

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”

Children’s Christmas Service

December 21, 2025

EVERY HEART PREPARE

+ 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

P 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;

C 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

C 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



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

- 5 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.

- △ 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

Reading:

Tayven

Hymn

“What Child Is This”

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98

Tune: English, 16th cent

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:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



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



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



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

Apostles' Creed

C 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 ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Tayven

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;

C we'll sing Your praises gladly and forth Your glory show.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

C 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.

Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

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