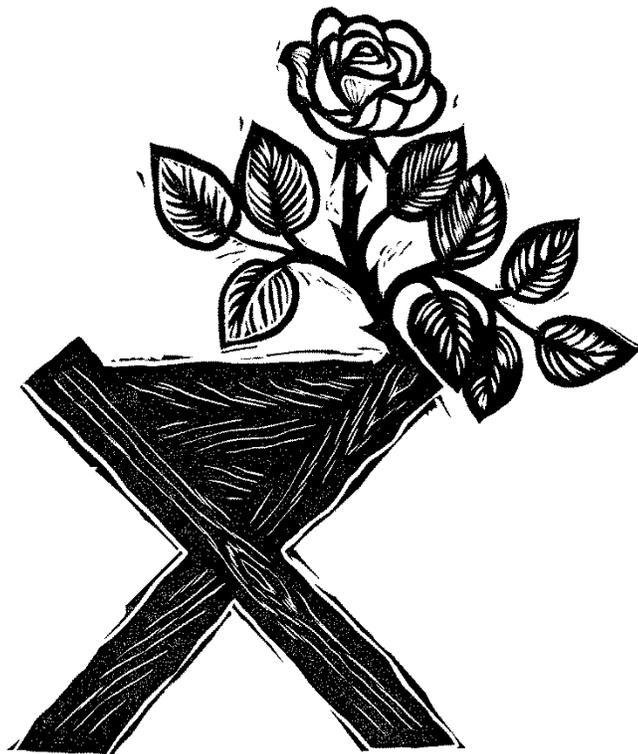


# Second Sunday of Christmas Lessons and Carols



*Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ,  
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to God*

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

Prelude

"I Saw Three Ships"

"What Child is This? (-Lori Line)

Welcome

Gathering Song

**The Bells of Christmas**

vv. 1,2,3

*Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer*  
1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly  
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly  
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled  
4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our

*for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve*  
guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly  
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a  
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who  
Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from

*hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.*  
dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.  
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.  
glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

# Litany

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

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

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

# Opening Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. **Amen.**

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## Word

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*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and proclaimed.*



### † First Lesson †

Luke 2:21-36

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

## Carol

**Of the Father's Love Begotten Red ELW 295**

**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.**

Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.



† Second Lesson †

Matthew 2:1-11

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

## Carol

*The First Noel* Red ELW 300

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain*

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew near to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*



† Third Lesson †

Matthew 2:13-18  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Carol

**Special Music: The Coventry Carol**  
*Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues*



† Fourth Lesson †

John 1:1-14  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Carol

**What Child is This? Red ELW 296**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

## Prayers of the People

Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers*  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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## Peace

At the birth of Christ the angels sang a song of peace and goodwill.  
May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

## 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**

## Invitation

Love has come: God's love for all people.  
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

### ✝ *We Are Church. Better Together* ✝

*On your way into worship this morning you should have picked up a cup with juice and a wafer.  
If you did not receive one, they are located on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice.

**Please open the wafer side first.**

- Please use the hand sanitizer, located in the pew, prior to removing your mask for communion.
- The pastor will invite you to eat the wafer with the words *"This is the Body of Christ, given for you."* After taking the wafer, please flip the cup over and open the side with the juice. One of the pastors will invite you to receive the juice with the words, *"This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you."*
- Please replace your mask once communion is finished.

There will be a trash can available to dispose of the cup on your way out of worship.

## Post-Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

## Prayer after Communion

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. **Amen.**

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*God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world*

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## Blessing

May the Word that Mary brought to birth  
carry you into new and abundant life.

**Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms  
enfold you with love and strength.

**Amen.**

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song  
bring harmony to our world.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

*Joy to the World*

Red ELW 267

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## Sending

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"We Three Kings"*

- Wesley



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## ✝ WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES ✝

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- Please wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth **inside** the building.
- You are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Please be respectful of the personal space when choosing a seat next to those who are already seated. Make sure to maintain social distancing when interacting with those outside your household.
- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.

***Additionally, we will have a “socially distanced” zone in the 3 back pews in the sanctuary. This space is created for those with families who have unvaccinated children in mind and those who feel more safe in a designated socially distanced area.***

- Once you are in your seat we ask that you not move around the sanctuary to greet each other, but remain in your spot for the duration of service.
- You may remove your mask to take communion, but we ask that you put your mask back over your mouth and nose as soon as you have received communion. Communion will be received in your own pew—you will not come forward to receive communion.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **Prayer station** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **Fellowship:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

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## OFFERING

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If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

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## DISPENSING OF COMMUNION CUPS AND BULLETINS

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Following worship, when leaving the sanctuary, please take your bulletin and communion cup with you to be dispensed with at the entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take your bulletin home with you, but if not, please put your bulletin in the recycle basket and your communion cup in the trash basket.

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## NURSERY

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The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



## Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Michael TeKrony, Julie Brooks
- Assisting Minister: Scott Ikenberry
- Musicians: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
- Greeters: Del Felton, Don Threlkeld
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Sound Tech: Karen Novess, Mike Madsen
- Fellowship Hosts: Bryan & Sandy Bennett
- Monitor: Gerald Scholten

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