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Symbols of Salvation

Children's Christmas Program

December 21, 2025

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Symbols of Salvation

Processional Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

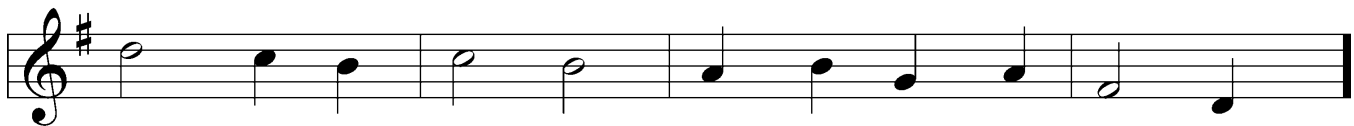
LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of 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, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!

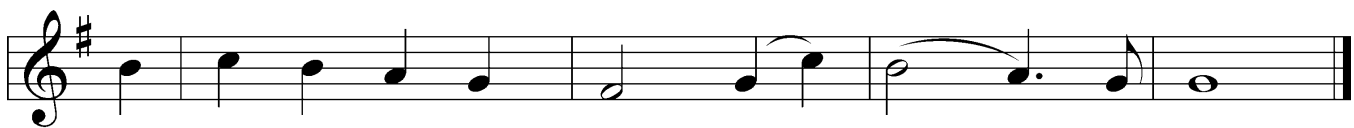


Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

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!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.
Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786
Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Responsive Reading

Pastor: A Christmas tree and Christmas lights,

People: **Beautiful symbols that point us to Jesus.**

Pastor: The lowly manger in Bethlehem town,

People: **A humble symbol that points us to Jesus.**

Pastor: The angels and the bright star shining,

People: **Powerful symbols that point us to Jesus.**

Pastor: As we gather in Your name, O Lord, to worship You,

People: **Show us Jesus with Your symbols of salvation. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Christmas Meditation

Pastor Minton

Offering

The Message Presented by the Children

The Christmas Tree

Congregational Hymn

“God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

(Children verses 1 and 3; Congregation verses 2, 4, and 5)



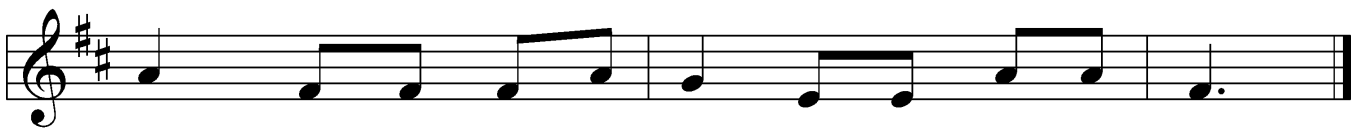
1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. composite
Tune: German
Text and tune: Public domain

The Lights

Congregational Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LSB 361



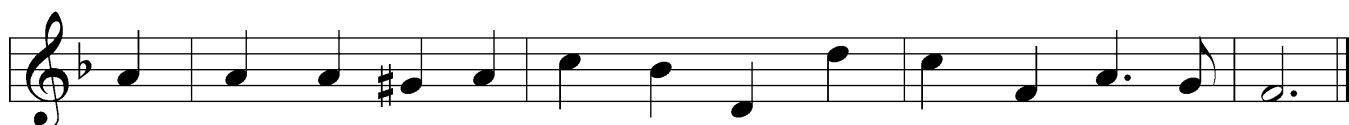
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93
Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908
Text and tune: Public domain

The Manger

Children's Hymn

"Away in a Manger"

The Angel

Congregational Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

LSB 368

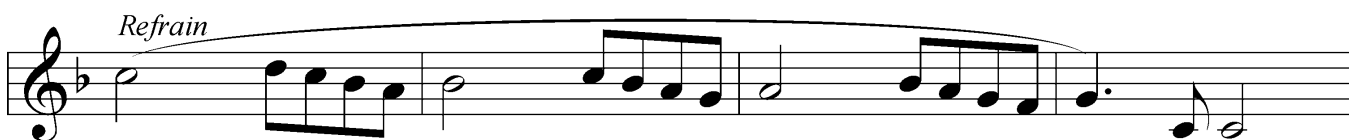
(Children verse 1; Congregation verses 2-3)



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 tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.
Text and tune: French
Text and tune: Public domain

The Star

Congregational Hymn

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

LSB 363

(Children verse 1; Congregation verses 2-3)



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.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85

Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787–1863

Text and tune: Public domain

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayers

Responsive Reading

Pastor: Let us now go in peace, Lord,

People: Your promise has been fulfilled.

Pastor: Our eyes have seen Your salvation,

People: Which You have prepared for all people.

Pastor: A light to reveal You to the nations,

People: And the glory of Your people.

Pastor: We pray: Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son for our salvation. Give us eyes to see the symbols of Christmas that point us to the Savior. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth to all those around us. In His name, we pray.

People: Amen.

Benediction

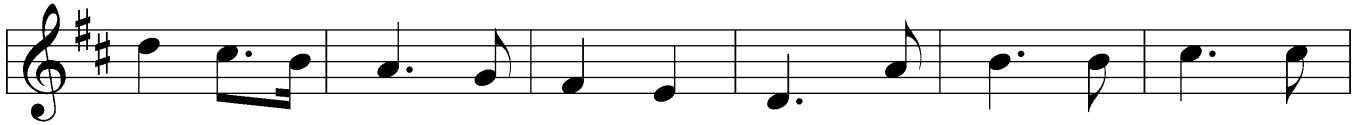
Pastor: Joy to the World, the Savior has come! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you every day as you tell of His love to others.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

Merry Christmas!

***Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a cookie reception for the children
for all the hard work they put into today's service.***

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
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Tuesday: *Bulletin Deadline/Newsletter Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Christmas Eve Flashlight Divine Service, 7pm
Thursday: Christmas Day Divine Service, 9am
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

THOSE SERVING AT OSLC

	12/21/25	12/24 & 12/25 Christmas Eve and Day	12/28/25
Elder	Rich Rieches	Rich Rieches	Neil Rieches
Organist	Benny Verswijver	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves		Patrick and Dawn Teig
Sound Board	Neil Rieches	Neil Rieches	Patty Bruens
Greeters	Phil and Cindy Raddatz	Lavicka Family - Eve Lingley Family - Day	Pastor and Renee Minton
Acolyte	Sophia Billingsley	Jaylin Lavicka - Eve Sophia Billingsley - Day	Hailey Schwartz
Head Usher	Elders	Elders	Elders
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: You are invited to join us on **December 24 at 7:00pm** for our Flashlight Divine Service and on **December 25 at 9:00am** as we gather to worship our newborn King, Jesus Christ, and to receive His gifts of forgiveness of sins and life eternal through the Word and through the reception of the Lord's Supper.

THANK YOU to Jean and Randy Lauterbach for sponsoring the Radio Broadcast this morning in memory of Roger Reed's 82nd birthday. "Jesus said to Him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

TO ALL OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST: With grateful hearts, we thank you for celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary with us. Your prayers, your presence, and your kindness have been a beautiful blessing. As we look back on six decades together, we are humbled by God's grace that has carried us, strengthened us, and filled our lives with love. We are deeply thankful for family and friends like you who have been part of our journey. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1
- With love and gratitude, Dave and Ethel Lucht

DINNER THANKS! "Over the past few weeks, Our Savior has shown its love for Mel and Dorothy and their families in many ways. However, I would like to especially thank the MANY persons who communicated with members, brought food, and helped with the preparation, serving and clean up of the dinners following the services. There were many compliments and words of appreciation for all. Your selflessness and caring are truly a blessing. THANK YOU!!! May God Bless!
- Theta

NEED A CHURCH HOME? If you do not currently have a church home, join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 9:00 am, followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:30 am. Our services are also broadcast live on WHPO 100.9 FM and WIQI 95.9 FM.

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the December 28, bulletin and the January Newsletter is Tuesday, December 23.

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Jaylin Lavicka	Monday
Will Franke	Tuesday
Sara Janssen	Friday

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
Ethel Lucht
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother in law of Dennis Selk
Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Dave Lucht, health issues
Larry Tobeck, recovering from surgery

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Dorothy Knake, given Christian burial this past week.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Troy Schaumburg as his scans are cancer free and he is coming home from the hospital.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes	Joann Sloan
Delmer Henrichs	Brenda St. Peter
Mary Kamin	

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: St John in Washburn, Zion in Wenoa, and St Paul in Varna and Mark Gruden their pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St John in Buckley and Kevin Wyckoff her pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO.

Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.



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