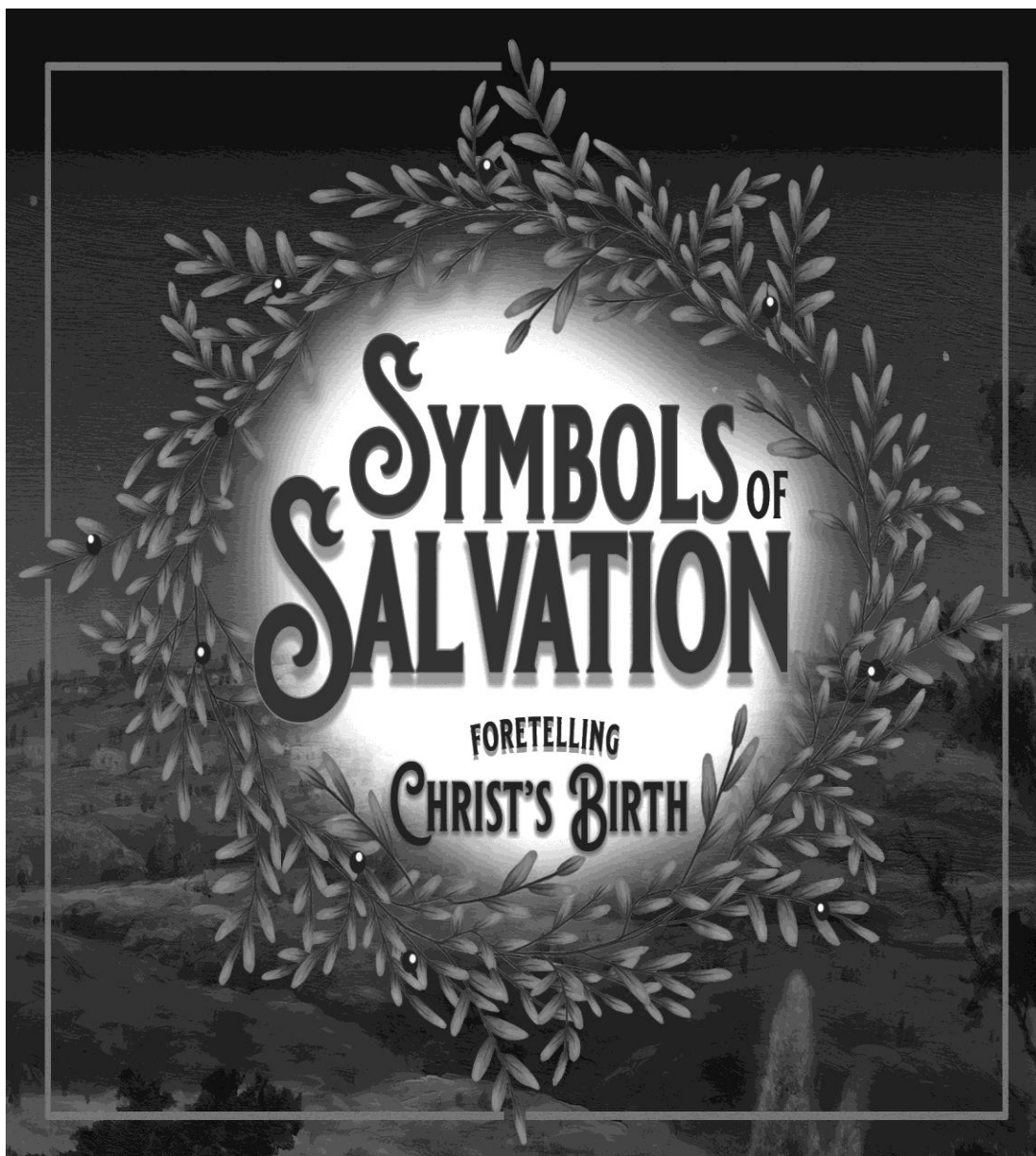


# ***Symbols of Salvation***

***A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages***



***Christmas Eve Service***

***December 24, 2021***

***St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin***

***1572 CR 211, Giddings, TX 78942***

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ♪ "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"**

**LSB 379 V. 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:

*Refrain:*

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! *Refrain*

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

**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.**

**HYMN: ♪ "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 CHRISTMAS MEDITATION**

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

**HYMN: ♪ "OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN"**

**LSB 384**

- 1 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.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessèd,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 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.

**4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.**

**△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.**

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**RECITATION:**

Brayden Schramm, Brandon Burgdorf, Ayla Droegemueller, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Rylee Smolik, Caitlyn Grange

**SONG: ♪ "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: Godd ist die Liebe.  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.**

**RECITATION GRADE 4**

Dylan Arldt, Nathen Barnett, Whitlee Smolik, Max Sommerfield

**THE LIGHTS**

**LSB 386**

**HYMN:** ♪ **"NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE"**

**Children:**

- 1 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!

**Congregation:**

- 2 **Come from on high to me;  
I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit,  
O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit,  
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee!  
Draw me unto Thee!**
- 3 **Now through His Son doth shine  
The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us  
Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us  
A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there!  
May we praise Him there!**
- 4 **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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**RECITATION:**

Emma Short, Gabriel Bailey, Trey Fritsche

**HYMN: ♪ "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**

**LSB 361**

**Children:**

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

**Congregation:**

2 For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

**RECITATION GRADE 2**

Jacey Kessler, Macy Sommerfield, Logan Taylor

**THE MANGER**

**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!

**RECITATION:**

Kenedy Schatte, Grant Oltmann, Brooke Lehmann, Kaden Kasper

**HYMN: ♪ "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**

**LSB 361V.3 & 4**

3 How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

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**RECITATION:**

Cooper Hinze, Conner Ray

**KINDERGARTEN: ♪ "AWAY IN A MANGER"**

Bayne Buscha, Addi Handrick, Rylee Hentschel, Addy Hofferek,  
Gracelyn Kalbas, Reinleigh Kappler, Lillian Kunkel, Sara Miertschin,  
Brenna Schramm

**RECITATION GRADE 3**

Ryleigh Bailey, Colton Early, Max Faske, Lucy Gurka,  
Karly Hentschel, Madilyn Kalbas, James Miertschin, Jacob Ray, Nicholas Taylor

## THE ANGEL

**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*

### **RECITATION:**

Elizabeth Richardson, Owen Wittmann, Paislee Gunter,  
Tyler Fritsche, Hudson Short, Trenton Grange, Kylie Schmidt, Jasmine Bailey, Everett Corn

### **RECITATION GRADE 4:**

Dylan Arldt, Nathen Barnett, Whitlee Smolik, Max Sommerfield

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** ♪ "GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD"

**LSB 374 V.1 & 2**

## THE STAR

**HYMN:** ♪ "AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD"

**LSB 397**

1 As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.



2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
    There to bend the knee before  
    Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
    So may we with holy joy,  
    Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
    And when earthly things are past,  
    Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
    Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
    Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

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**RECITATION:**

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**RECITATION K-8**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** ♪ "GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD"

**LSB 374 V. 3**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** ♪ "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

**LSB 379 V. 4**

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

## **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**

**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.

## **PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** ♪ "STILLE NACHT, HEILIGE NACHT!"

**LSB 363**

**Children:**

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das heilige Eltern paar, 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, 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.

## **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”**

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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**Joseph:** Luke Jones  
**Mary:** Berkley Schatte  
**Angels:** Everlee Oltmann, Ollie Carter, Jolee Faske, Tillie Zoch  
**Shepherds:** Macy Sommerfield, Jacey Kessler, Logan Taylor

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Thank you to the ladies of the LWML for beautifying the sanctuary with the Poinsettias.

***We ask that others refrain from taking pictures during the service.***

**Christmas morning English/German worship service at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

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**Oh, Come,  
Let us  
Adore Him!  
Christ the Lord!**