

# *Symbols of Salvation*

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**Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*LSB 379:1–3*

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:

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

**Invocation**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading**

Pastor: A Christmas tree and Christmas lights,

**People: Beautiful symbols that point us to Jesus.**

Pastor: The lowly manger in Bethlehem town,

**People: A humble symbol that points us to Jesus.**

Pastor: The angels and the bright star shining,

**People: Powerful symbols that point us to Jesus.**

Pastor: As we gather in Your name, O Lord, to worship You,

**People: Show us Jesus with Your symbols of salvation. Amen.**

**Offering During the following Congregational Hymn**

**Congregational Hymn: Of the Father's Love Begotten**

*LSB 384:1, 3*

Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

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**The Message Presented by the Children**

**The Christmas Tree**

**Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:16–17; Romans 5:12; 1 Peter 2:24**

**Recitation – Preschool – Kindergarten**

**Children's Hymn: God Loves Me Dearly**

*LSB 392:1, 3*

## The Lights

**Congregational Hymn: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**

***LSB 386:1, 4***

Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
    He from whom joy streameth  
Poor in a manger lies;  
    Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
    Thou my Savior art!  
    Thou my Savior art!

Oh, where shall joy be found?  
Where but on heav'nly ground?  
    Where the angels singing  
With all His saints unite,  
    Sweetest praises bringing  
In heav'nly joy and light.  
    Oh, that we were there!  
    Oh, that we were there!

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**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:2; Isaiah 60:1–3; Psalm 27:1; John 8:12**

**Recitation – 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Children's Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

***LSB 361:1***

## The Manger

**Congregational Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

*LSB 393*

Infant holy,  
    Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
    Oxen lowing,  
    Little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
    Swiftly winging,  
    Angels singing,  
    Bells are ringing,  
    Tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping,  
    Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
    Saw the glory,  
    Heard the story,  
Tidings of a Gospel true.  
    Thus rejoicing,  
    Free from sorrow,  
    Praises voicing,  
    Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

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**Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:9; Luke 2:1–7**

**Recitation – Preschool – Kindergarten**

**Children’s Song: In a Little Stable**

*Little Ones Sing Praise, p. 81*

## The Angel

### Congregational Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

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.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

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**Scripture Readings: Luke 2:8–14; Luke 2:15–20**

**Recitation – 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Action Rhyme – Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

## The Star

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:9–11**

**Recitation – 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Action Rhyme – Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Children's Hymn: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

LSB 374:3

**Sarah:** Christmas is an amazing holiday ... Please join me together in prayer, as printed in the bulletin.

**All: Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son for our salvation. Give us eyes to see the symbols of Christmas that point us to the Savior. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that we may joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth to all those around us. In His name, we pray. Amen.**

I would like to now invite Pastor to come forward and lead us in professing our faith using the Apostles' Creed, followed by The Lord's Prayer, and the benediction.

### **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 life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Responsive Reading**

Pastor: Let us now go in peace, Lord,

**People: Your promise has been fulfilled.**

Pastor: Our eyes have seen Your salvation,

**People: Which You have prepared for all people.**

Pastor: A light to reveal You to the nations,

**People: And the glory of Your people.**

### **Benediction**

Pastor: Joy to the world, the Savior has come! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

LSB 387

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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## **Sarah:** Thank you and announcements

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