

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Isaiah 9:6

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 22, 10am

The story of Christmas in Scripture and music

Reception to follow

Prelude Joy to the World Craig Phillips
Prayer Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones
Choral Processional The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon arr. Michael Clawson

First Lesson **Reader: Mitchell Piper**
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will
bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19
The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Handbell Response Savior of the Nations, Come arr. Linda R. Lamb
Congregational Carol Joy to the World Hymn 267, stanzas 1, 3, 4

Second Lesson **Reader: Lynne Ziehr**
God Promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth
be blessed. Genesis 22:15-18
The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Hymn 272, stanzas 1,2

Third Lesson **Reader: Molly Wilson**
The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior. Isaiah 9:2; 6-7
The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Choral Response Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) Chris Eaton & Amy Grant
Molly Wilson, solo

Fourth Lesson **Reader: Ember Ewings**
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. Isaiah 11:1-3a; 4a; 6-9
The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Hymn 272, stanzas 3, 4
Handbell Response Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow arr. Bill Ingram

Fifth Lesson**Reader: Anita Reid**The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Gospel of Luke 1:26–35; 38The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**Choral Response***In Dulci Jubilo***Russell Robinson****Congregational Carol***My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness***Hymn 251****Sixth Lesson****Reader: Holly Dalsveen**St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Luke 2: 1; 3–7

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**Choral Response***The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy***arr. Brian Trant****Seventh Lesson****Reader: Jan Adams**The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2:8–16

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**Congregational Carol***O Little Town of Bethlehem*
An offering will be taken during the hymn**Hymn 279, verses 1,2,4****Adult & Family Choir****with Handbells Response** *The Children and the Shepherds***Don Bessig****Eighth Lesson****Reader: Wilma Hovland**The Wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

The Gospel of Matthew 2:1–12

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**Choral Response***We Three Kings*
Pete Lokken, Richard Long, and Roger Pomplun; soloists**Traditional****Ninth Lesson****Reader: Arthur Grothe**St. John unfolds the great mystery of Incarnation.

The Gospel of John 1:1–14

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**Benediction***Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones***Congregational Carol***Angels We Have Heard on High***Hymn 289**

Join us in the chapel, following the service, for a reception including cookies and coffee.

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi
Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger
Organist / Pianist: Elaine Mann

Grace Lutheran Choir

Soprano

Stacey Geist
Wilma Hovland
Diane Pomplun
Barb Piper
Courtney Eberle
Molly Wilson

Alto

Kathi Sue Krause
Jan Adams
Kathy Delfosse
Barb Eidahl
Holly Dalsveen

Tenor

Randy Adams
Paul Lokken
Thomas Screnock

Bass

Pete Lokken
Roger Pomplun
Richard Long
Jon Thorpe
Collin Pomplun

Pacibells

Kathy Delfosse
Karen Lionberger
Norma Lionberger
Katrina Cooper
Andrea Phan
Jon Thorpe
Wilma Hovland
Bonnie Branham

Family Choir

Anita & Peter Reid
Kristine & Cecily Casto
Violet Meyer
Norma Lionberger

Instrumentalists

Andrew Reid
Lance Hovland

Cover Design

Jan Adams

Production

Andrew Reid

Grace Lutheran will have a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 4:30pm in the afternoon. Grace Lutheran will not have a service on Christmas Day. If you would like to attend service on Christmas Day, there will be one at St. Johns at 9am and one at Spirit Lutheran at 10am.

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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 4:30pm

With choirs, candlelight, and communion