

Lessons and Carols ~ December 15, 2024

Prelude

Joy To The World - arr. Matthew Prins Campanile Ringers



Welcome and Announcements

Litany

P Manuel God is our salvation! We will trust in him and not be afraid;

C The Lord of Salvation is our strength and song! Look up and rejoice!

P Elena Draw water out of the wells of salvation. The Lord of Joy is our strength and song!

C Give thanks to God! Call on his name! The Lord of Might is our strength and song!

PM Declare his works among the people that his name is exalted!

C The Lord of Wisdom is our strength and song!

PE Sing to the Lord, for he has done excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth!

C The Lord of Righteousness is our strength and song!

PM Cry aloud and shout, people of God, for Christ, the King of kings, is coming to save us.

C Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Joy

Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen."**

Dialogue

P Elena: Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth.

C: Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.

P: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

C: the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

P: They shall see the glory of the Lord,

C: the majesty of our God.

P: Nations shall come to your light,

C: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

P: This is the Lord for whom we wait;

C: let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.

Prayer of the Day

P Manuel The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lessons and Carols

FIRST READING PASTOR ELENA Genesis 3:8-14, 31:3

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime - arr. Cathy Moklebust

Campanile Ring

SECOND READING PASTOR MANUEL Genesis 22:15–18

Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



THIRD READING PASTOR ELENA Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

O Come Emmanuel – Hagenberg

Priscilla Norris, cello Sanctuary Choir

FOURTH READING PASTOR MANUEL Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-7

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279 (vs. 1,3)

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

FIFTH READING PASTOR ELENA Luke 1:26-35,38

Hymn

Lo How a Rose – ELW 272 (vs. 1,2)

Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung
It came a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night

Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a savior, when half-spent was the night

Sixth Reading Pastor Manuel Luke 2:1-7

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child - arr. Anna Laura Page
Campanile Ringers

Hymn Away in a Manager – ELW 277 (vs. 1&2)

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.

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.

SEVENTH READING PASTOR ELENA Luke 2:8-16

O Holy Christ in Love Come Down- Joel Raney Sanctuary Choir and Campanile Ringers

EIGHTH READING PASTOR MANUEL
Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn

The First Noel – ELW 300 (vs. 1,2,5)

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

Refrain: Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

They look-ed 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

Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee And offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

NINTH READING PASTOR ELENA John 1:1-5

O Come, All Ye Faithful – ELW 283 (vs. 1,3,4)
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father,

now in flesh appearing: Refrain

Responsive Prayer

P Manuel O Lord our God, be gracious to us;

C we wait for you.

P Elena Dispel the darkness,

C that all nations may come to your light.

PM Establish your peace on the earth;

C join our voices to sing your praise.

PE Comfort the sick and weary;

C renew their strength and power.

PM O Lord our God, come to us,

C that the earth may behold your glory. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

P Manuel God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

P Elena Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. C Amen.

Sending Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High – ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Postlude

Good Christian Men, Rejoice - arr. James A. Hirt

Campanile Ringers

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón & Pastor Elena Enriquez
Choir Director: Katy Lundeen
Organist: Charles F. von Gunten
Welcome Team: Harriet Carmona, Pam Allen, Janet Wood
Offering Couriers: Ruth Andersen, Kathy Reed
AV: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

All are Welcome! As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

Remember in Prayer: Sandy McCauley, Barb Coolong, Mark Nickel, Ruth Andersen, Laura Gabbard, Sue Brennecke, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lauren Wolfe, Lee & Carol Shigley, Julie Stivers, Maria Medrano, Teresa Muñoz, Clark Carlson, Lucas T Bessa, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, Lewis TenHulzen, Renée Shepherd, Arlene Riordan, Peggy Ritchie, Annalisa Minitti, Lynn Ten Eyck, Pam and Phillip Allen, and all the homebound members.

Pulpit and Lecturn flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Allen family

Next Week's Lessons: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, and the Gospel of Luke 1:39-45 [46-55].

The Zoom studies for the Gospel for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks are on Mondays at 4:00pm. You can contact Bill Fredericks at william.h.fredericks@gmail.com

There are several Advent publications (daily prayers, devotions, etc.) on the table in the narthex for you to take home.

Interfaith Shelter Network: Mark the dates! Volunteers are needed for cooks and overnight chaperones! This year we will be hosting 01 - 15 February2025 at Our Mother of Confidence (OMC) Catholic church. Sign up and information for those interested is available today in the Narthex. Sign ups will begin immediately after the Christmas holiday!

We will hold a short congregational meeting on December 22, 2024 between services at 10:45 a. m. to elect new council members. Please plan to stay after the 9:30 a. m. service, or arrive early before the 11:30 a. m. service and participate in choosing council members and officers to serve you – we need a minimum of fifty members to attend and vote for a valid election.

These members of the congregation have offered to serve on our Council:

Gary Jaus, President (1yr)
Bill Fredericks, Vice President (1yr)
Sandra Logan, Council Secretary (2yrs)

Africa Empowering children: Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in schools for food and boarding. This past year has been a struggle. Our food was swept away during this season's rains. Nick has traveled to study more about irrigation and how to practice it here in our community. He is in Arizona for a few months with the help of Ox Farm America which helps farmers and nonprofit organizations learn new techniques for food security. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.



We are in <u>serious</u> need of people to help on Sundays as communion assistants or the welcome team. Christmas services are a challenge to find people with so many traveling or having other obligations, so please consider signing up to help in December and/or regularly in 2025. You can contact Tanya in the office at 858-273-7423. Thank you for faithfully serving at CLC/ILC.

Please return the completed form with dedication **PRINTED LEGIBLY** to the church office by Wednesday, December 20th.

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Poinsettias may be picked up on December 26th.

Up Coming Events

La Posada: Dec 15 5:30pm

Congregational meeting right after 9:30am service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

Dec 24 English 7:00pm & 10:00pm

Clarion Deadline December 20, 2024

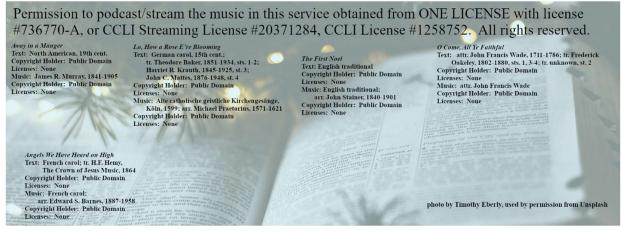
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Music Notes: The format for Lessons and Carols was popularized and made famous when the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) broadcast the Service of Lessons and Carols from King's College Chapel, Cambridge University. in England beginning in 1919. The service itself grew out of a desire to fashion a more 'contemporary' worship style. Each of the medieval colleges of Oxford and Cambridge had its own chapel, its own organist. and os own choir. Sir David Wilcocks was the organist and choirmaster for King's College Choir beginning in 1957. His choral arrangements, and particularly his reharmonizations of the last verse, have thrilled millions with their ability to capture an English cathedral 'sound'. We will hear three during today's service, including Once in Royal David's City, The First Nowell, and O Come All Ye Faithful.





STAYCONNECTED

Sunday December 15 5:30pm La Posada

Monday December 16

4:00pm Gospel Study
4:15-5pm Cherub Choir, 5-6pm Glee Choir,
6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir,
7:30-8:45pm Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday December 17

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Wednesday December 18

4:00pm Stephen min.

Thursday December 19

7:00am Sandwich min.

Friday December 20

8am-12pm Food Distribution