunday School	



Rev. Brian Hooper, Pastor - 262-271-8913 Tabitha Moldenhauer, Music Director Mark Bruetzmann, Saturday Musician Bonnie Zimmermann, Ministry Assistant Office phone - 414-421-3543 Jim Hennessy, Church Maintenance

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Suzi Angeletti, Bob Brownell, Melissa Cooper, John Drover, Mary Freiburger, Diana Gastrau, Sue Herman, Sue Jarchow, Lynda Johnson, Carolyn Kahl, Tasha Kopplin, Carol Kucharski, Vic & Sandy Peterson, Teri Peterson, Patrick Rafalski, Shirley Rau, John Rech, Joan Retzlaff, Carole Ropel, Bob & JoAnn Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt, Kim Sussman, John Winter

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Roberta Henrichs, sister-in-law of Joan Retzlaff
Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM
Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil & LaVerne Morgan
Jane Janicki, sister of the Winter Family
Jerelie Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff
Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law of Barbara & Dan Davies
Karen Stolz, neighbor of Julie Herman
Roger & Kathy Blanchard, cousin of Bob Lieske
Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas
Daniel Kilimann, son of Joy Kilimann
Carson Wudtke, grandson of Dan & Barb Davies
Sharon West, friend of Lynda Johnson
Ted P., brother-in-law of Gail Jakus
Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan
Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau
Cindy Molter, mother of Fred Ankebrant
Mark Molter, uncle of Fred Ankebrant
Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Nikki Bruneau, friend of Kelly Sachse
James Haas, friend of Mark & Patti Winter
Rose Zovi, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Peter Salza, friend of Doug Winter family
Dawn Salopek, sister of Karen Miller
Gloria Klinter, sister-in-law of Shirley Lieske
Sandy, sister of Kevin Ernst
Tom Riedasch brother of Patti Winter
Mark Weber, son-in-law of Marian Walton
Hartmut Barsnick
Paula Peterson sister of Bonnie Court

Cathy & Mark Kossow, friends of Lynda Johnson
Tippecanoe's "Larry under the bridge", friend of the Homeless
Katie Manzeck, friend of Carol Manning
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Susan Kowalewski
Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of Karen Miller
Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Maria Hill, friend of Lynda Johnson
Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan
Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman
Laura Sussman, mother of Kimberly Carroll
Sharon Maschke, sister-in-law of Pam Maschke
Tim Ingram, grandson of Carole & Ron Ropel
Denise Hajos, friend of Kelly Sachse
Bonnie, friend of Kurt & Jenny Koeff
Louie Baumgartner, family member of the Lieske's.
Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani
Barbara Goelz, friend of Kelly Sachse
Peter Misko, friend of Doug Winter family
Kathy Manders, friend of Doug Winter family
Tom Freiburger, son of Mary Freiburger
Janet Heino, great aunt of Stephanie Falksen
Paulie Long, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Tom Schmidt, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Tim Drover, son of John Drover
Alicia Davilla, granddaughter of Barb and Dan Davies
Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani
Vern Koenig, father of Bonnie Daleness