

# Service of Lessons and Carols



**Concordia Seminary**  
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## Welcome

### Salutation and Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only Son, so that by his coming we may worship you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

C Come quickly, Lord. Maranatha!

### Laudamus Anthem

### Veni, Emmanuel

*Setting by James Marriott*

*Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel,  
nascetur pro te Israel!*

*Veni, O lesse virgula,  
ex hostis tuos ungula,  
de specu tuos tartari  
educ et antro barathri.*

*Veni, Clavis Davidica,  
regna reclude caelica,  
fac iter tutum superum,  
et claude vias inferum.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,  
to thee shall come Emmanuel!  
O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,  
from ev'ry foe deliver them  
that trust Thy mighty power to save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home,  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

### E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

*Paul Manz*

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood  
that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
the Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
for Christ is coming, is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,

and night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
for Christ will be their all.

## Lesson

**Isa 62:6-12**

P I will wait for the Lord,  
C and I will hope in God who saves us

## Carol – Prepare the Royal Highway

**LSB 343**



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

## Lesson

**Isa 11:1-8**

P I will wait for the Lord,  
C and I will hope in God who saves us

# Carol – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LSB 393



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new  
Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.  
Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

## Lesson

*Micah 4:1-5:3*

P I will wait for the Lord,  
C and I will hope in God who saves us.

## Carol – See Amid the Winter’s Snow

*Laudamus*

1 See amid the winter’s snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the gentle Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years. Refrain.

*Refrain* Hail, O ever-blessèd morn!  
Hail, redemption’s happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Lo, within a stable lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim. Refrain.

- 3 Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this! Refrain.

# Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

- P I will wait for the Lord,  
C and I will hope in God who saves us.

*stand if able*

# Carol – Joy to the World

LSB 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## Collect for Christmas Eve

L O God, as you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### C Amen

P I will wait for the Lord,

C **and I will hope in God who saves us.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

P Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

C **Savior of the nations, come!**

P The most high God and Father, who is with us in his Son Jesus Christ and is poured out upon us through his Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### *About the Service*

The service of "Lessons and Carols" originated in the United Kingdom at "King's College." King's College Chapel at Cambridge University in England begins the Christian Year on the eve of the First Sunday in Advent with a special service of readings and carols. The order of service includes traditional liturgical forms that vividly express the church's preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus both in the festival of Christmas and in the consummation of the ages. Traditionally, there are nine readings each of which is followed by a carol serving as a commentary or response to each of the readings. The service has been adapted over several years to serve a variety of purposes in a variety of different settings. This service represents another cultural adaptation of this long-standing Christian tradition.

## Servants of the Word

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Musicians

Members of *Laudamus*

Choir

### About the Cover

*"Omnia laudant Deum qui creavit omnia" is Latin for "All praise to God who created all"*

### Carillon Christmas Concert

All are invited to today's Christmas carillon concert at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, on the Seminary campus. Playing the carillon for this concert is Karel Keldermans, the seminary carillonneur since 2000. You are invited to gather in the Main Quadrangle, near Luther Statue, inside Wartburg Hall or around the East Courtyard fire pit and to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while listening. In the event of rain or snow, guests may gather under the archways and tower or inside Wartburg Hall.

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