

HIS NAME
IS JESUS
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.

We will have time for pictures at the end of the service. During the service, we respectfully ask that you keep your phone and camera put away and enjoy the worship service in person. The service is livestreamed and a recording will be available to share with family members who are unable to be here.

Order of Worship



Hymn: O Come Little Children

- 1. Oh, Come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
To Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall.
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,
Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.**
- 2. Oh, see in the manger, in hallowed light
A star throws its beam on this holiest sight.
In clean, swaddling clothes lies the heavenly Child,
More lovely than angels, this Baby so mild.**
- 3. Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw;
The shepherd are kneeling before him with awe.
And Mary and Joseph smile on him with love,
While angels are singing sweet songs from above.**

Narration

Group 1: We need a Savior! How do you know? People do wrong things.
But God loves us so!

Group 2: God made a promise to save us from sin. He would send Someone to let the light in!

Group 3: Who is this someone to save us from sin? Who is this someone to let the let the light in?

M: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

C: **And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

All Children: God promised to send a Savior. Mary was that mother mild. Then came the special day, Jesus Christ her little child.

Reading

"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

Narration

Group 1: There was no room in Bethlehem that day. Joseph and Mary had nowhere to stay!

Group 2: They went to a stable where animals lay. The baby was born in a bed made of hay.

Group 3: Who is this Baby with nowhere to stay? Who is this Baby in a bed made of hay?

Children's Anthem: Away in a Manger

CW 340

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the bright 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 you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
 close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
 and take us to heaven to live with you there.

Narration

Group 1: Outside of town, watching their sheep, there were some
 shepherds not quite asleep.

Group 2: All of a sudden, out of the blue came a bright angel with good
 news for you!

Group 3: Who brought the angel out of the blue? Who brought the angel
 with good news for you?

M: Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
 And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the baby wrapped in swaddling
 clothes, lying in a manger.

C: **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host
 praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to
 men on whom his favor rests."**

Luke 2:11-14

Children's Anthem: Go Tell it on the Mountain

CW 361

Children sing the refrain, Congregation will join in the verses.

Ref 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 lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.** (Refrain)

Narration

- Group 1: When Jesus was born, God made a star to show where he lay and shine from afar.
- Group 2: Wise men were looking up there at the sky. They knew a new King had come from on high.
- Group 3: Who is this baby whose star's in the sky? Who is this baby who came from on high?

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:9-11

"The star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh."

Children's Anthem: Jesus Loves Me

CW 584 sts. 1, Ref, 2

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. (Refrain)
- Ref Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain)

Narration

All Children: So what do we call him, this baby who came? He came to save us. What is his name? This special person changed everything! His name is Jesus! Everyone sing!

Children's Anthem: His Name Is Jesus

Nathan Lawrence

- 1 Before the manger filled with hay, there was a plan that God had made:
Someone to save us from our world of sin, Who'd make a way to draw us in.
The prophets told us of his birth, that he would rule over the earth.
They said his coming would restore our joy. Who is this tiny baby boy?

Refrain: His name is Wonderful. His name is Counselor.
He is the Everlasting Father.
This Mighty God will be the Prince of Peace we need,
A child to rescue and redeem: His name is Jesus.

2. As shepherds watched their flocks by night, God's glory shone in brilliant light.
Angelic echoes made the message clear: The Lord's Messiah had come near.
Could such an awesome thing be true? The shepherds ran to share the news.
It was exactly as the angels said: A baby in a manger bed. *Refrain*

He's the Almighty King, the Way, the Truth, the Life!
Today, may his name be lifted high!

3. Our God has taken human form; without beginning yet now born!
How could it be that he who made the stars lay sleeping in his mother's arms?
The Lord has done a wondrous thing. Eternal praises now we sing.
The name that's high above all other names
with all our hearts we will proclaim! *Refrain*

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.



Devotion

Based on Matthew 1:20-22

"An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

"His Name is Jesus"

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.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Parents can pick up their children in front of church after pictures. All are invited to enjoy a meal downstairs in the church fellowship hall. Backpacks, jackets, and gear can be picked up in the classroom before you leave.

Mrs. Grobe's Class—Group 1

Franklin Anderson, Louie Graves, Anders Hesselroth, Hayden Kranz, William Langenbach, Lily Lerg, Calvin Meemken, Elise Meyer, Emma Nash, Nixon Peasley, Trevour Priebe, Addison Randolph, Lucas Randolph, Nolan Randolph, Abel Stob, Declan Szyperski, Colton Teat, Charlie Torkelson

Mrs. Kaiser's Class— Group 2

Julia Doyle, Kamari Gray, Addison Heroff, Braeden Hoffman, Madelynn Lonetti, Madden Peltier, Koa Pleh, Cooper Ricker, Monica Stalock

Mrs. Stilwagon's Class— Group 3

Holly Doyle, Brody DuFour, Henry Heroff, Josiah Ibisch, Samson Kipfer, Alex Kranz, Everly Lefto, Oliver Liukonen, Haylee Nash, Keane Pieh, Ezra McNeil, Nell Schmiege, Maverick Vanzo

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.

