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Nativity of Our Lord A Service of Lessons and Carols December 24, 2022 | 5 p.m.

Welcome to worship on this Christmas Eve. We are thankful that you are here at Augustana!

This day is a powerful reminder to us that in every time and place, and in everything we experience in life, we are embraced by Emmanuel "God With Us." Today we sing that good news together, we hear it announced by angels, and we taste it in Holy Communion. Filled with the light and love of Christ, we go to share those gifts with the world around us.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

Prelude

"We Three Kings" –traditional
Recorder Ensemble

"A Quiet Christmas" –Douglas Wagner
Chapel Ringers

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" –traditional German carol
Lydia King, violin

"O Holy Night" –Adolphe Adam
Caroline Stratton, piano

"What Child is This" –English ballad

"Away in a Manger" –William J. Kirkpatrick
Evie Garrington, violin and Tim Garrington, piano

"The First Noel" –traditional English carol
Andrew Peters, organ

Welcome

The assembly stands.
VENI EMMANUEL

Processional ♦ “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Candlelighters

Stanzas 1–3: Candlelighters

At the beginning of stanza 4, the assembly stands and sings with the candlelighters.

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai’s height,
in ancient Times didst give the law
in clouds, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 4 **O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the path that leads on high,
And guide the way to victory!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Dialogue The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**
Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.
We have beheld Christ’s glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father.

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Opening Prayer

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. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Lesson | ♦ Isaiah 9:2–7

Simon Bernhard

A reading from Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Carol ♦ “Immanuel” –Benjamin David Knoedle

Choristers with Lydia King, violin and Elise Earhart, soloist

God with us, Immanuel,
heaven's King, sent from above.
Glory bound, the babe is born,
Son of God, to prove his love!
God with us, Immanuel;
the Promised One has come.
Hope is here, his star shines bright,
victory's born on earth this night.
God with us, Immanuel;
through the Son, see heaven's Lord.
No more wait, the Savior's near.
He has come to save the world.
Gone the fear man faced alone.
Now before the newborn Christ,
as in heaven before the throne:
God with us, Immanuel,
the Promised One has come.

–Garret Paul Martin

A reading from Luke.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Carol ♦ ELW 265: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”

Glo - ri - a!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the verse. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the first line of the chorus. The fourth staff contains the second line of the chorus and ends with a double bar line.

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924

Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

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Lesson III ♦ Luke 2:1–7

Katherine Cruson

A reading from Luke.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver

her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Carol ♦ “Mary Rocking”

–Welsh Christmas Lullaby, adapted by Hal Hopson
Cherub Choir

Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child.
Angels singing, sweetly singing, Glory be to God on high.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother’s arms now rest.
Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child.
Shepherds running, swiftly running, running on to Bethlehem.
Bright star shining, brightly shining,
shining forth to show the way.
Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother’s arms now rest.
Shepherd running, swiftly running, running on to Bethlehem.

Lesson IV ♦ Luke 2:8–20

Tamra Mohs and Jack Kusek

A reading from Luke.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem

and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Carol ♦ “Quiet Little Town” –arr. Ruth Elaine Schram and Aren Newell Williams
Cantabile

Quiet little town, nestled in the hills,
underneath the starry skies,
quiet little town, peaceful now and still,
can you hear a mother’s lullabies?
Sleep, my sweet baby, sleep, my precious child.
Oh, the heavens ring and angels sing
to welcome you tonight.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light!
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Hope is in our hearts, filling us with love;
joyful melodies resound.

They echo in the hills, they echo in the streets,
they echo all around this tranquil town.

Sleep, my sweet baby, sleep, my precious child.

Oh, the heavens ring and angels sing to welcome you tonight.

–Ruth Elaine Schram, Aren Newell Williams, and Phillips Brooks

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

Carol ♦ ELW 296: **What Child Is This**

GREENSLEEVES



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

The assembly is seated.

Lesson V ♦ Matthew 2:1–11

Emma Graham

A reading from Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For

we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Offering

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ELW 267: Joy to the World

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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

The assembly stands.

Offering Carol ♦ ELW 289: Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,

This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The treble staff features a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

This system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

This system introduces the refrain, marked with a bracket and the word 'Refrain'. The treble staff has a more active melody with eighth notes, and the bass staff has a simpler accompaniment.

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

This system continues the refrain, with the treble staff showing a melodic line and the bass staff providing a steady accompaniment.



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

The assembly is seated until invited by the ushers to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion

Today we will receive Holy Communion by intinction. You'll be given a wafer, which you are invited to dip in either the wine (dark liquid) or the grape juice. You may receive only the wafer if that is your preference. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ.

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.

Communion Carols

ELW 277: Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

ELW 282: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav’nly music floats
o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov’ring wing,
and ever o’er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast’ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Carol ♦ “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” –13th century Plainsong Candlelighters

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years
shall see,
evermore and evermore.

Anthem and Carol ♦ “Peace, Peace” –Rick and Sylvia Powell/arr. Fred Bock Candlelighters

*At the invitation of the director, the assembly is invited
to join in singing “Silent Night.”*

ELW 281: Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Stanza 1: Unison | Stanzas 2 and 3: Optional Harmony

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of six measures. The first measure contains a half note G4, a half note F4, and a half note E4, all beamed together. The second measure contains a half note D4, a half note C4, and a half note B3, all beamed together. The third measure contains a half note A3, a half note G3, and a half note F3, all beamed together. The fourth measure contains a half note E3, a half note D3, and a half note C3, all beamed together. The fifth measure contains a half note B2, a half note A2, and a half note G2, all beamed together. The sixth measure contains a half note F2, a half note E2, and a half note D2, all beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 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,

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,

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 - dian't beams from your ho - ly face,

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

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

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

The assembly stands.

Blessing God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you
grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon
your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude ♦ “Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella” –Keith Chapman



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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

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- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
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