

This is My Son



Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 24, 2022
6:00 p.m.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ♪“O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN”

Congregation:

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
 To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
 God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
 To be your Redeemer, your Joy, and Delight.

Congregation and children

He's born in a stable for you and for me;
 Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
 In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
 And purer than angels, the heavenly child.

Congregation and Children:

See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
 Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;
 The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
 While angels sing loud alleluias above.

Children:

Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
 Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;
 Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
 And join in the song of the heavenly host.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: What great love the Father has given to us,

People: That we should be called children of God!

Leader: He sent His Son to save us from death,

People: That we should be called children of God!

Leader: Jesus was born to take our place,

People: That we should be called children of God!

Leader: His work on the cross gives us new life;

People: And we are called children of God!

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

OFFERING

HYMN: ♪ "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"

LSB 367

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *Refrain*

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

- △ 5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

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THE PROMISED SON

Brayden Schramm, Dylan Arldt, Alice Gurka, Nathen Barnett, Max Sommerfield

HYMN: ♪ "IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET"

1. Ihr Kinderlein, kommet, o kommet doch all!
Zur Krippe her kommet in Bethlehems Stall
und seht, was in dieser hochheiligen Nacht
der Vater im Himmel für Freude uns macht!

Children

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
 To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
 God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
 To be your Redeemer, your Joy, and Delight.

2. **O seht in der Krippe im nächtlichen Stall,
 seht hier bei des Lichtleins hell glänzendem Strahl
 den reinliche Windeln, das himmlische Kind,
 viel schöner und holder als Engel es sind!**

"JESUS WAS A BABY BOY"

Ollie Carter, Jolee Faske, Luke Jones, Everlee Oltmann,
 Berkley Schatte, Tillie Zoch

HYMN: ♪"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN"**LSB 384**

- 1 **Of the Father's love begotten
 Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega,
 He the source, the ending He,
 Of the things that are, that have been,
 And that future years shall see
 Evermore and evermore.**
- 2 **Oh, that birth forever blessed,
 When the virgin, full of grace,
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
 Bore the Savior of our race,
 And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
 First revealed His sacred face
 Evermore and evermore.**
- 3 **This is He whom seers in old time
 Chanted of with one accord,
 Whom the voices of the prophets
 Promised in their faithful word.
 Now He shines, the long-expected;
 Let creation praise its Lord
 Evermore and evermore.**

**4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
 Angel hosts, His praises sing.
 Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
 And extol our God and King.
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,
 Ev'ry voice in concert ring
 Evermore and evermore.**

**△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore. Amen.**

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THE SON IN THE MANGER

**Everett Corn, Tyler Fritsche, Paislee Gunter,
 Elizabeth Richardson, Cooper Hinze**

SONG: "GOTT IST DIE LIEBE"

(Students verse 1 & 2 Congregation 3 & 4)

1. Gott ist die Liebe, lässt mich erlösen,
 Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich,
 Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe!
 Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.
2. Er sandte Jesum, den treuen Heiland
 Er sandte Jesum und macht' mich los.
 Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe!
 Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.
3. **Jesus my Savior Himself did offer
 Jesus my Savior paid all I owe
 Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
 God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**
4. **Dich will ich preisen, Du ew'ge Liebe:
 Dich will ich loben, so lang ihv bin!
 Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe.
 Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

RECITATION

Ryleigh Bailey, Nick Taylor, Jacey Kessler, James Miertschin

HYMN: ♪“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 **O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.** *Refrain*

3 **O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe.** *Refrain*

4 **O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.** *Refrain*

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THE SON AND THE CROSS

Owen Wittman, Hudson Short, Trenton Grange,
Jasmine Bailey, Lukas Iselt, Addyson Early, Aliya Ehler,
Cole Kalbas, Lane Gersch, Kylie Schmidt

HYMN: ♪“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE”

LSB 386

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav’n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

- 2 **Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!**
- 3 **Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!**
- 4 **Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!**

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RECITATION

Lucy Gurka, Max Faske, Macy Sommerfield, Jaxyn Ehler

HYMN: ♪"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

LSB 361

- 1 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.

- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the king
 And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 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!

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THE SON IN OUR HEARTS

Kalisa Oltmann, Gabriel Bailey

Hallee Oltmann, Presley Slade, Brooks Zoch

HYMN: ♪ "AWAY IN THE MANGER"

Kaden Kasper, Grant Oltmann, Brooke Lehmann,
 Benjamin Schonhoeft, Kenedy Schatte

HYMN: ♪ "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

LSB 388

Refrain – Children

Verses – Congregation

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
 Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain***
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***
- 3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

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RECITATION

Madilyn Kalbas, Logan Taylor, Karly Hentschel, Colton Early

HYMN: ♪"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

LSB 379

- 1** 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

Refrain:

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

- 2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain***

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

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Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: For to us a child is born,

People: To us a Son is given;

Leader: And the government shall be upon His shoulder

People: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

PRAYER

(Other prayers and intercessions may be added.)

LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

HYMN: ♪"STILLE NACHT, HEILIGE NACHT!"

LSB 363

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar, Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind, Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Congregation and Children

2. **Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**
3. **Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

Pastor: We pray:

Father in heaven, thank You for Your great love for us. Forgive us for the many times we disobey and stray from You. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay for our sins so that through faith in Him, we can live as Your children forever. In His name we pray.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Joy to the world, the Son of God, our Savior, has come! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ♪“JOY TO THE WORLD”

LSB 387

**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.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

Mary: Reinleigh Kappler
Joseph: Luke Jones
Angels: Addilyn Handrick, Rylee Hentschel
 Addalyn Hofferek, Sara Miertschin
Shepherds: Gracelyn Kalbas, Lillian Kunkel, Brenna Schramm

Thank You

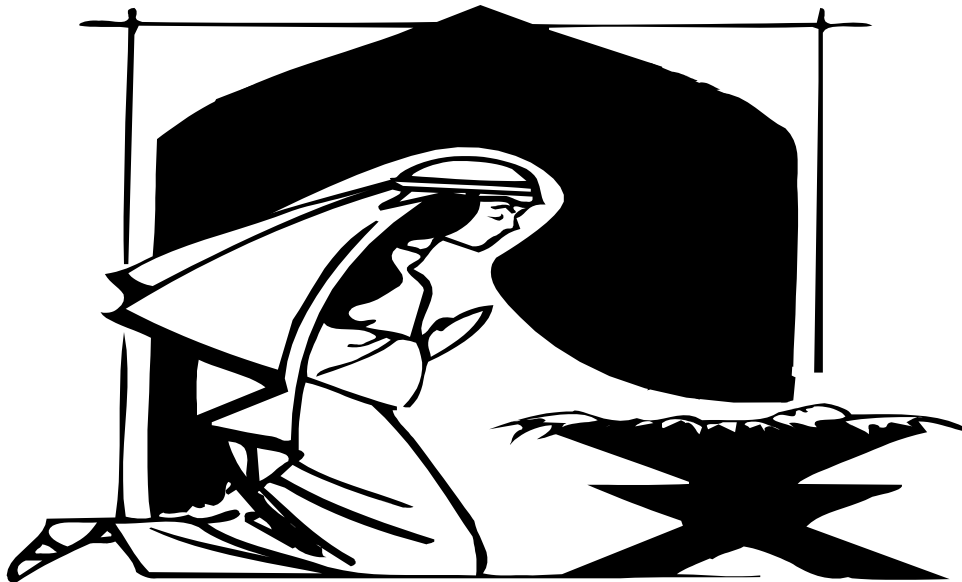
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Thank you to the ladies of the LWML for beautifying the sanctuary with the Poinsettias.

We ask that others refrain from taking pictures during the service.

**Christmas morning English/German worship service at
 9:00 a.m.**

The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.



**Oh, Come, Let us Adore Him!
 Christ the Lord!**