

9TH CAROL *ELH 123* From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come *LUTHER*

1. From Heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say- and sing:
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

p.32 Our **CHRISTMAS DAY CREED** *The 2nd Article & Luther's Explanation*

OFFERING *The offering is collected.*

CLOSING COLLECT Prayer *P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that the new Birth of Your only-begotten Son in the Flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever.*

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER *We All pray together*

**C: 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.**

BENEDICTION *Trinitarian Blessing*

P: The Grace of our LORD Jesus Christ ✠ and the Love of God the Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. C: Amen.

CLOSING 146 When Christmas Morn Is Dawning *GERMAN FOLK TUNE*

1. When Christmas morn is dawning I wish that I could be
There by the manger cra-dle God's Newborn Son to see.
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2. How kind, O loving Savior, To come to us on earth.
O may we not by sin-ning Despise Your lowly Birth.
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3. We need You, O LORD Jesus, To be our dearest Friend.
Your love will guard and guide- us And keep us to life's end.
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SILENT PRAYER. *CANDLES OUT* **ANNOUNCEMENTS & FELLOWSHIP**

FAITH & OUR SAVIOR WELCOME

Faith and Our Savior congregations are so very pleased to have the opportunity to share with you the blessings of our Christ-centered ministry. We welcome you in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome and to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely. Come again!

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ☸✠☸ Christmas Day
Lessons & Carols ✦ December 25th, 10 AM Faith Medford**



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WELCOME to all – We are so glad you are here! Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest book. Please come often to the LORD's House!

Prayer before Worship: O LORD, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

A Service of Lessons and Carols In Celebration of Christ's Birth

Pastor's Greeting and Invocation ✠ *Pastor Andrew Burmeister*

Opening Hymn *ELH 139* **Once in Royal David's City** *5 verses*

1. Once in royal Da-vid's- city
Stood a lowly cat-tle- shed,
Where a mother laid- her- Baby
In a manger for- His- bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her lit-tle- Child.

2. He came down from to earth from Heav'n, 5. Not in that poor low-ly- stable
Who is God and LORD- of- all, With the oxen stan-ding- by
And His shelter was- a- stable, Shall we see Him, but in Heaven,
And His cradle was- a- stall; Set at God's Right Hand- on- high.
With the poor and mean and lowly, Where like stars His children, crowned,
Lived on earth, our Savior holy. All in white shall wait- a-round!

The Christmas COLLECT *Prayer*

P: LORD God, Heavenly Father, We give thanks to You that of Your mercy and compassion You caused Your Son to become Incarnate, and through Him redeemed us from sin and everlasting death: We beseech You, enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever be thankful for such grace, and comfort ourselves thereby in all tribulation and temptation, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the Same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God now and forever.

C: Amen

First Lesson: Genesis 3:9-18

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,
That it was pleasant to the eyes, and
a tree desirable to make one wise,
She took of its fruit and ate.
She also gave to her husband with
her, and he ate."



Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

"When they saw the star,
they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
And when they had come into the house,
they saw the young Child
with Mary His mother,
and fell down and worshiped Him.
And when they had opened their treasures,
they presented gifts to Him: gold,
frankincense, and myrrh."

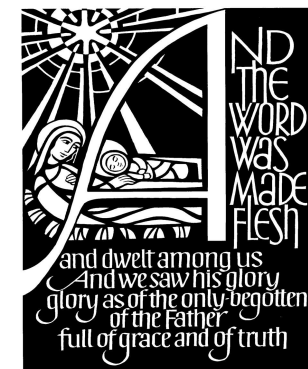


8TH CAROL *ELH 138* **Joy to the World** *ISAAC WATTS ANTIOCH*

1. 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.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows 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.
4. 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.

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14

"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was
made that was made.
In Him was life,
and the life was the light of men."



Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-14

"And so it was, that, while they were there,
The days were accomplished
That she should be delivered.
And she brought forth her firstborn Son,
and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes,
and laid Him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn."



6TH CAROL *ELH 87* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *STUTT GART*

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| 1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee. | 2. Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart. |
| 3. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. | 4. By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule Thou in our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. |

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:21-33

"Sovereign LORD, as you have promised,
Now let Your servant depart in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,-
which you have prepared
in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."



7TH CAROL *ELH 145* What Child Is This? *GREENSLEEVES*

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| 1. 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! | 2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, 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! |
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HYMN *ELH 302* The Tree of Life

S.P. STARKE 4 verses

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| 1. The Tree of Life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned. | 2. The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice to Eve beguile
And Adam too, by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made. |
| 3. What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's Seed,
The One to fill our greatest need -
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head! | 4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His Name;
For all who trust, and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The LORD invites the world to eat,
To find within this Cross of wood
The Tree of Life with every good. |



Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18

"But the Angel of the LORD called
to him from heaven and said,
'Abraham, Abraham!' So he said,
'Here I am.'
And He said, 'Do not lay your
hand on the lad, or do anything to
him; for now I know that you fear
God, since you have not withheld
your son, your only son, from
Me.'"



2ND CAROL *ELH 135* Now Sing We, Now Rejoice *IN DULCI JUBILO*

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| 1. Now sing we, now rejoice--,
Now raise to Heav'n our voice--;
Lo! He from Whom joy streameth,
Poor in the manger lies--;
Yet not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies--!
Thou my Savior art--
THOU MY SAV-IOR ART! | 4. Oh, where shall joy be found--?
Where but on Heav'nly ground--?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite--,
Their sweetest praises bringing
In Heav'nly joy and light--.
May we praise Him there--
MAY WE PRAISE- HIM THERE! |
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Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His Name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."

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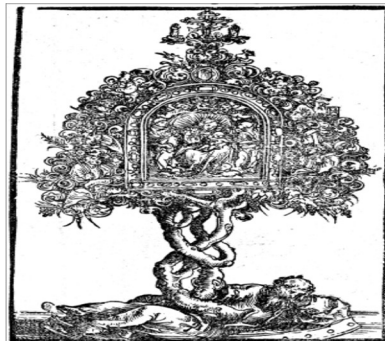


3RD CAROL *ELH 137* O Little Town of Bethlehem *PHILLIP BROOKS*

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| 1. 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 ever-lasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight. | 2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered- all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of- wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the Holy Birth
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to all on earth. |
| 3. 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. | 4. O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to- us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in- us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
OUR LORD IMMANUEL! |

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

"There shall come forth a Rod
from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow
out of his roots."



4TH CAROL *ELH 121* Behold, A Branch is Growing *ES IST EIN' ROS'*

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| 1. Behold a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little Flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour. | 2. Isaiah hath foretold It
In Words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold It,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal Will
This Child to her is given
At midnight calm and still. |
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... 5. O Savior, Child of Mary - Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of Glory, - Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray - To the bright courts of Heaven
And to the Endless Day.

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

"Then the angel said to her,
'Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.
And behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bring forth a Son,
and shall call His name JESUS.
He will be great, and will be called
the Son of the Highest;
and the LORD God will give Him
the throne of His father David.
And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of His Kingdom there will be no end."



5TH CAROL *ELH 90* Savior of the Nations, Come *MARTIN LUTHER*

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| 1. Savior of the na-tions, come, Virgin's son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O Heav'n and- earth, That the LORD chose such- a birth. | 2. Not by human flesh- and blood By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made Flesh- Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh. |
| 3. Wondrous birth! O won-drous Child Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world dis-owned, Still to be in Heav'n- enthroned. | 4. From the Father forth- He came And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and- hell High the song of tri-umph swell! |