



"The Nine Lessons" is an order of worship which for centuries has been used among believers to celebrate Christmas. This morning we adapt this service to our own joyous commemoration of the Savior's birth by reading selected verses from Scripture to see for ourselves the promise and fulfillment of our salvation, brought to pass in Jesus.

Opening Address

Prayer of the Day + 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.

The First Lesson Genesis 3
Hymn TLH 90 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising (vv. 1, 6-8)

The Second Lesson Genesis 22
Hymn TLH 97 Let us All with Gladsome Voice

The Third Lesson
Hymn

**TLH 106 The People That in Darkness Sat (vv. 1, 4-6)

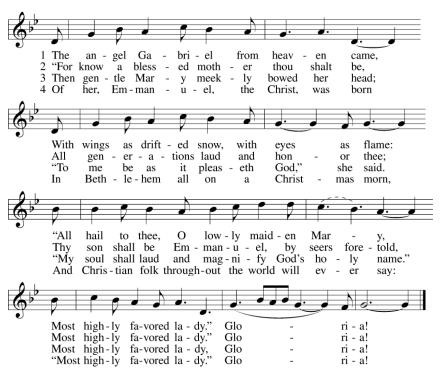
The Fourth Lesson HymnIsaiah 11

TLH 645 Behold a Branch is Growing (vv. 1-2, 4)

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Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Fifth Lesson Luke 1
Hymn LSB 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



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The Sixth Lesson Hymn Matthew 1 WS 710 Once in Royal David's City (vv. 1-2)

The Seventh Lesson Hymn Luke 2 WS 715 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

The Eighth Lesson Hymn

Matthew 2 TLH 127 As with Gladness Men of Old (vv 1-5)

The Ninth Lesson Hymn

John 1

TLH 76 A Great and Mighty Wonder (vv. 1-2, 4)

The Offering - A Gift to the Christ-child

Christmas Prayer

Benediction

Final Hymn

WS 711 See in Yonder Manger Low

Silent Prayer