

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## **From Heaven Above**

Children's Christmas Program

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### From Heaven Above

#### Processional Hymn

#### “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LSB 379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God\_\_\_ In\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

#### *Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.  
Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786  
Text and tune: Public domain

## **Invocation**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## **Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** From heaven above,

**People:** **The angels sing.**

**Leader:** On earth below,

**People:** **Our praises bring.**

**Leader:** Our Lord has come,

**People:** **With us to dwell**

**Leader:** Now we go out:

**People:** **Good news to tell!**

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

## **The Christmas Meditation**

*Pastor Minton*

## **The Message Presented by the Children**

## **Isaiah 9:6-9**

# Congregational Hymn

# “What Child is This”

LSB 370



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

## Luke 2:1-7

## Children's Hymn

## “Away in a Manger”

## Pre K-1 Recitation

Congregational Hymn

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

LSB 358 (vs 1-2)



1 “From heav’n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
2 “To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,



news to ev - ’ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche lieder, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann  
Text and tune: Public domain

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

LSB 368

Children verse 1; Congregation verses 2-3



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 tid - ings 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

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in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo - - -

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

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.  
 Text and tune: French  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Grades 2-5 Recitation

### Children's Hymn

### “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

*LSB 358 (vs 5-6)*

### Luke 2:15-20

### Congregational Hymn

### “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

*LSB 358 (vs 7-8)*

*Women verse 7; Men verse 8*

7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what  
 8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the

in the man - ger lies. Who is this child, so  
 sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my

young and fair? It is the Christ Child ly - ing there.  
 mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: Geistliche lieder, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann  
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## Grades 6-8 Recitation

### Hymn

### “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

*LSB 358 (vs 13-14)*

*Adult Choir verse 13; Adult Choir and Children verse 14*

## Grades 4-8 Recitation

### Grades Pre K-3 Recitation

### All Ages Recitation

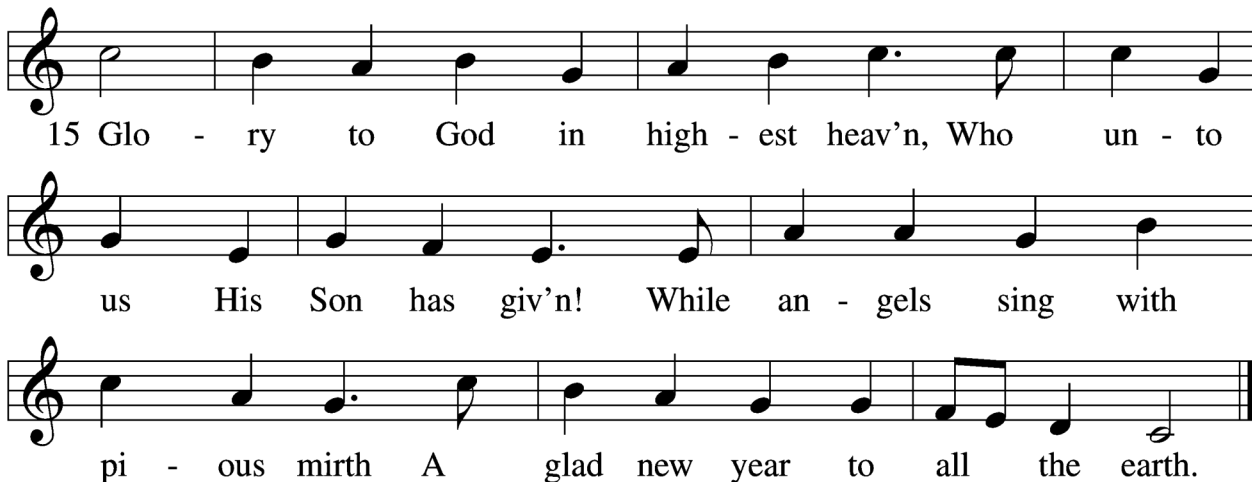
**Children:** From heav’n above,

**People:** To earth in love!

### Congregational Hymn

### “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

*LSB 358 (vs 15)*



15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to  
us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with  
pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche lieder, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann  
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### Prayers

**Pastor:** We pray: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son to earth to be our Savior. You sent the angels down to tell the Good News. You sent the shepherds out to tell the Good News. And You send us now to tell the Good News. Help us share the message of Your love throughout the world. In His name we pray.

**All:** Amen.

## **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.**

## **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.**



## Benediction

**Pastor:** The Lord above is with you wherever you go. May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you every day as you tell of His love to others.

**People:** Amen.

## Responsive Reading

**Leader:** The angels gave  
**Children:** **Good News to tell!**  
**Leader:** The shepherds ran  
**Children:** **Good News to tell!**  
**Leader:** Now we go out:  
**Children:** **Good News to tell!**

## Recessional Hymn

## “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*LSB 388*

*Children verse 1; Congregation verses 2-3*

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text (sts. 1-3): John W. Work II, 1873-1925, alt.  
Text (ref) and tune: African American spiritual  
Text and tune: Public domain

## *Merry Christmas!*

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a cookie reception for the children for all the hard work they put into today's service.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024**

**THE ANGEL TREE** is set up in the narthex during the Christmas season. We will be helping 2 local families this year. Please feel free to take as many angels as you like. All presents need to be wrapped, with the angel attached, and back under the tree by today, **Sunday, December 22**. Brenna will be delivering the gifts to the families on Monday, December 23. Please talk to Brenna Schroeder if you have any questions.

**CHRISTMAS DAY CINNAMON ROLLS:** After our Christmas Day service we will serve cinnamon rolls in the fellowship hall. Stop down for a sweet treat and coffee (of course) and a short time of fellowship. It is our hope to have some church fellowship before we disperse to our Christmas celebrations. Our church family is an important family for many of us.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** You are invited to join us on **December 24 at 7:00pm** for our Flashlight Divine Service and on **December 25 at 9:00am** as we gather to worship our newborn King, Jesus Christ, and to receive His gifts of forgiveness of sins and life eternal through the Word and through the reception of the Lord's Supper.

**NEED A CHURCH HOME?** If you do not currently have a church home, join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 9:00 am, followed by Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:30 am. Our services are also broadcast live on WHPO 100.9 FM and WIQI 95.9 FM.

**BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the December 29, January 5, and January 12 bulletins and the January Newsletter is Tuesday, December 24.

**PASTOR AND FAMILY OUT OF TOWN** December 30 – January 10. If a Pastoral need arises, contact Rev. Dale Fjordbotten (Trinity, Cissna Park and St. John, Ash Grove) at 646-265-7832.

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Jaylin Lavicka	Today
Will Franke	Monday
Sara Janssen	Thursday
Con Campbell	Friday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester  
Nancy Tobeck  
Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary  
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens  
Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge  
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder  
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm  
Hugo Hasz, brother of Dorothy Knake  
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles  
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner  
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner  
Christopher Kruse, community member  
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm  
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Ella Frerichs, friend of Charlene Rieches, hospitalized  
Dalton McWethy, great nephew of Patty Bruens, hospitalized  
Those still recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton

### **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes	Dorothy Knake
Delmer Henrichs	Joann Sloan
Arlene Hines	Brenda St. Peter



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