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A Service of Nine Lessons And Carols



The Baldwin Festival Chorus

R. Douglas Sheldon, *conductor*

Steven W. Ryan & Jon Tyillian, *accompanists*

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church

5:00 PM

DIRKSEN | *Welcome All Wonders!*

BACH | *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

MANZ | *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

C.H. JOHNSON | *Lo, How a Rose/ The Rose*

CARTER | *Mary Had a Baby*

LAURIDSEN | *O Magnum Mysterium*

RACHMANINOFF | *Ave Maria*

RUTTER | *What Sweeter Music*

CH. GOUNOD | *Ring Out, Wild Bells*

FRASER | *This Christmastide*

HANDEL | *Hallelujah Chorus*

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Free concert for the community

The
Baldwin
Festival Chorus
of New York

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Organist and Choirmaster Zac Schurman
Assistant Pastor Rev. Lara Bhasin
Pastor Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Pastor Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Warm welcome, everyone, to this Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. We are delighted that you are here, and we are awfully grateful to the Baldwin Festival Chorus for the beautiful singing they lend to this service. Members of our congregation do the readings and the Baldwin Festival Chorus blesses us with the singing.

A highpoint of this service is that we are invited to join in the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Enjoy!

God be with you this Advent, Christmas, and always.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Baldwin Festival Chorus

R. Douglas Sheldon, Conductor

Sopranos

AddieRose Brown
Naomi Blumenthal
Rachel Clark
Lindsey Dress
Jennifer Gliere
Ashleigh Guida
Taylor Kurilew
Tara Riccelli
Malena Towers

Altos

Emily Anan
Jennifer Allen
Amanda Barnett
Limarie Cabrera
Jennifer Collins
Nikki Quaderer
Alexandra Sheldon
Eileen Sheldon
Laura Surguine

Tenors

Sean Clark
 Adam Eggleston
 Jonathan Gonzalez
 Bret Gray
 Eric Lamp
 Alex Wang

Bass

Nicholas Anan
 Robin Lee
 Patrick Murphy
 Blake Austin Smith
 Jeffrey Smith
 Thomas Vinay

Organ

Jon Tyillian

Piano

Steven W. Ryan

Marketing/Promotion

Jonathan Wintringham

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Lily Wintringham

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 Jennifer Gliere, Music Advisor
 Alexandra Sheldon, Administration

Lessons and Carols

Organ Prelude

Prelude & Fugue in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome all Wonders

*Ashley Guida, soloist
 (Choir & Organ in the Choir Loft)*

Richard Dirksen (1921-2003)

Hymn LBW 27

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
 (Congregation, next page)
 Choir processes to the Altar
 Verses 1,3,4*

HELMSLEY

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
 3 Those dear to - kens of his Pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

Once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; Thou - sand thou -
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty; Those who set
 Still his daz - zling bod - y bears, Cause of end -
 High on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take

sand saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph of
 at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to
 less ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed wor -
 the pow'r and glo - ry, Claim the king - dom as

his train: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ship - ers, With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 thine own. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Tune: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799

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Jesu, Joy of Man's DesiringJ.S. Bach (1685-1750)

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, KJV
Read by Rev. Lara Bhasin

*The LORD God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
but that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

⁸And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹²And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ¹⁴And the LORD God said unto the serpent,

Because thou hast done this,
thou art cursed above all cattle,
and above every beast of the field;
upon thy belly shalt thou go,
and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman,
and between thy seed and her seed;
it shall bruise thy head,
and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18, KJV
Read by Maggie Schreiber

*The LORD promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall
all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, ¹⁶And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: ¹⁷That in blessing I

will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ¹⁸And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

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Lo, How a Rose / The Rose.....Craig Hella Johnson (Born 1962)
Alexandra Sheldon, soloist

Third LessonIsaiah 9:2-7, KJV
Read by Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah.

²The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined...⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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Mary Had a Baby.....Arranged by Roland Carter (born 1942)
Jeffrey Smith, soloist

Fourth LessonIsaiah 11:1-9, KJV
Read by Richard Schreiber

The stem of Jesse.

¹And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: ²And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ³And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth...⁶The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my

holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

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O magnum mysterium Arr. Morten Lauridsen (born 1943)

Fifth Lesson.....St. Luke 1:26-38, KJV
Read by Maria Barbera

The Angel Gabriel visits the Blessed Virgin Mary.

²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. ²⁹And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. ³⁰And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. ³¹And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: ³³And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. ³⁴Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ³⁵And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. ³⁷For with God nothing shall be impossible. ³⁸And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

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Ave MariaSergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Hymn LBW 45 *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES
(Congregation joins the singing. Choir processes to the Choir Loft. Hymn, next page)
Verses 1, 3 4

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
 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, oh, 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

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,

oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786

Sixth LessonSt. Matthew 1:18-23, KJV
Read by Mariam Tuba

St. Matthew tells of Christ's nativity.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. ¹⁹Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. ²⁰But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. ²²Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

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What Sweeter Music..... John Rutter (born 1945)

Seventh LessonSt. Luke 2:8-16, KJV
Read by Percy Ranaivohajirivony

The Shepherds go unto the manger.

⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

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Ring Out, Wild Bells..... Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Eighth LessonSt. Matthew 2:1-11, KJV
Read by Sam Fryer

The Wise Men are led by a star to Jesus.

¹Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ²Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. ³When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. ⁵And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, ⁶And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

⁷Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. ⁹When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

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This Christmastide..... Donald Fraser (born 1947)

Ninth Lesson.....St. John 1:1-14, KJV
Read by Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer

St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him

not. ¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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Hallelujah ChorusGeorge Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
(*The Congregation is invited to join the singing.*)

Organ Postlude

Toccata from the Fifth SymphonyCharles Widor

Parish Announcements

- ✦ LOOKING AHEAD: We hope you will hasten back to Immanuel for some upcoming liturgies:
 - 11 a.m. Sunday morning, December 24: Advent 4
 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening, December 24: Christmas Eve. This early-evening festive service is also a fine one for families with young children and for out-of-town visitors, giving them a chance to get home at a reasonable hour.
 - 11 a.m. Monday morning, December 25: Christmas Morning
- ✦ ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. The blue paraments and vestments used during Advent are symbolic of hope. We hope for the Christ child to be born in us, and we wait in hope for his return.
- ✦ The ADVENT BANNER. Two trumpets are shown – one descending to announce the coming Christ and one ascending in praise for grace and thanksgiving for the coming Kingdom.
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Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✠ Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- ✠ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✠ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- ✠ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✠ Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- ✠ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- ✠ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.