



Christ Our Savior

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Silent Night Holy Night A Children's Christmas Service

December 17, 2025 ~ 7:00pm

Order of Worship

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Oh, Come, Little Children"

- All:**
- 1. Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all;
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.**
 - 2. He's born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.**
 - 3. See, Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;
The shepherds are kneeling with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud alleluias above.**
 - 4. Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Oh, lift up your hands now and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.**

THE INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: We're here to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's own Son,

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God and man. He came to fulfill the promises
God gave to His people

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: Jesus taught the people about the love of God our Father

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: He died on a cross for our sin

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: He rose from the dead to give us new life

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: In Jesus, we are free, redeemed children of God

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: We can love God

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: We can love others

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

HYMN

"God Loves Me Dearly"

LSB 392:1–3, 5

Children: 1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain: Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2. I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain*

3. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain*

4. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain*

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

READER 1: Parents know and appreciate the gift of an uneventful night, a silent night. Children also know the joy of sweet, pleasant sleep. It's a gift God gives us, as the psalmist proclaims: "[God] gives to His beloved sleep" (*Psalms 127:2*).

God gave us an even more wonderful gift on a silent night over two thousand years ago—a baby born in the city of David, our Savior, Christ the Lord. Let's ask the children to tell us about everything that led up to that special night. A silent night. A holy night.

HYMN

"Little Children, Can You Tell?"

Congregation: Little children, can you tell,
Do you know the story well,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning?

Children: Yes, we know the story well;
Listen now, and hear us tell,
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,
Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning.

AN ANGEL ANNOUNCED JESUS' BIRTH

COSECP Children: Listen! Watch! Hear and see
How God sent a Savior for you and me.

READER 2: The news about Jesus' birth first came to Mary, a young woman who lived in the town of Nazareth about two thousand years ago. The angel Gabriel visited Mary to deliver the good news that she would be the mother of the Savior.

POEM - MARY AND THE ANGEL

COSECP Children: Mary saw the angel. First, she was afraid.
She listened very carefully To what the angel said:
"You will have a baby, Jesus, God's own Son.
He will be the Savior Sent for everyone."

READER 2: An angel also visited Mary's husband-to-be to tell him about Jesus. The angel told Joseph not to be afraid. Instead, the angel said to take Mary as his wife and to name her baby Jesus because He would save His people from their sins.
All of these things God did to send His Son to the world because He loves us. God is love!

SONG

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

- COSECP Children:
1. Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
 2. Love Him, love Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
Love Him, love Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
 3. Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
 4. Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.
Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.

HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

Sunday School Children:

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

Congregation:

2. **He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**
3. **He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.**

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**4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.**

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH

COSECP CHILDREN: Listen! Watch! Hear and see
How God sent a Savior for you and me.

READER 3: One silent night, one holy night,
God sent a babe, His pure delight;
God's own Son came from above
To show the world His truth and love.

READER 4: From Caesar came a great decree
To set a tax, he made a plea
That every person should be tallied
So to ancestral homes they rallied.

READER 3: So step by step and mile by mile
Went Joseph home for just a while.
And pregnant Mary went with him,
Arriving late in Bethlehem.

READER 4: They took the stable offered then,
For inns were filled with other men.
To them a babe was born that night,
Right in that stable. What a sight!
Named Jesus as the angel said,
In hay so sweet, they laid His head.

POEM - SEE THE BABY JESUS

COSECP CHILDREN: See the baby Jesus
Lying in the hay;
He came to earth to show His love
And teach us how to pray.
See the baby sleeping;
He came for you and me.
To save His people from their sin,
He died to set us free.

Children:

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

ANGELS ANNOUNCED JESUS' BIRTH TO SHEPHERDS

COSECP Children: Listen! Watch! Hear and see
How God sent a Savior for you and me.

ANGEL 1: And then an angel, shining bright,
Told news to shepherds late that night.
"In David's city, born this day,
The Savior sleeps upon some hay.
This will be a sign for you;
In Bethlehem, you'll find this clue:
A baby wrapped in swaddling cloth
And lying in a feeding trough."

ANGEL 2: More angels' song then filled the air,
"Glory, glory! God's peace we share!"

Children:

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Congregation:

**2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?**

***Refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain***

"10 Little Angels"

COSECP Children: 1 little, 2 little, 3 little angels,
4 little, 5 little, 6 little angels,
7 little, 8 little, 9 little angels,
10 little angels praising!

Hear them singing Alleluia,
Hear them singing Alleluia,
Hear them singing Alleluia,
Glory in the Highest!

COSECP Children: Listen! Watch! Hear and see
How God sent a Savior for you and me.

READER 5: The shepherds ran to see this thing,
And found that babe, the newborn King.

READER 6: They told the news to one and all
Of God's Son in the manger stall.

READER 5: Then they returned to flocks and herds,
So glad for all they'd seen and heard.

READER 6: And Mary pondered deep within,
Reflecting on those treasured things;
Her Son would suffer, die, and then,
Would win salvation for all men.

READER 5: Thanks to God for our Savior's birth,
For sending Jesus to the earth;
In Him, our sins are all forgiven,
Granting us life now and in heaven.

RESPONSE TO THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation: **We listened, we watched, and now we see
How God sent a Savior for you and me.**

HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

LSB 363

Sunday School Children: Verse 1 in German

Congregation:

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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!**
- 3. 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.**

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER:

ALL: Father in heaven, thank You for sending us Your Son and our Savior, Jesus. Thank You for ALL You have done and continue to do for us in His name. For forgiveness of sin, and for joy, peace, hope, and all spiritual blessings, we give You thanks. Fill our hearts with love for You and for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Congregation:

- 1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:**

***Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2. Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain***
- 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***



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- * **Christ Our Savior Sunday school children** can be picked up in the lounge.

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