

Children's Christmas Service

December 17, 2023

10:00 am



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HOW MANY KINGS WOULD DO THAT?

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Piano

“Away in a Manger” Piano

“Canon in D” Piano

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Guitar

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Behnke; “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” arr. Stults; “Joy to the World” arr.

Thompson - Hand Chime Choir

INVOCATION

Pastor: 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

Pastor: 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: JESUS LOVES ME Ages 2-Kindergarten

RECITATION “See the Baby Jesus”

SONG: RING THE BELLS Ages 2-Kindergarten

INTRODUCTION

SONG: HOW MANY KINGS Grades 1-8

AN UNLIKELY KING COMES Luke 1:26-35

THE CREATOR KING John 1:1-5; Genesis 1:1

THE FALL INTO SIN AND THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR Genesis 3:15

PROPHECIES OF A SAVIOR Isaiah 53:4-6

LSB 357:1,6,7 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and by Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

WHY BETHLEHEM? Micah 5:2

JOURNEY TO "THE HOUSE OF BREAD" Luke 2:1-5; John 6:48

LSB 361:1,4 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR Luke 2:6

SONG: AWAY IN A MANGER Grades 1-8

SONG: LOVE CAME DOWN Grades 1-8

WHY SHEPHERDS? Luke 2:8-20

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.

JESUS IS OUR SURE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

SONG: JOY UNTO THE WORLD Grades 1-8

MESSAGE

PRAYERS

Pastor: Dear Jesus, we humbly thank You for leaving Your place in heaven, to be born of Mary, and to live among us poor sinners. In Your great compassion for us, You endured suffering, hatred, the cross, death, and the grave in order that we could have a relationship with You now and forever. For by Your glorious resurrection, You have opened to us the way of everlasting life. We pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit within us, each day we may remember Your love for us, and by Your same Spirit, may we love and serve our neighbor. In Your holy, precious, and life-saving 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 380:1,3 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies.
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 24th 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
December 25th 10 a.m.