

*Children's Christmas Service*  
*December 18, 2022*  
*10:00 AM*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Guitar

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (arr. McLean) Piano

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" & "Away in a Manger" Grades 5-8 Hand Chimes

**INVOCATION**

We are gathered under the cross and in the name in which we were baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER**

O almighty God, we praise You for the greatest gift: Your own dear Son. We thank You that You loved us so much that you sent Him into this world to live among us. We especially thank You for the gift of salvation, won by the suffering and death of Jesus and ultimately His resurrection. We look forward to spending eternity with You and all the saints who have gone before us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**LSB 379:1, 2 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels:

**REFRAIN**

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! **REFRAIN**

**SONG** "Mary Had a Baby" Ages 2-Kindergarten**RECITATION** Ages 2-Kindergarten

Children: Christmas is here, Baby Jesus is born

**Congregation: God's love came down on Christmas morn.**

Children: This little baby lived and grew

**Congregation: And walked this earth for me and you.**

Children: He lived and He died and then rose from the dead

**Congregation: He fulfilled his promise as He had said.**

Children: Christmas and Easter rolled into one

**Congregation: Because God sent his own dear Son.**

Children: Celebrate, Rejoice! For someday we'll all be

**Congregation: In Heaven together, eternally.**

**SONG** "Jesus Loves Me" Ages 2-Kindergarten**INTRODUCTION** Grades 1-8

## **LSB 370:1, 2 WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

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## **PART 1: Beginning to End**

## **PART 2: Prophecies Made**

**SONG** "Come to Us, Little King" (Schram)

## **PART 3: Promises Fulfilled**

**SONG** "The Mystery" (Clydesdale)

## **PART 4: The Journey to Bethlehem**

**SONG** "Away in a Manger"

## **PART 5: The Shepherds**

## **LSB 368:1,3 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains,  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

**SONG** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
*Congregation, please join on last verse and refrain.*

## **PART 6: Gifts for the Infant and Gifts for Mankind**

## LITANY

Pastor: Promises made. Prophecies fulfilled.

**Congregation: Christmas is here! Christ is born!**

Pastor: A journey to Bethlehem. A birth in a barn.

**Congregation: Christmas is here! Christ is born!**

Pastor: Angels sang praises. Shepherds rejoiced.

**Congregation: Christmas is here! Christ is born!**

Pastor: Wise Men worshiped. Presented their gifts.

**Congregation: Christmas is here! Christ is born!**

Pastor: Lived on this earth. Died and rose from the dead.

**Congregation: Easter is here! He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: From the manger to the cross. For you and for me.

**Congregation: Alleluia! He is risen. He is risen indeed!**

**SONG** “He Shall Reign Forevermore” (Maher, arr. Semsen)

## PRAYERS

Dear Lord God, we thank you for the gift of sending your infant Son into this world to take on our sin and shame. We rejoice as we remember the baby in the manger. Help us remember Your Son’s crucifixion and resurrection. Give us strength and courage to share the message from the manger to the cross throughout the world. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** May the Lord, who is our Savior from the manger to the cross, bless and preserve us now and through all eternity.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## LSB 387:1, 2 JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room

And heav’n and nature sing,

And heav’n and nature sing,

And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go now in peace and joy and serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

The family of Our Savior Lutheran Church would like to invite your family  
to join ours in celebrating the birth of  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.**

## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### *Daily Scripture Readings*

Sunday: Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10; Revelation 6:1-17

Monday: Isaiah 40:1-17; Revelation 7:1-17

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:18-41:10; Revelation 8:1-13

Wednesday: Isaiah 42:1-25; Revelation 9:1-12

Thursday: Isaiah 43:1-24; Revelation 9:13-10:11

Friday: Isaiah 43:25-44:20; Revelation 11:1-19

Saturday: Isaiah 44:21-45:13, 20-25; Revelation 12:1-17

### *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

Herb, health issues

Kathy, cancer

Diane, recovery

Jack, ongoing health issues

Lauren's mother, Phyllis

Shirley, health issues

Kent, recovery

Georgia, recovery

Jim, cancer

Tom, cancer

Aimee, healing and strength

Mike's mother - Jean, health issues Lauren, cancer

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For the family of Ezra, a 3-month-old who died of SIDS

For those affected by Hurricane Ian.

For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.

For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.

For our nation, that God would bring about repentance through His Word that He may heal our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Rick & Family, Ken & Joan, Cody & Family, Michael & Family, James & Jean

**Hymn of the Week** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" LSB 357

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**