

**HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Burlington Township, NJ**  
**LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**The Announcements**

**The Prelude**

**The Gathering Song** *Joy to the world*

(Please add lyrics)

**Dialogue**

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

**By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty  
**that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,  
**so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

Jesus is the light of the world.

**Jesus is the light of our lives.**

Sing to God a new song!

**A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

**Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,  
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—  
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world  
and in our hearts.

**Amen.**

**Lessons and Carols**

**First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

*It came upon a Midnight Clear*

**Second Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a

*O little town of Bethlehem*

**Third Reading:** Luke 1:26-35, 38

*Oh Come All Ye Faithfull*

**Fourth Reading:** Matthew 1:18-25

*Mary Did You Know*

**Fifth Reading:** Luke 2:8-20

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Sixth Reading:** Matthew 2:1-11

*What Child Is This*

**Seventh Reading:** John 1:1-14

*Silent Night*

### **Responsive Prayer**

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

In his light, draw all to the manger

**to sing for joy with the angels.**

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Blessing**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

**We tell it in the streets and across the land.**

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**

You are the angels announcing peace.

**We live with joy and go now in peace.**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

Go Tell It On The Mountain (2 verses)