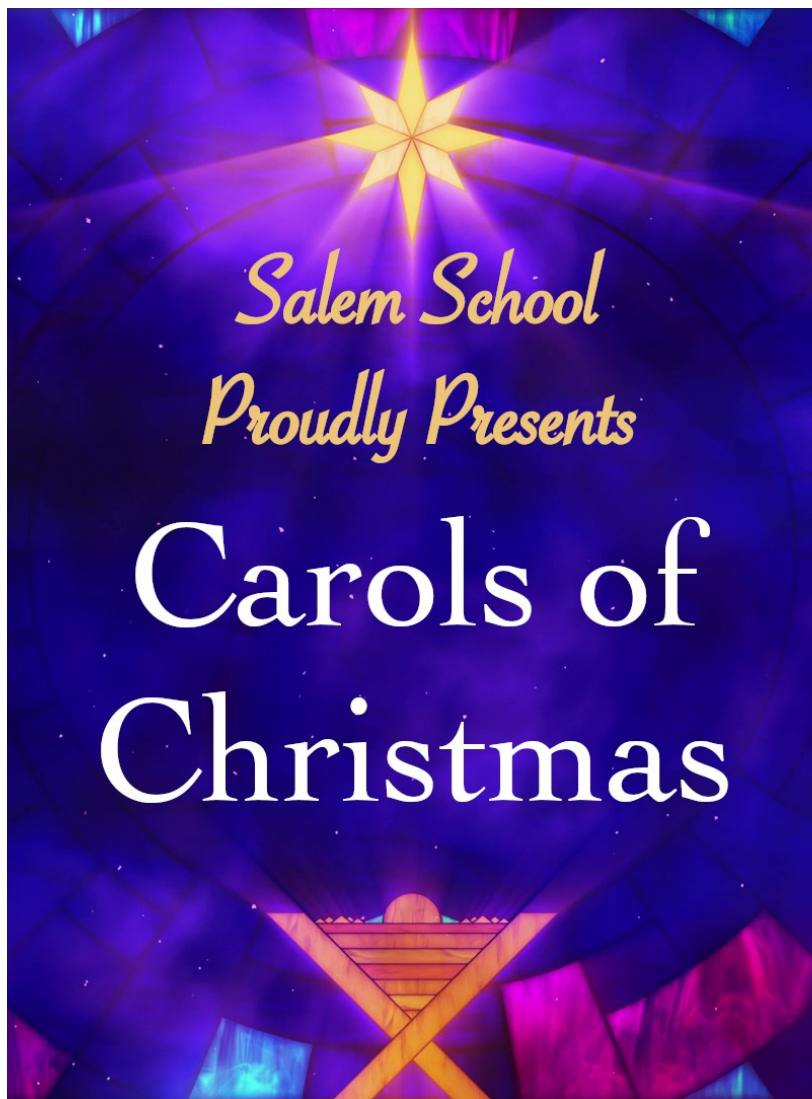


December 14, 2022

Advent Midweek Service



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**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for this special worship opportunity. Tonight we see the last part of Salem Lutheran School's special series on God's Word and the Christmas carols that celebrate it.

This afternoon's service is presented by the 2nd-4th grade students. In this last service we hear carols new and old celebrating the peace God delivered through his Son at Christmas. We rejoice with the Magi, the Lord has come!



## Order of Worship

### Welcome

### HYMN: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

CW 338



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 the shepherds who told everyone they met about the child, our Savior.

C: **Christ the Lord, our Savior, everlasting God and Mary's son, we praise you forever.**

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.**

## **Narrations (Grade 3)**

### **Children's Song: Peace Came to Earth**

*This is a contemporary Christmas hymn. The text was written by Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008), pastor and editor. The music was composed by Mark Kellner (b. 1952)*

- 1 Peace came to earth at last that chosen night  
when angels clove the sky with song and light  
and God embodied love and sheathed his might—  
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!  
Who could but sing: Immanuel!
- 2 And who could be the same for having held  
the infant in their arms and later felt  
the wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled—  
Who could but sigh: Immanuel!  
Who could but shout: Immanuel!
- 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!  
How else could I have loved you, O my God!  
How else could I embrace you, O my God!  
Who could but pray: Immanuel!  
Who could but praise: Immanuel!

## Narrations (Grade 3)

### HYMN: As with Gladness Men of Old

CW 372 sts 1-3

*This well-loved hymn offers more peace than we know, with words by an English author and music by a German composer in the mid-1800s.*



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,  
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,  
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.  
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.

## The Adoration of the Magi

### Narration (Grade 3)

### A Drama based on Matthew 2:1-11 (Grade 4)

### Recitations (Grade 4)

### Song: Gift to Him

*This contemporary song was written in 2000 by American songwriter Frank Hernandez.*

Everything I am (*Everything I am*).

Everything I'll be (*Everything I'll be*).

I give it to you Lord (*I give it to you Lord*).

And do it thankfully. (*thankfully*)

*Every song I sing, every praise I bring, Everything I do is a gift to you.*

Everything I have (*Everything I have*)  
 All you've given me (*All you've given me*)  
 I give it to you Lord (*I give it to you Lord*)  
 And do it thankfully (*thankfully*)  
*Every song I sing, every praise I bring, Everything I do is a gift to you.*

(Repeat verse 1)

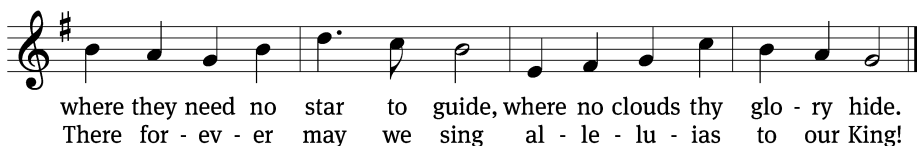
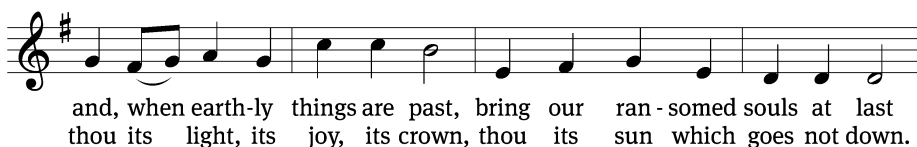
(*Final Coda:*) Is a gift to you.

## The Glory Yet to Come

### Recitations (Grade 4 & Grade 2)

#### Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old

CW 372 sts. 4-5



### Pastor's Devotion

#### Offering

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.

### Prayer

## **Lord's Prayer** (To the tune of *Away in a Manger*)

*Although long thought to be the work of Martin Luther, the hymn tune is now thought to be entirely American in origin. Research has revealed that both the text and the two most common tunes were written by Americans in the late 1800s.*

**Our Father in heaven all praise to Your name!  
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same.  
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone;  
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
As we forgive others, our sins take away;  
In times of temptation, to lead us; be near.  
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign.  
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.  
To You be the glory, resounding again  
From all of creation, forever! Amen.**

## **Narration** (*Olivia Waller, Grade 4*)

### **Children's Hymn: Silent Night**

*Shortly after the Napoleonic Wars had taken their toll, lyric writer Joseph Mohr was inspired by how peaceful his little village seemed. He penned the lyrics and sang it along with the composer of the music, Franz Gruber, on Christmas Eve in 1816. It was originally written for guitar and voice, since the church organ was under repair.*

- 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.

## 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.

## Hymn: Joy to the World

CW 353

*The lyrics, based on Psalm 98, were crafted by Isaac Watts in 1719. He had no intention for it to be a Christmas carol since its contents sing about Christ's triumphant second coming rather than his first. The tune was created by George Frederic Handel in 1749 and can be heard in a chorus of his Messiah oratorio. This setting was composed by Lowell Mason in 1836.*



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

**FELLOWSHIP INVITATION:** All are invited to the fellowship hall (cafeteria) downstairs after the service today to enjoy a supper 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

2nd Grade Teacher: Michelle Stob

3rd Grade Teacher: Tom Stob

4th Grade Teacher: Nancy Hasselquist

Piano/Organ: Luke Dorn

# ***Join Us for Christmas Events***

## ***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](http://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

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### **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 two 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.

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.

