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Midweek Children's Program

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Part 1




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*Did You Know? –
Salem Lutheran School, Grades K-4*

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.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Father in heaven, we thank you for the greatest Christmas gift: a Savior born in humanity to save humanity from sin. Bless us each with faith to trust your promises that we would celebrate Christmas truly and enjoy eternity in heaven with you.

WELCOME FROM OUR PASTORS: Welcome, dear parents, families, and friends, to part one of our Salem School Christmas Program! Today we gather in the spirit of joy and celebration to honor the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and to share the warmth of His love through the voices and hearts of our children.

As they bring us Christmas greetings in song, word, and story, may we be reminded of the true meaning of this season—the gift of hope, peace, and salvation that came to us in a humble manger. We are delighted to have you here to rejoice together as one family in Christ, cherishing the wonder of Christmas through the eyes of our children. If you don't have a church home, we invite you back to our last midweek service next week, to our church Christmas Concert on December 20th, and to our special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We invite parents to take as many pictures as you like after the service is over. Please refrain from taking them during the service so the children can present their songs without distraction. Thank you!

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor JonAlden Pedersen

Piano: Luke Dorn

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Order of Worship



Processional

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

CW 354



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,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



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!
Je - sus, to thee_ be all glo - ry giv'n!



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:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



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



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

Opening Welcome

Psalm 89

M: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

C: with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

M: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

C: that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

M: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever,

C: and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

M: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

C: love and faithfulness go before you.

M: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

C: who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

Prayer

M: Gracious Lord and Savior, who once came as a defenseless baby in the Bethlehem manger, and who will return as the King of kings and Lord of lords, be with us today as we again take a moment to reflect on the wonder and beauty of your love as it is seen in the Christmas story. Fill our hearts with joy and contentment knowing that our sins have indeed been washed away at Calvary's cross, and that we too will rise to life eternal just as you did on that glorious Easter morning. Send your Spirit into our hearts and lead us along the path of righteousness to the glory of heaven. Receive our praises as we kneel in faith before the manger-bed of our newborn Savior. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE PROPHECIES FORETOLD JESUS' BIRTH

Reading

Genesis 3:15

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.

Reading

Genesis 49:10

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

Reading

Isaiah 7:14

The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Children's Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

CW 343



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -
 4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en



cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 deem - ing love, for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our
 stand - ing by shall we see him, but in heav - en, set at



man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and mean and
 Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he leads his chil - dren
 God's right hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren



mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 on to the place where he is gone.
 crowned, all in white, his praise will sound.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Reading

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Reading

Luke 2:6-7

⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Children's Hymn: Away in a Manger

CW 341



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and take us to heav - en to live with you there.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,

Pastor's Message

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

Offertory Song: Mary, Did You Know

School Children

Mary, did you know That your baby boy will one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know That your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered Will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know That your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know That your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby You've kissed the face of God

The blind will see The deaf will hear And the dead will live again
The lame will leap The dumb will speak The praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know That your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know That your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know That your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding Is the Great I Am.

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 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.

Anthem: Joy to the World

CW 353

The students will sing verses 1-2. The congregation sings verses 3-4.



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

Worship with us Again!

Midweek service: Wednesday, December 17th at 4:00pm. (Supper to follow.)

Christmas Concert: Saturday, December 20th at 5:00pm

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24th at 3:00 & 5:00pm

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th at 10:00am