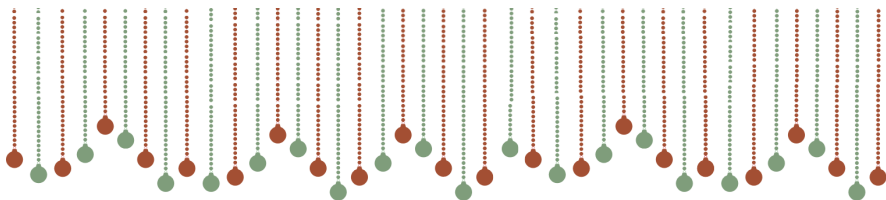


December 17, 2025

Midweek Children's Program



DID YOU KNOW

Part 2



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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.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Savior Jesus, we thank you for this opportunity to praise you once again for your love. You came into our world and became man to save a world of lost sinners. Bless us with faith to trust your promises and move us to an unfailing hope for our future in heaven.

WELCOME FROM OUR PASTORS: Welcome, dear parents, families, and friends, to 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 to celebrate with us at our church Christmas Concert this Saturday, 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

Organ/Piano: Luke Dorn

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Order of Worship



Opening Welcome

Processional

Hymn: Now sing We, Now Rejoice

CW 363

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



- 1 Now sing we, now re - joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
- 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to thee.
- 3 Now through his Son doth shine the Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground,



he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us through sin and van - i - ty
where the an - gels sing - ing with all his saints u - nite,



not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies.
thro' thy grace and mer - it, blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
till he o - pened for us a bright e - ter - ni - ty.
sweet - est prais - es bring - ing in heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!	Thou my Sav - ior art!
draw me un - to thee!	Draw me un - to thee!
May we praise him there!	May we praise him there!
Oh, that we were there!	Oh, that we were there!

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.

C: Amen.

THE SHEPHERDS HEAR ABOUT THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

CW 346

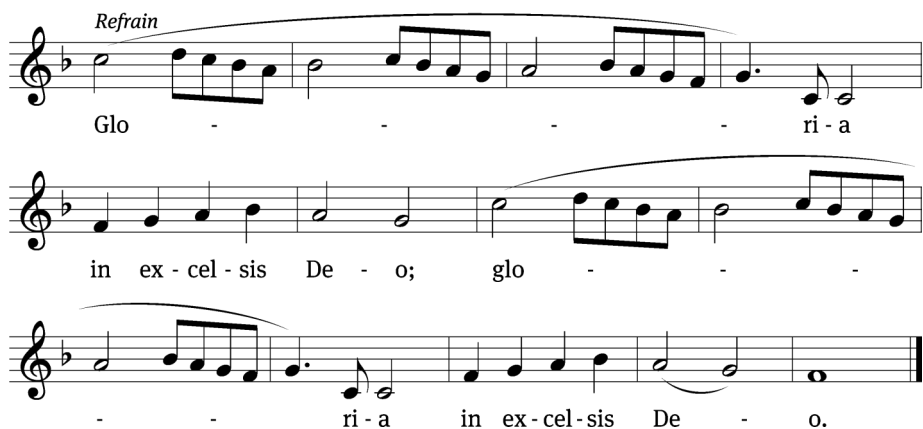
Students sing verses 1-2. The congregation joins the second refrain and v. 3.



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Reading

Luke 2:8-20

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Anthem: What a Glorious Night!

Sidewalk Prophets

The shepherds came to see the baby, stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior inside a manger. Oh what a glorious night!

Refrain: I hear the angels singing, "Hallelujah! Let the earth receive her king!"
I know that love has come. Sing it out! Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds wondered, they couldn't hide it. Told everyone in sight.
All were amazed when they heard how God came down on the glorious night.
Refrain.

All is calm now, all is quiet. A star shining in the sky.
Below in Bethlehem, the king is sleeping. Oh what a glorious night!

THE WISE MEN ARE LED TO THE SAVIOR

Handbell Anthem: Come Christians Join to Sing

Linda Lamb

Reading

Matthew 2:1,2,11

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Anthem: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

R. Fisher Boyce

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem shining far through shadows dimmed.
Giving the light for those who long have gone.
Guiding the wise men on their way unto the place where Jesus lay.
Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on.

Oh, beautiful star the hope of light guiding the pilgrims through the night
Over the mountains 'til the break of dawn into the land of perfect day.
It will give out a lovely ray . Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on.

Oh, beautiful star (beautiful, beautiful star) Of Bethlehem (star of Bethlehem)
Shine upon us until the glory dawns. Give us a lamp to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day. Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on.

Oh, beautiful star the hope, the grace
 For the redeemed, the good, and the blessed.
 Yonder in glory when the crowd is one Jesus is now the star divine.
 Brighter and brighter he will shine. Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on.

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS IS FOR ALL

Reading

Matthew 28:19

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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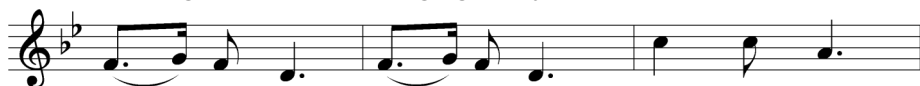
Revelation 22:16,20

"I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star...Yes, I am coming soon.

Hymn: *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

CW 337

The students sing verses 1-2. The congregation joins in verse 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
born!	Christ,	the Sav - ior, is
birth,	Je - sus,	Lord, at thy
		peace.
		born!
		birth.

Did You Know? God's Light Shatters the Darkness

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 Anthem : Behold

Bella, Aerie, Jeremy Camp

It seemed like an ordinary night but we've never seen stars shining so bright.
There's something about this star even though it seems so far. Hallelujah!

Refrain: Behold, Jesus is born. Glory to God in the highest!
Behold, Jesus is born. Glory to God forever!

Now is hope in our lives cause God is loving and kind.
Even though we fail, He's still Emmanuel. Refrain

He is our shepherd and he is our strength. I won't be afraid.
He is our comfort and he is our fill. I won't be afraid. Refrain

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.

Anthem: Mary, Did You Know Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

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. 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.

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.**

Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

CW 353

Find the hymn on the next page.

Hymn: Joy to the World

CW 353

The students sing verse 1. The congregation sings verses 2-4.



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

Join us for Christmas Celebration – Christ the Savior is Born!



Wednesday, December 24th (3 & 5pm)—
 Heavenly Hosts Sing Alleluia

Thursday, December 25th (10am)—
 Holy Infant So Tender and Mild

Sunday, December 28th (normal service times)
 Son of God

Sunday, January 4th (normal service times)
 Love's Pure Light Beams from Thy Holy
 Face

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 with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags 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 a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**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.**

