

† SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS †

M: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Behold the King comes: let us worship him.

† EXHORTATION AND PRAYER †

M: Dear people of God, in the season of Advent it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child, Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, for the people in our country and in our community, and especially for the brothers and sisters in our synod and in our own congregation.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember, in his name

**Luke 1:5-25**

*An angel announces the birth of John, the forerunner of the Messiah*

Hymn #16: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

**Luke 1:26-38**

*The angel Gabriel announces that Jesus will be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary*

Hymn #24: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

† OFFERING †

*The service continues on page 21 with the Sacrament. Following the song of thanksgiving we will continue with the following prayer:*

† PRAYER †

M: O God, you make us glad with the expectation of the coming of your one and only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who with joy receive him as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he will come to be our Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

† BLESSING †

M: Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son (†), and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: **Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN †

Hymn #14: "Arise, O Christian People"

## OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, December 15th, was 23. Our hearts acknowledged God's love for us in all he has blessed us with and showed our trust in his continued blessing by offering him \$1590.00 for the work of his church.

*"Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!"*

## GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

December 2013	Altar and Worship Area Set-Up
December 29th	Volunteers/Volunteers

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Memorial** A memorial was received from Tom and Sharon Borchers in memory of Tom's mom, Minnie.

**Midweek Bible Class** our midweek Bible class will continue on Wednesday January 6th at 10am.

Join us for a **Christmas Eve Service** on Thursday at 5pm.

**Thank you!** Thank you for all the cards and gifts so thoughtfully given this Christmas season! God bless your celebration of Jesus' Birth! — Pastor and Rebekah

**Next Sunday:** Worship 9am/Bible Class 10:15am

# Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent



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the cold, the hungry and the oppressed,  
the sick and those who mourn,  
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as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

Finally, let us praise God for the faith of Mary, mother of our Lord,  
and that whole multitude which no one can number,  
whose hope was in the Word made flesh,  
and with whom, in Jesus, we are one forevermore.

To sum up all these petitions, let us pray as Christ himself taught us:

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**forever and ever. Amen**

**M:** The almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys  
of everlasting life; and may the King of angels bring us all to the  
fellowship of the citizens above.

**C: Amen.**

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*The One who will be Ruler over Israel will be born in Bethlehem*

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