

Christmas Day - December 25, 2023
Service of Lessons and Carols - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude Hymn Sing: LUYH #95 *"What Child Is This"* (v. 1, 3)
"The First Noel" (v. 1, 3)
#356 *"Go, Tell It on a Mountain"* (v. 1)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles - Steven and Kala Talsma Family

Opening Prayer & the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Offering: *"The Manger"* - Haley Vis and Kent Van't Hof

The First Lesson - Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

*Carol: #337 *"Joy to the World"* (v. 3, 1)

The Second Lesson - Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Carol: #328 *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"* (v. 4)

The Third Lesson - Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

*Carol: #345 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (v. 3, 1)

The Fourth Lesson - Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

Carol: LUYH #88 *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (v. 1)

The Fifth Lesson - Luke 1:26-35

The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary, foretelling the birth of Jesus.

Carol: *"This Child of Light"* - First CRC Choir

The Sixth Lesson - Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Carol: #344 *"Silent Night"* (v. 1)

The Seventh Lesson - Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds Travel to the Manger

Carol: #347 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (v. 1, 3) - **Children 3yo - 8th grade can come to the front during this song**

Musical Offering: *"Jesus, Gift of Love"* (3yo-8th Grade with Chimes)

Christmas Day Children's Message

The Eighth Lesson - Matthew 2:1-14

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

*Carol: *"O Holy Night"*

The Ninth Lesson - John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol: #340 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (v. 1, 3)

Prayer for the Offering (New Life Treatment Center)

Offertory: #354 *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"* (v. 1, 4, 5)

Those who would like to join in singing "The Hallelujah Chorus" may come to the front during verse 4 of this song.

*Benediction

*Doxology: *"The Hallelujah Chorus"*

Postlude

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY

Nursery: Carrie T, Kim V, Levi & Mara M, Sawyer S, Devin S

Ushers: Tyson B, Logan B, Lester S, Steve E

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Valet Parking: Nathan B

Organist: Ben Spronk

Readers: Pastor Scott & Pastor Jon Spronk

Cello: Ben Feikema

Flutes: Katie Feikema and Kathryn Prins

Duet: Haley Vis & Kent Van't Hof

Hymn sing: Haley Vis, Kent Van't Hof and Priscilla Pater

Choir Soloist: Kurt & Vonda Talsma

Pianist/Choir Directors: Vicki Van Essen & Carla Elgersma