

SAINTS AND
ANGEL HOSTS
Rejoice!



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

Order of Worship



Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CW 322



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
 all the earth thou art, dear de - sire of
 child and yet a king, born to reign in
 all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -



sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Please Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95 & Luke 1

M: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

C: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

M: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

C: And extol him with music and song.

M: Come, let us bow down in worship,

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

M: The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine light on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

C: To guide our feet into the path of peace.

M: Unto us the Christ is born.

C: Come, let us worship him!

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

Narration

Anthem: Holy is Your Name

CW 956

1. My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God, my Savior.
You have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.

Refrain: And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,
and holy is your name.

2. I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered, and the world will call me blessed. *Ref*
3. I proclaim your pow'r, O God! You work wonders for your servants;
you have scattered the proudhearted, you have lifted up the lowly. *Refrain*
4. To the hungry you give food, send the rich away with nothing.
In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen. *Refrain*
5. In your love you now fulfill all you promised to your people.
I will praise you, God, my Savior, everlasting is your mercy. *Refrain*

The Song of the Angels (Gloria in Excelsis Deo)

Narration & Recitation

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

Luke 2:1-7

"There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

CW 346

The children will sing verses 1 & 2. Congregation may join in verse 3.



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - - -

- - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

Narration & Recitation

“There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.’ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.”

Luke 2:25-33

Anthem: O Light of Gentile Nations

by Linda Moeller

1. Light of Gentile nations, O Savior from above,
 Drawn by your Spirit’s leading, We come with joy and love
 Into your holy temple and wait with rev’rent mind
 As Simeon once had waited his God and Lord to find.
2. Dear Lord, your servants meet you In ev’ry holy place
 Where your true Word has promised that we should see your face.
 Today you still allow us who gather round you here
 In arms of faith to hold you as did that aged seer.
3. Lord, when life’s troubles touch us, you seem to hide your face,
 And through our tears we often can scarcely sense your grace.
 Then be our joy and brightness, our cheer in pain and loss,
 Our sun in darkest terror, the glory round our cross.
4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful like Simeon to the end
 So that his prayer exultant may from our hearts ascend:
 “O Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, I pray,
 Since I have seen my Savior and here beheld his day.”

Narration

Hymn: Angels From the Realms of Glory

CW 347

The children will sing verses 1, 2, & 5. Congregation may join in verses 3 & 4.

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story; now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Mary, hear the angel's message trusting it as God's own Word.
Lift your heart in holy wonder; Magnify your gracious Lord.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Come, O blessed Zechariah, Mute in doubt, but now in song
Raise a hymn for God's long promise to destroy the devil's wrong.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.
4. Simeon, hopeful all your lifetime for the coming of the King,
Sing your prayers in peaceful wonder; Light and glory he will bring.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.
5. Saints and angels, now and ever, Raise a song of glorious praise.
In your hymns proclaim the message, Sing the gospel all your days.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Silent Night

CW 337

The children sing the first verse. The congregation joins for verses 2 and 3.



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - dian't beams from thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts__ sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

