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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for this special worship opportunity. Wednesdays in Advent this year the students of Salem Lutheran School present a three-part worship series built on God's Word and the Christmas carols that celebrate it.

This afternoon's service is presented by the 5th-8th grade students of Salem Lutheran School. In this first part of our series they remind us of Christmas prophecy and purpose. May God bless us!



Order of Worship

Welcome

HYMN: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

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1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
2 When sin de-parts be-fore his grace, then life and health come
3 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring, on Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
in its place, when sin de-parts be-fore his grace, then
sing this night, all out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring, news of great joy, news
life and health come in its place; an-gels and saints with
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God and



of great mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful King's birth.
joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.
peace to men now and for-ev-er-more. A-men."

Invocation and Opening Litany

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Unto us the Christ is born:

C: **Oh come, let us worship him.**

M: Let us worship with musicians and singers throughout the years as they tell the story of Christmas:

C: **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: O gracious Holy Spirit, enrich us as we hear the story of our Savior's birth. Open our hearts to hear and believe the story we know so well and to share the good tidings of great joy with people everywhere.

C: **Hear our prayer O Lord, for Jesus' sake, whose birth we celebrate. Amen.**

Introduction

Narrations & Recitation of John 1:1-5, 14

Song: Little Children, Can You Tell

Students sing verses 1-2. All sing verses 3-4

1. Little children, can you tell, Do you know the story well,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy Why the angels sing for joy,
On the Christmas morning?
2. Yes, we know the story well; Listen now, and hear us tell
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy Why the angels sing for joy,
On the Christmas morning.
3. **For a little Babe that day Cradled in a manger lay,
Born on earth our Lord to be; This the wond'ring angels see
On the Christmas morning.**
4. **Joy our little hearts shall fill, Peace and love, and all goodwill;
This fair Babe of Bethlehem Children loves, and blesses them
On the Christmas morning.**

The Savior is Foretold

Narration & Recitation of Isaiah 9:2-3, 6

Hymn: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Students sing verses 1-2. All sing verse 4.

- 1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ, our Savior,
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

- 2 From God our heav'nly Father
a blessèd angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name. (*Refrain*)

- 4 **Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and in true love and fellowship
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
is filled with heav'nly grace. (*Refrain*)**

Pastor's Devotion

The Journey to Bethlehem

Narration & Recitation of Luke 2:1-7

Song: The Snow Lay on the Ground

Students sing verses 1-3. All sing verse 4.

1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

Refrain

Venite adoremus Dominum.
Venite adoremus Dominum.

2. 'Twas Mary, virgin pure, by God's great plan,
That brought into this world the God mad man.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
The sheep and oxen shared the room with them. *(Refrain)*
3. And Joseph too was by to tend the child,
To guard him and protect his mother mild.
The angels hovered round and sang this song:
Venite adoremus Dominum *(Refrain)*
4. **And thus that manger poor became a throne,
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
Oh, come, then, let us join the heav'nly host
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *(Refrain)***

Offering



 [Connect Card](#)

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 [Give Online](#)

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Narration

Hymn: Silent Night

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Students sing verse 1. All sing verses 2-3.

- 1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 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.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

FELLOWSHIP INVITATION: All are invited to the fellowship hall (cafeteria) downstairs after the service today to enjoy a meal provided by Salem's fellowship committee. You'll find the meal by going down the office hallway, turning right and then going down the second set of stairs. Please join us!

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Jake Schram

5-8th Grade Teachers: Ryan Klatt, Luke Dorn, Dan Bredendick

Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn

Join Us for Christmas Events

Sunday Worship in Advent – Come, Lord Jesus

December 4th—Come in RIGHTEOUSNESS! (St. Croix Croixaliers Singing)

December 11th—Come as MESSIAH

December 18th—Come as IMMANUEL

Children's Christmas Services –

Salem School Presents “The Carols of Christmas”

Wednesday, November 30th (4pm) 5th-8th Grade

Wednesday, December 7th (4pm) Kindergarten-1st Grade

Wednesday, December 14th (4pm) 2nd-4th Grade

(Meals provided after each service.)

Salem Preschool Christmas Program

Thursday, December 8th (6pm)

Christmas for Kids Activity (Saturday, Dec. 17th @ 9am)

Children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to a morning of Christmas fun, games and crafts. Pre-register for free at www.salemlutheran.org/christmas.

Christmas Celebration – A Savior is Born!



Saturday, December 24th (3 & 5pm)—

A Savior born to change the world

Sunday, December 25th (10am)—

A Savior born to dwell among us

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary or as it's passed during the service.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

