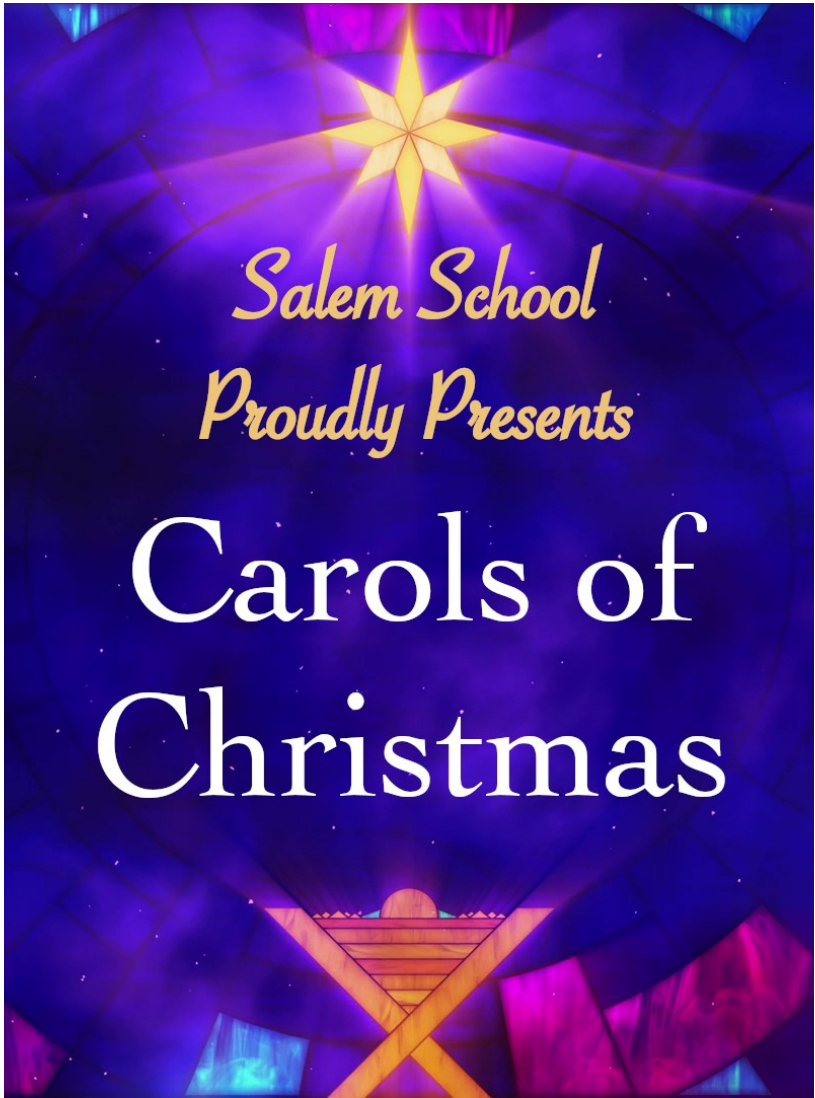


December 7, 2022

Advent Midweek Service



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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 Kindergarten and 1st grade students of Salem Lutheran School. In this second part of our series they remind us of the first people to celebrate Christmas. Shepherds and Angels!



Order of Worship

Welcome

HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful

CW 354 sts 1-3



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come_ ye to Beth - le - hem!
 born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
 On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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 the angels and sing praises to the Lord who came to save us:

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men.**

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 now celebrate. Amen.**

Children's Song: Angels We Have Heard on High

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains. (*Refrain*)

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Refrain*)

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

The Angels and the Shepherds

Narration & Recitation of Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: The First Noel

Students sing verse 1. All sing verses 2,4,5.

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

2. **They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.**

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

5. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to the heavenly Lord;
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

The Adoration of the Shepherds

Narration & Recitation of Luke 2:15-20

Children's Song: While by the Sheep

1. While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain:

How great our joy! *Great our joy!*

Joy, joy, joy! *Joy, joy, joy!*

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! *Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

2. There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a child today. (*Refrain*)
3. There shall the child lie in a stall,
This child who shall redeem us all. (*Refrain*)
4. This gift of God we'll cherish well
Jesus, our Lord Immanuel. (*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

CW 337

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 taco bar provided by Salem’s youth group. 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 Ryan Wolfe

Kindergarten Teacher: Allison Dorn

1st Grade Teacher: Debbie Hansen

Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn

Join Us for Christmas Events

Sunday Worship in Advent – Come, Lord Jesus

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

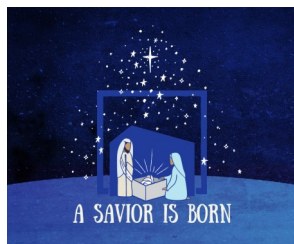
(Meals provided after each service.)

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.

