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Midweek Advent



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

Order of Worship



Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

CW 301 sts. 1, 3, 5



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Please Stand

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

C: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95 & Luke 1

M: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

C: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

M: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

C: And extol him with music and song.

M: Come, let us bow down in worship,

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

M: The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine light on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

C: To guide our feet into the path of peace.

M: Unto us the Christ is born.

C: Come, let us worship him!



Scripture Reading

John 1:1-9,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Hosanna to the Living Lord

CW 915

1 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
to th' in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor,
Sav - ior, King, let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.

2. Hosanna to the Light of life!
Who overcomes our sin and strife!
We see the glory of God's Son
Who full of grace and truth has come.

Service Theme Introduction

Narration

Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

CW 339

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing
stall; ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the
new saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings
child is Lord of all. Swift - ly wing - ing an - gels
of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing, free from



Good News in the Old Testament

Narration & Recitation

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 3:15

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:3

"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his."

Genesis 49:10

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him."

Deuteronomy 18:15

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:2,6

Anthem: Isaiah Said

by Linda Moeller

1. The people were lost in great darkness, Surrounded by sin and despair,
But God sent the prophet Isaiah with words of great comfort to share.

Refrain: Isaiah said, That God himself would send a sign
The virgin will bear God's Son; His name will be Immanuel,
A Savior for ev'ryone! Isaiah said.

2. Our sins yet today are as scarlet, so back to the Scripture we go.
We learn from the prophet Isaiah God made them as white as the snow. (Ref)
3. Give thanks to the Lord, for he saved us, our punishment borne by his Son.
Now tell all the world, like Isaiah, The great things our Savior has done. (Ref)
4. A Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God,
The everlasting Father, the Prince of peace, The Savior for ev'ry one!
Isaiah said. Isaiah said. Isaiah said.

Narration & Recitation

"In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."

Jeremiah 33:15,16

"For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays."

Malachi 4:2

Hymn: Of the Father's Love Begotten

CW 358 sts. 1-2, 4

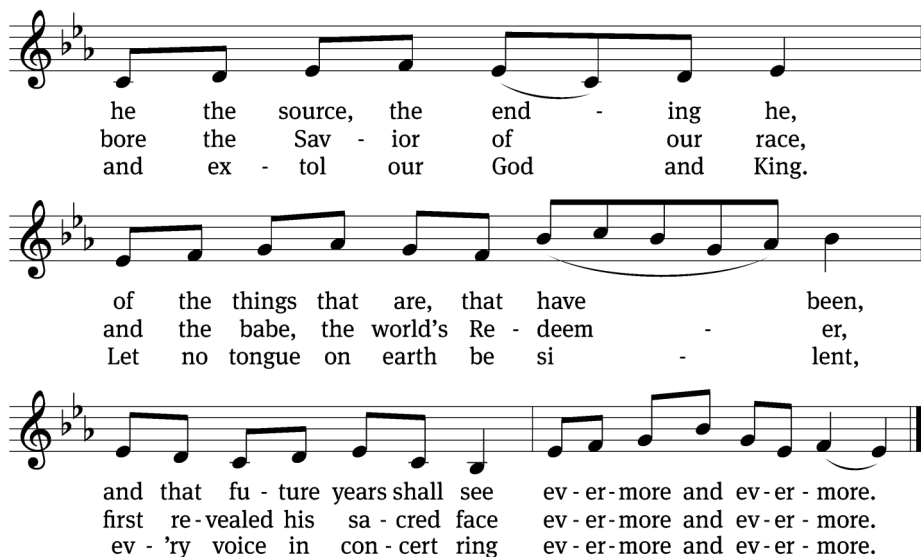
The children sing the first verse. The congregation sings the remaining verses.



- 1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
- 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the vir - gin,
- 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, an - gel hosts his



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing, pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him



he the source, the end - ing he,
bore the Sav - ior of our race,
and ex - tol our God and King.

of the things that are, that have been,
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,

and that fu - ture years shall see ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
first re - vealed his sa - cred face ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring ev - er - more and ev - er - more.



The Song of Zechariah

Narration

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-66

"When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, 'No! He is to be called John.' They said to her, 'There is no one among your relatives who has that name.' Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.' Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, 'What then is this child going to be?' For the Lord's hand was with him."

Anthem: Zechariah and Elizabeth

by Linda Moeller

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth had thought their hope for children was gone.
Then the angel Gabriel came from God to say they'd have a baby named John.
Zechariah did not trust at first and so he lost his voice,
But the Lord God always keeps his word and soon they had a cause to rejoice!

Refrain: Zechariah said, "Praise be to the Lord God of Israel!"
Then he said to baby John, his son,
"You will be a prophet and you will tell the people
that the Savior of the world has come."

2. Zechariah and Elizabeth were happy that their baby was here,
But the news that made them happier still was that the promised Savior was near.
John was sent by God to tell the world that Christ would set them free;
Jesus Christ would take away their sins, and he did the same for you and me!
Refrain

The Song of Mary

Narration

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-46

"At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!' And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord.'"

Anthem: My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

CW 975

1. My soul will magnify the Lord;
I rejoice in God my Savior,
in the wonder of his favor.
For he has done great things for me,
he was mindful of his servant;
ev'ry age shall call me blessed.
The hope of Abraham come

in the giving of a Son;
for he who promised is mighty
in remembering his mercy.

2. My soul will magnify the Lord
for his grace to those who fear him
through ev'ry generation.

The proud he scatters to the wind
as the ruler's strength is broken,
and the rich are left with nothing.

The humble lifted high,
and the hungry satisfied;
our portion and our treasure,
our hope and help forever.

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.

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.



Handbell Offertory: Emmanuel, Savior of the Nations by Derek Hakes

Prayer of the Church

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Silent Night

CW 337

The children sing the first verse. The congregation joins for verses 2 and 3.



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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December 7, 2-4 pm

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CHRISTMAS for Kids

SATURDAY, DEC 14

9:00 - 12:30 pm

Learn more and register:



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Eve by Candlelight - 4 & 6 pm

Christmas Day Festival - 10 am

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 as it's passed during the service or give online.

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.**

