

Junior Choir: "We Look for the Star", "Rejoice and Be Merry", "Silent Night, Silent World", "A Shepherd's Lullaby" and "The Word Was Made Flesh"

Preschool/ECC: "Away in a Manger" (4:00 pm Service)

Processional Hymn: "Joy to the World" (CW 62)

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

Invocation:

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

Congregation: Amen.

Call to Worship (selected verses from Psalm 95 and 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!

Reading by Pastor Swanson

M: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregational Hymn: "Hosanna to the Coming Lord" stanza 1 (CW 21) and stanza 2 (original lyrics based on John 1)

*Hosanna to the coming Lord!
Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King
Let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.*

*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.*

Pastor's Message

Introduction: Songs From Luke's Gospel

Narration by Kendall Lemke

K-8 Recitation by Grades K - 8

Congregational Hymn: "Away in a Manger" stanzas 1, 3 (CW 68)

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,*

And take us to heaven, to live with You there.

Part I: Good News in the Old Testament (Grades 5 – 6)

Narration by Jakub Junker, Evan Lange & Kendall Lemke

Recitation by Grades 5 & 6

Narration by

Congregational Hymn: "Behold, a Branch Is Growing" stanza 1-3 (CW 47)

*Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.*

*Isaiah had foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.*

*The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory,
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.*

Narration by Jakub Junker

Recitation by Grades 5 & 6

5 – 8 Song: "Isaiah Said" by Linda Moeller

Part II: The Song of Zechariah ("Benedictus")

Narration by Evan Lange

Recitation by Grades K - 8

K – 4 Song: "Zechariah and Elizabeth" by Linda Moeller

Part III: The Song of Mary ("Magnificat")

Narration by Kendall Lemke

Recitation by Grades 2 - 6

5 -8 (girls only) Song: "My Soul Rejoices"

Part IV: The Song of the Angels ("Gloria in excelsis Deo"), Grades K – 4

Narration by Jakub Junker, Evan Lange & Kendall Lemke

Recitation by Grades K – 4

Congregational Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" stanzas 1-3 (CW 61)

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all You nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]*

*Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. [Refrain]*

Part V: The Song of Simeon ("Nunc Dimittis")

Narration by Jakub Junker & Evan Lange

Recitation by Grades K - 8

K – 8 Song: "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" by Ian Welch

Narration by Kendall Lemke

Congregational Hymn: "Silent Night" (CW 60)

*Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

*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.*

*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!"*

*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.*

Offering - Kendall Lemke – "Joy to the World" with "Hallelujah Chorus"
& "Good King Wenceslas" with "Pachelbel Canon"
Molly Altreuter – "Angels We Have Heard On High / Ding Dong
Merrily on High"

Prayer for Christmas Eve

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" stanza 1 (CW 80),
stanzas 2-5 (J. Tiefel)

*Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Mary, hear the angel's message
Trusting it as God's own Word.
Lift your heart in holy wonder;
Magnify your gracious Lord.
Refrain*

*Come, O blessed Zechariah,
Mute in doubt, but now in song
Raise a hymn for God's long promise
To destroy the devil's wrong.
Refrain*

*Simion, hopeful all your lifetime
For the coming of the King,
Sing your prayers in peaceful wonder;
Light and glory he will bring.
Refrain*

*Saints and angels, now and ever,
Raise a song of glorious praise.
In your hymns proclaim the message,
Sing the gospel all your days.
Refrain*

"O Holy Night" by Rachel Mortensen

This years' service "Saints & Angel Host Rejoice" was written
by Jim Moeller.

Special Thanks...

Our teachers and students for their extra efforts in practices to prepare for this special service of praise to God for sending Jesus to be the Savior of world.

Mrs. Judy Acker as our pianist and organist.

Kendall Lemke & Molly Altreuter for their piano solos.

Mrs. Nancy Kanter for directing our Jr. Choir.

Rachel Mortensen for singing "O Holy Night."

Thank you to our serving committee for their snacks for our students between services.

Holiday Service Times:

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - **Christmas Day**
9 am Worship

Sunday, Dec. 30 - 9 am Worship

Monday, Dec. 31 - **New Year's Eve**
4 pm & 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion
(Same service as New Year's Day)

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - **New Year's Day**
No Worship Service

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