

See What Great Love

A Children's Christmas Service on the Lavish Love of God

Jr. Choir: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

"Leise Rieselt der Schnee" ("Gently Lies the Snow")

"Hallelujah"

Song: "God Is So Good" ECC-Kindergarten – 4:00 pm, K-2 – 6:00 pm

Congregation Stands

Minister: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

Processional Hymn: "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" CW 42

- Stanza 1 – Congregation
Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing his love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.
- Stanza 2 – Congregation
See how God, for us providing,
Gave his Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding
From earth's woe to heav'nly joy.
- Stanza 3 – Grades 6 – 8
Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love our race befriending,
In our need his help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.
- Stanza 4 – Grades K – 5
Jacob's Star in all its splendor
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender,
Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.
- Stanza 5 – Congregation and Children
Gracious Child, we pray you, hear us;
From your lowly manger cheer us.
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join th' angelic choir.

Congregation is seated.

Pastor's Message: What Child is This?

Congregational Hymn: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" CW 35

Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.

Part 1 – God's Love At Creation

Narrations by Aeryn Messmann and Molly Altreuter

Recitations by Grades 6 – 8

Children, and Congregation: See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Grades 6 – 8 Song: "The Tree of Life" CWS 754

Part 2 – God's Love When Humans Sinned

Narrations by Evan Lange and Brett Thoma

Recitations by Grades 6 – 8

Congregational Hymn: "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" stanza 1 CW 378

All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.

Narration by Evan Lange

Congregation stands

Congregation: Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life."

Congregation and Children: “And 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.”

Congregational Hymn: “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” stanza 4 CW 378

But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.

Children, and Congregation: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Congregation is seated

Congregational Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” stanza 3 CW35

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Part 3 – God’s Love in His Faithfulness

Narration by Haylie Reese

Recitations by Grades 3-5

Grades 3 – 5 Song: “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” CW 23

Children, and Congregation: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Congregational Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” stanza 2 CW35

Oh, that birth forever blessed When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

Part 4 – God’s Love in Bethlehem

Narrations by Mason Mattke

Recitations by Grades 3-5

Congregational Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” stanzas 1 – 3 CW 65

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts To human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will Receive him still, The dear Christ enters in.

Narration by Mason Mattke

Recitations by Grades K-5

Grades K – 5 Song: “I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes” CW 51

Children, and Congregation: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Congregational Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” stanza 4 CW35

Let the heights of heav'n adore him, Angel hosts his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions bow before him And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

Part 5 – God’s Love to All

Narration by Colin Anfang

Recitations by Grades 6-8

Congregation: It is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. (Romans 9:8)

Recitations by Grades 3-5

Narrations by Colin Anfang

Recitations by Grades K-8

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Grades K – 8 Song: “See What Great Love” by Debra Bakken

Offering:

Riley Anton - 1st Service

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Haylie Reese – 1st & 2nd Service

“Angels We Have Heard on High” and “Once in Royal David’s City”

Prayers

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.

Benediction

Recessional: “Joy to the World” CW 62

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry 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.

“Rejoice Greatly” by Rachel Mortensen

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. Ginny Glock as our pianist and organist.

Riley Anton & Haylie Reese for their piano solos.

Mrs. Erika Lembrich for directing our Jr. Choir.

Rachel Mortensen for singing "Rejoice Greatly."

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

Holiday Service Times:

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

Sunday, Dec. - 9 am Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - **New Year's Eve**
4 pm & 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion

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