



***“Lessons & Carols”***  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2018

# KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

## VISIT

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

## WORSHIP

The format of the Nine Lessons and Carols originated in England. It was first used on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, alternated with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir music.

## STUDY TODAY & NEXT WEEK, at 9:30 AM

- "Ephesians" with Pastor Ekhoﬀ
- "Baptism" with Pastor Ferkenstad
- "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" with Pastor Mark Gungor via DVD
- (Pastor Wiechmann is preparing the youth for the Christmas service)

# FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Once in Royal David's City" | #139*  
**Congregation v. 1, 3, & 5; Choir v. 2 & 4**

## INVOCATION

**P:** Beloved in Christ, in the Advent season it is to our great joy and delight that God the Holy Spirit continues to prepare us to hear and believe the message of the angels. It is by His grace that He takes us in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass; the Babe lying in a manger.

**C:** Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the truths of the loving purposes of God, from the first days of our sin, unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child; let us make this house of God glad with our carols of praise.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: But first, because God commands us to confess our sins and believe His forgiveness, which He gives to us freely by grace through faith in the Christ-child, let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God, who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

**C: I do.**

P: Upon this confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy absolution and strengthen you by His sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## THE RITE OF BAPTISM (10:45 AM)

### APOSTLES' CREED

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### OFFERING

*The offering is given by the members of King of Grace as a fruit of faith to thank God for how He provides for our earthly needs daily and richly. If you are visiting us today, please do not feel compelled to participate.*

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God and are banished from the garden.*

### HYMN

*"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" | #98 Congregation v. 1,2, & 4; Choir v. 3*

### SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

*The Branch of Jesse shall come with righteousness to judge.*

### ANTHEM

*"The Dream Isaiah Saw" | Senior Choir*

*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play, wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will not darken the earth that God made.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the Violence concealed deep in the heart and in systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law.*

*Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent, all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw:  
Knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.*

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Knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.*

### **THIRD LESSON**

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

*A Son who is the Light of the world is coming to rule.*

### **HYMN**

*“The People That in Darkness Sat” | #153 v. 1, 4-7*

### **FOURTH LESSON**

*Luke 1:26-35, 38*

*The angel Gabriel announces that the Holy Spirit will come upon Mary, and she will conceive and have a son, Jesus.*

### **ANTHEM**

*“My Soul Magnifies the Lord” | Senior Choir*

*My soul magnifies the Lord, my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. My soul magnifies the Lord, my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. My soul magnifies the Lord, my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. My soul magnifies the Lord, my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. My soul magnifies the Lord, my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

### **FIFTH LESSON**

*Luke 2:1-7*

*The Christmas Gospel*

### **ANTHEM**

*“Away in a Manger” | Senior Choir*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.  
Cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.  
I love Thee Lord Jesus God’s gift of love our blessed Savior.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.*

### **SIXTH LESSON**

*Luke 2:8-14*

*The Christmas Gospel*

**ANTHEM**

*"Christmas Gloria" | Senior Choir*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Heavenly angels sing.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Come praise the newborn King.  
Go tell it to the world that the Lord has come down from glory today!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Let all creation sing.  
His name is Wonderful, is Counsellor, is Mighty God,  
is Everlasting Father, and is called the Prince of Peace.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Heavenly angels sing.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Come praise the newborn King.  
Go tell it to the world that the Lord has come down from glory today.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Let all creation sing.  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**SEVENTH LESSON**

*Luke 2:15-20*

*The Christmas Gospel*

**HYMN**

*"Silent Night" | #140*

**EIGHTH LESSON**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*The Wise Men come to worship the baby.*

**ANTHEM**

*"Born 'Neath a Star" | Senior Choir*

*Born 'neath a star was a child so small with no shelter o'er but a drafty stall;  
Yet He'd be known as the "Lord of All", born beneath a star that night.  
Led by a star was a shepherd boy, after angels told him of wondrous joy;  
Sent down to earth as a baby boy, born beneath a star that night.  
And love filled the earth at the news of the Christ Child's birth,  
And hope did abound that through Him peace would be found.  
Born 'neath a star was a child so small with no shelter o'er but a drafty stall;  
Yet He'd be known as the "Lord of All", born beneath a star that night.  
Led by a star were the wise men three, trav'ling miles and miles, the young child to see;  
Bringing Him gifts, for a king He'd be, born beneath a star that night.  
Under the star of the Christmas tree, we still share the joy of that ancient eve  
When Christ was born, the "King of Peace", born beneath a star that night.  
And love filled the earth at the news of the Christ Child's birth,  
And hope did abound that through Him peace would be found.  
Born 'neath a star was a child so small with no shelter o'er but a drafty stall;  
Yet He'd be known as the "Lord of All", born beneath a star that night.*

## NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.*

## ANTHEM

*“All Praise to Thee” | Senior Choir*

*All praise to Thee, eternal God, Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,  
Dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,  
To make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest;  
forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise, to heav’n from earth.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Amen.*

## LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give † you peace.

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

# CALENDAR

December 9 – December 16

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:15 AM	Lessons & Carols
	9:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Lessons & Carols
	12:00 PM	Family Bingo Christmas Party
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 PM	Church Council
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	4:00 PM	Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	6:30 PM	Advent Worship Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Chapel Service
	4:30 PM	Boys B5 Basketball Home Game
	5:30 PM	Girls B Basketball Home Game
	6:30 PM	Boys B6 Basketball Home Game
	7:30 PM	Crunch & the Jump Squad
	8:00 PM	Girls A Basketball Home Game
	9:00 PM	Boys A Basketball Home Game
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Youth Christmas Practice (PK-6, Youth)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:15 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Youth Christmas Practice (PK-6, Youth)
	10:45 AM	Youth Christmas Service

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Preacher**.....Rev. Erwin Ekhoff  
**Special Music**.....Senior Choir | **Director**..... Allen Labitzky  
**Organist and Accompanist**....Karen Merseth | **Pianist** ..... Jennifer Merseth  
**Flutist**.....Becky Labitzky | **Strings**.....Alesia Busch, Katrina Holbird, Annika Richardson  
**Percussionists**.....Darya Gunderman, Ben Matzke, Nate Olmanson, Phyllis Thomforde

## SERVING IN SUPPORT

**Counters Today** .....Gerry Reason, Lon Rogness  
**Counters Wednesday**..... David Stavig, Jennifer Stavig, Derick Primus  
**Counters Next Sunday** .....Lori Helmen, Jim Cummings, Barb Cummings  
**Usher Captains Today**..... John Vomhof, Sr., Brian Pederson  
**Usher Captain Wednesday** .....John Woodingron  
**Usher Captains Next Sunday**..... Curtis Merchant, Tom Studanski  
**Video Team Today** ..... Gerry Reason  
**Video Team Wednesday** .....Warren Pasbrig  
**Video Team Next Sunday** ..... Jason Luxford  
**Coffee Clean Up Today**..... Board of Trustees  
**Coffee Set Up Next Sunday** ..... King's Daughters  
**Coffee Clean Up Next Sunday**..... Board of Elders  
**December Altar Guild**.....Alice Ringen, Barb Cummings

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PRAYER REQUESTS?** Please contact Wanda Warnke at 612-529-1497.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 358 worshiped on Sunday, and 134 worshiped on Wednesday.

### OFFERING LAST WEEK

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,154

Average Needed Year to Date: \$371,542

Received Last Week: \$20,381

Received Year to Date: \$344,729

### BAPTISMS

Winston Connor Graen will be baptized this morning in the 10:45 AM service. Winston is the infant son of Jordan and Alex Graen. Sponsors are Nathan and Jenna Graen. Coralie Louise Hagen will be baptized this morning following second service. Coralie is the daughter of Luke and Chrissy Hagen. Sponsors are Amanda Reese and Jake Krier. May God keep Winston and Coralie in their baptismal grace and His tender care.

## LESSONS & CAROLS – TODAY

Today will be our Lessons & Carols service and our Senior Choir will sing at both services. Thank you to the Senior Choir and all musicians for the beautiful music in worship today!

## PIONEERS CHRISTMAS BINGO PARTY TODAY

Our Pioneers program invites all of our Pioneer families as well as the seniors of our congregation to our annual **Pioneers Christmas Bingo Party TODAY Sunday, December 9**, from **Noon to 2:00 PM**. There is no cost to attend this event and no registration is required. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun as we come together to celebrate the upcoming birth of our Savior.

## ADVENT SOUP SUPPER

Our King's Daughters will host another soup supper on **Wednesday, December 12 from 5:30 – 6:15 PM**. The soup suppers will be a fundraiser for our King's Daughters missions.

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS SERVICE – SUNDAY DEC. 16 AT 10:45 AM

Please join us for the Youth Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10:45 AM.



## GREETERS NEEDED!

Please sign up to be a greeter on the **yellow bulletin board**. Individuals and/or families can sign up to greet before first service, second service, or Wednesday night evening worship services. **Thank you for your help with this important ministry!**

## THANK YOU FROM KING'S DAUGHTERS

Our King's Daughters thanks the congregation for their generous support. They were able to sponsor two families in-need this Christmas season!

## CHRISTMAS AT WEST – SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the West Lutheran High School Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 PM** (with pre-concert music prior). The concert will be held in the gymnasium.

## WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF YOUR FAMILY PHOTO?

If you would like your own family photo emailed to you, please email your request to the church office at [ppotratz@kog-els.org](mailto:ppotratz@kog-els.org). Please remember to include your first and last name.

## HOLIDAY FOOD SHELF DRIVE

The King of Grace Stewardship Committee is championing a food drive through the end of the year. **The need is extra high this holiday season!** Please donate non-perishable food items. **Our running total so far is 1,161 pounds donated of non-perishables!**



King of Grace Lutheran  
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

How many pounds  
are in a ton?  
You're right! **2,000.**

How exciting! We are on our way to giving  
a **TON** of food donations to our Food  
Drive! We've given **1,161 pounds** so far!  
Please help us pass that goal of 2,000  
pounds by December 31.

**Thank you for donating!**

[Most needed: canned goods; dried goods (like pasta, rice,  
boxed dinners; toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, cash or  
checks to N.E.A.R.)]

From our  
hearts to  
your hands.  
Generosity is meant to be shared.  
#THRIVENTACTIONTEAMS  
#LIVEGENEROUSLY

# King of Grace

## Advent and Christmas Schedule

### **Wednesday, December 12**

5:30 PM Soup Supper

6:30 PM Advent Service

### **Sunday, December 16**

8:15 AM Communion Service

10:45 AM Youth Christmas Service

### **Wednesday, December 19**

6:30 PM Christian Day School Service in the gym

### **Sunday, December 23**

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service

### **Monday, December 24**

5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship Service with the Senior Choir

8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

### **Tuesday, December 25**

10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service

### **Sunday, December 30**

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service

### **Monday, December 31**

5:00 PM New Year's Eve Communion Service

