



Lessons & Carols

A UNIQUE FESTIVAL OF
MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE

CREATED BY AND FOR THE SWW SYNOD

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SWW Synod ELCA

GREETING

Bishop Rick Jaech

GATHERING SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful



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!

Led by Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor

OPENING PRAYER

Led by St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Vancouver

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. As we gather to worship from across our synod, we give you thanks for the gift of your incarnation in our lives, our congregations, and our great global community. Let the promise of our faith shine in all we do and draw us ever closer to unity; through our Lord, Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7 & Micah 5:2-5

SWWS ALYVE Board Youth

CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



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

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LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38

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CAROL

Angel Medley

First verses of *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*,
Angels We Have Heard on High, and *Angels from the Realm of Glory*
Led by Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, Sequim

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

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ANTHEM

How Far is it to Bethlehem arr. by Stan Pethel
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles

CAROL

Silent Night



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Led by Ocean Park Lutheran Church, Ocean Park

CAROL

He Came Down



- 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;

Led by St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Vancouver

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by St. Mark Lutheran Church, Lacey

Beloved of Christ, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all in need.

God of love, stand with your people everywhere. Guide our church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to live out in the world your justice and peace. Send the gift of your Spirit to our bishops, rostered leaders, church workers, congregations, and special ministries. We pray you enfold in your presence our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our synod Bishop Richard Jaech, and our Bishop Associate Rebecca Shjerven. Keep us faithful to your justice and mercy and ground us in your grace. ...God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, lead us in the ways of reconciliation and unity. Open our ears, our eyes, and our minds to listen to one another. Bring an end to war and division. Unite us with understanding and compassion. Nurture relationships among us that are rooted in our identity as your beloved children. ... God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, thank you for the beauty of all creation. Teach us to take care of everyone and everything you have made. ...God of life, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, tend to the hearts of those who suffer any kind of need. Comfort the grieving, the lonely, and the discouraged. Feed the hungry, heal the sick, free the oppressed, and house those who have no home. Inspire us to act boldly and be your heart, your hands, and your feet in our world today. ...God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

God of joy, encourage us to continue growing in faith, hope, and love. Fill us with your goodness and grace. Help us learn from one another with humility and patience. ...God of joy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, you know what we need even before we ask. We lift to you these prayers spoken out loud and the ones whispered (or even shouted) in our hearts. We trust in your love. In you we have joy, peace, and hope through Jesus Christ.In your holy name we pray, **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Led by St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Vancouver

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.

BLESSING

Bishop Rick Jaech



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

Led by Participants from Congregations around the SWWS

DISMISSAL

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