Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota "Bringing Jesus to Jackson" Children's Christmas Service

EVERY HEART PREPARE

December 21, 2025

+ Preparation +

Hymn

"O Come, Little Children"

O come, little children, O 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.

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.

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 hallelujahs above.

Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today, Lift up little 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.

Text: German carol. Public domain

Invocation

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
- Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.
- **P** To us by grace alone
- C The truth and light were given;
- **P** The promised Lord from heaven
- To all the world is shown.

Christmas Meditation

Pastor

The Message Presented by the Children

+ Evergreens +

Readings: Alyse, Abigail

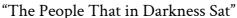
Recitation Young Children

Children's Song "Away in a Manger"

+ Christmas Lights +

Readings: Genesis, Rebel

Recitation Young Children



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- His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend: On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- \triangle 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone, Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

Text: John Morison, 1749-98, alt. Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561 Text and tune: Public domain



Prayer of the Church

Robert Bennett (Nancy Gee's friend), Shirley Hakes (Craig Hakes's mother), Sharon Busch (Shirley Eggimann's sister), Joann Neuenschwander, Helen Mekosch, Mary Allen, Monica Gee, Evelyn Lucht, Vern Hansen, Ann Olson, Richard Hample, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos's brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir's cousin), Neil Miller, Karen Temple, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple's daughter-in-law), Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard's son), Ron Sinn, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

Final petition concludes:

P . . . one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Offering

+ Christmas Carols +

Readings:

Imogene, Grayson, Genesis

Children's Song

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star"

+ Gifts +

Readings

Abigail, Alyse

Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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2 For Christ is And, gath - ered born of Mar all The won - drous gift is giv'n! 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly

ho - ly Child of De - scend to Beth - le - hem. us, we pray:



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



thy dark streets shin - eth The Yet ev - er - last - ing light. morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, ear may hear His com - ing; But this world of in sin, an - gels The great glad tid - ings We hear the Christ-mas tell:



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

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

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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 ⅓ life everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Reading

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- L Prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus;
- C turn not from us aside,
- L and help us to receive You
- C this blessed Adventtide.
- **L** From stall and manger low come now to dwell within us;
- we'll sing Your praises gladly and forth Your glory show.

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.

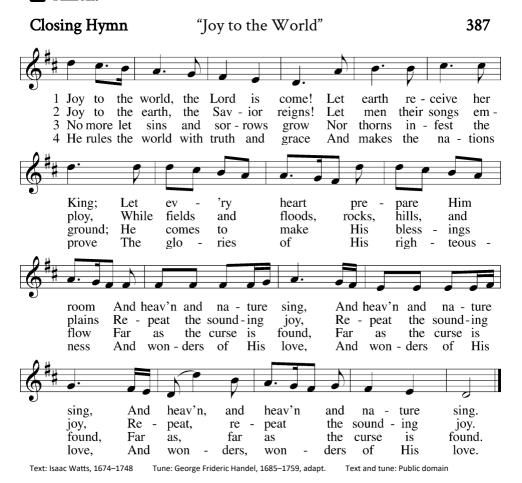
Closing Prayer

- **P** Let us pray.
- Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to be our Savior. You have given us the best gift of all: Christ Jesus, who came to earth so that we might have life with You forever. In His name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless and keep you as you celebrate the gift of Jesus, our Savior. The blessing of the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.
- C Amen.



A Special Thank You to . . .

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The children for their help in preparing our hearts to celebrate Christmas

Our Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the gift of salvation!

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the church fellowship hall downstairs!

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