

God's Gift for You!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain

ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

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The Invocation

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

All: Amen.

Pastor: We're here to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's own Son,

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God and man. He came to fulfill the promises God gave to His people

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: Jesus taught the people about the love of God our Father

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: He died on a cross for our sin

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: He rose from the dead to give us new life

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: In Jesus, we are free, redeemed children of God

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: We can love God

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: We can love others

All: Because He loves us.

Pastor: Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as our Savior, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Gott ist Die Liebe

(Students verse 1 & 2 Congregation 3 & 4)

1. Gott ist die Liebe, lässt mich erlösen;
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe.
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.
2. Er sandte Jesum, Den treuen Heiland;
Er sandte Jesum und macht' mich los.
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe.
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.
3. Jesus my Savior Himself did offer
Jesus my Savior paid all I owe
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me
4. Dich will ich preisen, Du ew'ge Liebe:
Dich will ich loben, so lang ich bin!
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Gott ist die Liebe.
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

The Christmas Meditation

Ihr Kinderlein, Kommet

1. **Ihr Kinderlein, kommet, o kommet doch all!
Zur Krippe her kommet in Bethlehems Stall
und seht, was in dieser hochheiligen Nacht
der Vater im Himmel für Freude uns macht!**
2. **O seht in der Krippe im nächtlichen Stall,
seht hier bei des Lichtleins hell glänzendem Strahl
den reinliche Windeln, das himmlische Kind,
viel schöner und holder als Engel es sind!**

The Message Presented by the Children

Students Jace Heuermann, Brooklyn Mersiovsky, Reese Weiser

Oh Come all ye Faithful

(Students verse 1 & 2 Congregation 3 & 4)

1 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: Refrain

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

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

3 **Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain**

4 **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

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Students Wyatt Arldt, Kassi Oltmann, Ethan Ray, Sharron Adair, Brandon Burgdorf

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem – 3&4 Grade

Students: Caitlyn Grange, Emma Short, Ayla Droegemueller

What child is this?

- 1** What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

- 2** Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

- 3** So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

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Kindergarten: Away In A Manger

Once in Royal David's City

- 1** Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

- 2** He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

- 3** For He is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness,
And He shares in all our gladness.

4 And our eyes at last shall see Him,
 Through His own redeeming love;
 For that child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heav'n above;
 And He leads His children on
 To the place where He is gone.

5 Not in that poor, lowly stable
 With the oxen standing by
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high.
 Then like stars His children, crowned,
 All in white, His praise will sound!

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Students Shiloh Sowders, Summer Brending, Brooke Lehmann, Grant Oltmann, Kenedy Wheelis

Angels we have heard on High

(Students verse 1; Congregation 2 & 3)

1 Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply,
 Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

3 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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Students Gabriel Bailey, Tyler Fritsche, Elizabeth Richardson, Kaden Kasper, Paislee Gunter

Go Tell it on the Mountain – Refrain 1 & 2 Verses k-8

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Hark the Glad Sound LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
 The Savior promised long;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
 And ev'ry voice a song.

- 2 **He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**
- 3 **He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.**
- 4 **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.**

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The 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.**

Responsive Reading

Leader: Behold the Child, our newborn King:

People: Whom shepherds find and angels sing,

Leader: Whom Magi seek with gifts so rare.

People: We come, our happy praise to share!

Prayer (*other prayers and intercessions may be added*)

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

(Students verse 1 Congregation 2 & 3)

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar, Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind, Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Congregation and Children

2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Pastor: We pray:

All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—a special Child. We behold Him with the angels, shepherds, Magi, and all nations. He has come to save us from our sin. Let us worship Him and tell others of His love. In His name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: Behold the Child! Jesus Christ, the Savior, is born. In this Child, we are all made children of God. May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the world

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- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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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Christmas Poinsettias placed to the Glory of God:

- † In loving memory of my husband Charles and daughter Eunice by Gladys Arldt & family (1)
- † In loving memory of our beloved daughter Brianna, Julie's mom Dorothy and Allan's mom Verna Mae by Allan & Julie Becker (2)
- † In loving memory of Royce Noack and Elbert Becker by the Chris Becker family (2)
- † In loving memory of Elbert Becker and Melvin & Dorothy Schautschick by Gary and Cindy Becker family (1)
- † In loving memory of Otto Becker, Jr. by Janiece Becker (1)
- † In loving memory of Charles Arldt by Randy, Janice, Ashley and Megan Becker (1)
- † In loving memory of Alfred Buscha by Irene Buscha & family (1)
- † In thankfulness for our Savior's birth by Paul & Wilma Droege Mueller (1)
- † In loving memory of Otto Becker, Jr. by Douglas, Debra, Heather Hartfield and Haley & Dan Marak (1)
- † In loving memory of Jack Jones by Linda Jones (1)
- † In loving memory of Johnny Mutschink by Linda Jones & family (2)
- † In loving memory of Bernell Teinert by Joseph & Kalen Kalbas family (1)
- † In loving memory of Linda Kappler and Milton Mersiovsky by Russell, Kari and Reileigh Kappler (1)
- † In loving memory of Linda Kappler by William & Tina Kappler (1)
- † In loving memory of our grandparents Monroe Bittner, Charles Blasig, Louis Blasig, Milton & Edna Kasper and Eldie & Edna Voight by Kyle, Laurie and Kaden Kasper (4)
- † In loving memory of Rex Paskett and Edna Krause by Curtis & Lyndy Krause, Kimberlyn, Parker, Jessica and Kehlani Krause (2)
- † In honor of my sister Lisa Schmidt by Daniel & Pam Krause (1)
- † In honor of Jason, Teshia, Lucy Becker and Ryan Krause by Daniel & Pam Krause by Daniel & Pam Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Edna Krause by Michael & Teresa Krause, Kacie & Will Innes and Lance Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of our father and grandfather Elbert Becker by Michael & Teresa Krause, Kacie & Will Innes and Lance Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of Albert and Beatrice Krause by William & Theresa Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of Edgar & Donna Arldt by William & Theresa Krause (1)
- † In loving memory of our parents by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz (2)
- † In loving memory of Milton Mersiovsky by Elaine Mersiovsky (1)
- † In loving memory of my parents Carl & Bernell Mertink by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. (1)
- † In loving memory of Herman & Ruth Mittasch by Dianna & Clarence Mitschke (2)
- † In loving memory of our parents Johnnie & Frieda Noack and Ernest & Edna Oltmann by Arthur & Dianna Noack (1)
- † In honor of our children and grandchildren James & Tristan Noack, Sandi, Dwain, Luke & Andrew Coufal and Johnathan, Amy, Emma & Ava Noack, by Arthur & Dianna Noack. (1)
- † In loving memory of Glenn Noack by Caroline Noack (2)
- † In loving memory of my husband Royce Noack by Carolyn Noack (1)
- † In loving memory of our parents Louis & Bernice Malke by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack (1)
- † In loving memory of our parents Johnnie & Frieda Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack (1)
- † In honor of Glenda Paskett, Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann, Pastor & Lisa Schmidt and Arthur & Dianna Noack by Craig, Melodi, Payton & Grant Oltmann (4)
- † In loving memory of Rex Paskett by Craig, Melodi, Payton & Grant Oltmann (1)
- † In loving memory of Albert & Evelyn Schautschick, Dorothy's uncle Michael Weinmann, Dorothy's sister Janet Rankin and our grandparents by Steven, Dorothy, Bradly and Regan Wilhelm (2)
- † In loving memory of Victor & Mary Schimank by Clyde Schimink family (1)
- † In loving memory of Otto Becker, Jr. by Clyde Schimank family (1)
- † In loving memory of Elbert Becker and in honor of Adelia Becker by David & Karen Schmidt (2)
- † In thanksgiving for the many blessings at St. Paul by Pastor & Lisa Schmidt (1)
- † In loving memory of dad/grandpa Elbert Becker by Paul, Tina Sommerfiel & Max and Macy (1)
- † In loving memory of James Tate and Otto & Alma Kappler by Linda Tate (1)
- † In loving memory of Gus Schramm, Jr. our son-in-law by Arthur & LaVerne Urban (1)
- † In loving memory of Paula Weiser by Alton Weiser (1)