



December 10, 2023

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Today we continue the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation for Christmas. We will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent by lighting the candles on our advent wreath.

Prelude

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Children's Handbells

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283 vs 1,3&4

- 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!

- 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*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

Sunday LinC† Children

“Hooray Hooray!”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: Today we continue our waiting for the promised Savior, Jesus Christ. We are waiting in a world filled with anger and pain; disharmony and disagreement; shadow and violence. But, we know that isn't where this story ends. We are waiting for the peace of God to come into our world, our community, and our hearts. Let us wait for our salvation with the light of God. We pray together:

C: As we light the second Advent candle, we give you thanks, O God, for the coming of the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We wait as Salvation is drawing near.

"Emmanuel"

Refrain

Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear.
Heav - en and Earth re - joice! Sal - vat - ion is draw - ing
near. Sal - vat - ion is draw - ing near.

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. A red vertical line is placed between the first and second staves, corresponding to the end of the first line of lyrics.

Verse 2

O come, O wis - dom from on high,
Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
To us the path of know - ledge show,

The musical notation for Verse 2 is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.



Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

“A Christmas Nativity Play for Children”

By Annette McDermott

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Away in a Manger

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Silent Night

We Three Kings of Orient Are

The First Noel

Joy to the World

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Song

"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

ELW #286 vs 3

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord
And to us all your grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart,
That we may hold you in our heart.

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, by your merciful hand, abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you. Let them be a sign of your
steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW #289

- 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.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

Communion Hymn

“What Child is This”

ELW #296

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Communion Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW #279

- 1 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.
- 2 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!

- 3 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.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW #290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson,
Xavier Gieseke, Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Nicole Hubert, Marilyn Hudson,
Sharon Hulke, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh,
Treacy Meyer, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff,
JoAnn Saffert, Ruth Skoglund

Cast of “A Christmas Nativity Play for Children”

Narrator: Jake Haynes

Mary: Britta Schmidt

Gabriel: Xavier Gieseke

Innkeeper: Nolan Buboltz

Joseph: Logan Kimsey

Messenger Angel: Lily Andrews

Angel: Kari Nessler

Shepherds: Bentley Carbert, Knox Fausch, Oliver Hauser, Kaden Leighty

Wisemen: CJ Gehring, Jase Hopp, Eyan Schiltz, Austin Windschitl



Sunday LinCt

Preschool: Ravyn Andrews, Vinnie Arndt, Carter Budahn, Blaire Hoffmann, Colton Johnson, Franklin Johnson, Tucker Lilleodden, Ryker Lindmeyer, Brody Nessler, Theo Nissen, Thomas Polich, Evan Pool

School Age: Cooper Berg, Raylyn Boelter, Zachary Boelter, Danica Borchert, Owen Budahn, Brooklyn Hacker, Emma Johnson, Hunter Lindmeyer, Brianna Riser, Clara Seery

Wednesday LinCt

Kindergarten: Collins Buboltz, Cory (CJ) Friesner, Maverick Hoffmann, Walter Houlihan, Avery Leighty, Scarlett Thorson, Evelyn True

1st Grade: Greta Barka, Krin Barka, Gavyn Budahn, Waylon Carroll, Austin Domeier, Nolan Gehring, Timmy Guza, Evie Haas, Wyatt Hopp, Kaytlin Lilleodden, Hudson Rossing, Bryson Suess, Kaeley Suess, Jaxon Traulich

2nd Grade: Finnick Andrews, Arielle Aukrust, Greta Baker, Aurora Carbert, Dakota Cariveau, Camdyn Cooreman, Talon Dreckman, Jaxton Hoffmann, Henry Hutchens, Olivia Kittleson, Jackson Leach, Dracen LeGare, Luke Leighty, Sawyer Osborne, Piper Polich, Emma Reker, RemiLee Rieke, Evan Schiltz, Raina Seavey, Helena Severson, Blakely Thorson, Della Thorson, Britta Walden, Hudson Walters, Nash Wendinger, Jace Windschitl

3rd Grade: Karin Barka, Hunter Brown, Gavin Haynes, Isaac Hillmann, Joslin Huerta, Hannah Hutchens, Grayson Johnson, Brenton Kimsey, Marvin Neidecker, Vera Ruch, Reese Schmiesing, Jaxston Suess, Taylor Teske, Railynn Traulich

4th Grade: Tesla Anderson, Lily Andrews, Bodie Cariveau, Knox Fausch, Carson (CJ) Gehring, Adam Geiger, Jase Hopp, Simone Maurer, Kari Nessler, Easton Neuman, Eyan Schiltz, Britta Schmidt, Bennett Thorson

5th Grade: Nolan Buboltz, Whitley Budahn, McLaren Carbert, Bryn Fortwengler, Landon Frederickson, Brynna Gehring, Xavier Gieseke, Zach Gostonczik, Carew Hanson, Bristyn Harazin, Oliver Hauser, Avery Hillesheim, Kaden Leighty, Berkley Neidecker, Kora Rieke, Jacie Runke, Avery Skoglund, Rylynn Walters, Austin Windschitl, Jakob Wohlers

6th Grade: Gavin Baker, Ainsley Berger, Izabella Brown, Bentley Carbert, Addely Cariveau, Preston Dreckman, Dravyn Gehring, Alexis Gostonczik, Jasmine Grussendorf, Jake Haynes, Alex Hillmann, Savannah Martin Hvinden, Sierra Martin Hvinden, Cohen Kiecker, Logan Kimsey, Lyla Krenz, August Kveno, Weston Lee, Piper Liebrezn, Brittney Lilleodden, Alex Marti, Kru Medina, Rory Neuman, Colton Osborne, Harper Ruch, Landen Teske, Cole Walters, Asher Wendinger



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ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	7:30PM Wed.
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Thank you to all of the LinC⁺ children for their hard work preparing for our program today. Thank you to the LinC⁺ youth helpers and adult leaders as well!