

**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**Lessons and Carols**  
**December 28, 2025**

Prelude/ Bell/ Announcements

Welcome L: We gather to hear again the good news the angels proclaim.

**C: We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.**

Christmas Litany

L: Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God forgiveness, grace, and love. Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**C: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

L: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**C: Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

L: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**C: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

L: With great joy the angels proclaimed, “Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” In Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God’s forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Gathering Carol

*Love Has Come*

ELW # 292

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer L: Eternal Father, **C: you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 12:2-6 *For unto you is born a **Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.*

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Carol

*Joy to the World*

ELW # 267

Lesson Isaiah 61:1-3,11 *For unto you is born a Savior, who is **Christ** the Lord*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Carol

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

ELW #276

Lesson: John 1:19-23, 29-34

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are

you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said. The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

Carol: *Away in a Manger*

ELW # 278

Offering

Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 *For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the **Lord***

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Carol *What Child is This?*

ELW #296

Lesson Luke 1:26-35

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He 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. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The 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.’

Carol *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW #275

Responsive Prayer

L: Glory to God in the highest, **C: and peace to God’s people on earth.**

L: Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**C: Have mercy on the sick, they dying, and all who suffer this day.**

L: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.**

Blessing One Another L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,

the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.+

**C: Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Carol

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

ELW # 290

Dismissal      L: Go in peace to serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

**C: We will. Thanks be to God.**

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We Thank:                      Ushers; Tech Desk; Leader: Pr. Mindy Czycalla; Reader: Dale Hislop; Pianist: RaNae  
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Nordland's Week:            Thur.    Jan. 1, 2026      New Year Blessings!  
Sun.     9:30 am Fellowship (No Education) / 10:30 am Worship