



“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**

*Isaiah 9*

#### **Hymn**

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

### **The Fourth Lesson**

*Isaiah 11*

#### **Hymn**

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

## **COMMUNION CONFESSION + DISTRIBUTION**

### **Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **The Fifth Lesson**

*Luke 1*

#### **Hymn**

*LSB 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
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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**