

Saint George's Episcopal Church  
Saint Mark Lutheran Church

**ADVENT FESTIVAL  
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**



Sunday, December 15, 2024  
5:00 p.m.  
Belleville, IL

**“A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’” *Isaiah 40:3***

*The traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols was first conducted in 1880 on Christmas Eve at Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, England. Designed to be a contemplative service with scripture readings interspersed with sacred hymns of the season, it soon proved very popular among not only the church faithful but the general public at-large. The tradition quickly spread throughout the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion, and ultimately to churches of many denominations worldwide. In 1918, the Choir of King’s College, Cambridge, began performing the service at the school’s chapel, and its annual Christmas Eve broadcast on the BBC has become a staple of holiday festivities ever since.*

*This evening’s Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols has its roots in that traditional service, and it is intended to provide a time of quiet reflection and joyful expectation in this season of waiting and watching. Through sacred words and music, the story of Christ’s first coming gradually unfolds as we recall the fall of humanity and bear witness to powerful prophecies which deepen our understanding of God’s everlasting message of hope, love, and redemption.*

*My prayer is that these holy words and this beautiful music might provide a moment of peace and reflection as you prepare the way of the Lord in your heart this Advent season.*

*~ Fr. Mark*

Music for the hymns may be found in the Episcopal Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book).

Please stand for the hymns and sit for the lessons, as you are able.

**Opening Hymn 56** (blue book) *O Come, O Come Emmanuel**Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.

*Refrain*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

**A BIDDING PRAYER**

**B**eloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; 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 goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON † GENESIS 3:1–15

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden*

**N**ow the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

## Response Hymn 60

*Creator of the stars of night*

*Conditor alme siderum*

Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse  
should doom to death a universe,  
you came, O Savior, to set free  
your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward  
night,  
you came; but not in splendor bright,

not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blameless mother mild.  
At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below  
from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,

praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally.

## THE SECOND LESSON † ISAIAH 40:1-11

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption*

**C**omfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

**Response Hymn 67** (blue book) *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

*Psalms 42*

Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him  
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that the word is never broken.

## THE THIRD LESSON † ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

*The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing*

**S**ing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

### Response Anthem

*Prepare thyself Zion  
The Choirs*

*J.S. Bach*

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection,  
The purest, the fairest, this day to receive!

## THE FOURTH LESSON † BARUCH 4:36–5:9

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand*

**J**erusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom.

For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweetsmelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

**Response Hymn 248** (red book) *People look East*

*Besancon*

*Stanza 1 – Choir in unison*

People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today;  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

*Stanza 2 – Choir and Congregation*

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today;  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

*Stanza 3 – Choir in harmony*

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today;  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

*Stanza 4 – Choir and Congregation*

Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today;  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## THE FIFTH LESSON † ISAIAH 7:10-15

*God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us"*

**M**oreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

**Chorale Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen***

*Nancy S. Ypma, Organist*

Johannes Brahms



**Response Hymn 81** (blue book)

*Lo, how a Rose*

*Es ist ein Ros*

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 blossom bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas 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.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor  
the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God,  
from sin and death now save us  
and share our every load.

**THE SIXTH LESSON † MICAH 5:2-4**

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem*

**B**ut thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

**Response Hymn 65** (blue book) *Prepare the way, O Zion*

*Bereden väg för Herran*

Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.

*Refrain:* Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy Name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;  
he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,  
for grace and joy abounding. *Refrain*

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation

proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him,  
their voices will adore him. *Refrain*

## THE SEVENTH LESSON † JEREMIAH 31:31-34

*A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts*

**B**ehold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Response Hymn 61** (blue book)

*Sleepers, wake!*

*Wachet auf*

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,  
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight's peace their cry has broken  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
“The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light;  
The Bridegroom is In sight. Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing;  
her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
she wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord,  
God's Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!  
We follow all and heed your call  
to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;  
let saints and angels sing before you,  
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.  
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:  
through them we stream to join the  
immortals  
as we with joy your throne surround.  
No eye has known the sight,  
no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!  
Therefore we sing to greet our King;  
forever let our praises ring.

## THE EIGHTH LESSON † ISAIAH 11:1-9

*The spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One*

**A**nd there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

### Response Anthem

*A Shoot Shall Come Forth  
The Choirs*

*Richard Horn*

A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse,  
And a bud shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of life shall be with him,  
The spirit of wisdom and truth.

Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard,  
And the lion eat straw with the ox,  
For the hand of a Child shall lead them  
to the peaceable kingdom of God.

From out of the wells of salvation  
will he draw us the water of life;  
His waist shall be girded with justice,  
the heart of his heart shall be love.

Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard,  
And the lion eat straw with the ox,  
For the hand of a Child shall lead them  
to the peaceable kingdom of God.

He'll come from the end of his heaven,  
And the earth shall be torn from its place;  
Our lives shall be filled with his radiance  
As flood waters cover the sea.

Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard,  
And the lion eat straw with the ox,

For the hand of a Child shall lead them

to the peaceable kingdom of God.

## THE NINTH LESSON † LUKE 1:26-38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*

**A**nd in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**Response Hymn 265** (blue book) *The Angel Gabriel from heaven came*      *Gabriel's Message*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes flame;  
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly  
maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou  
shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers  
foretold,  
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,  
“my soul shall laud and magnify his  
holy Name.”  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world  
will ever say—  
“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

## A COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Let us pray.

**S**tir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## AN ADVENT BLESSING

**M**ay Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn 57** (blue book) *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

*Helmsley*

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply  
wailing,

shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with  
what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Postlude

“Bring a torch, Janette, Isabella”

Rogers

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*Creator of the stars of night*

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*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

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*The Angel Gabriel from heaven came*

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*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## **Christmas Eve, December 24**

5:00 pm Episcopal Holy Eucharist  
7:00 pm Lutheran Divine Liturgy  
9:45 pm Episcopal Holy Eucharist (incense will be used)

## **Christmas Day, December 25**

10:00 am Joint Divine Liturgy

## **First Sunday after Christmas Day, December 29**

10:00 am Joint Christmas Lessons & Carols

## **Eve of the Second Sunday after Christmas, Saturday, January 4**

6:00 pm SHINE Service (in Chapel)

## **Second Sunday after Christmas Day, January 5**

8:00 am Episcopal Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Lutheran Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am Episcopal Holy Eucharist

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