

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

DECEMBER 24, 2024



The Wonders of His Love



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Good evening and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this Christmas Eve, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

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Paul Tiefel, Principal
Carrie Reim, Teacher
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Processional

Congregation: LSB 387, "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.

Introduction

P Our theme tonight, "The Wonders of His Love," centers on the concept of God's love. The Bible defines this love, declaring, "God is love," and reveals in 1 John 4:9 that "this is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we

may live through him.” But who is this God who embodies love? Scripture reveals Him as One, as expressed in Deuteronomy 6:4: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” Within this oneness, however, are three distinct Persons, as shown in Matthew 28:19: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This one God in three persons is the teaching of the Trinity. Tonight, we will explore the wonders of this triune God’s love for us.

Invocation

P We begin in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

P The Father has given us the gift of creation.

C Let us give thanks for the wonders of His love.

P The Son has given us the gift of redemption.

C Let us give thanks for the wonders of His love.

P The Spirit has given us the gift of sanctification.

C Let us give thanks for the wonders of His love.

P Come, rejoice this day and sing:

C Jesus Christ is born!

“Jesus Christ Is Born”

(PK-8) Sound aloud your praises on this day of joy;
Singing forth a glorious song: Jesus Christ is born!
Come and worship Christ the King Who reigns forevermore.
Come, rejoice this day and sing: Jesus Christ is born!

(PK-8) All the earth rejoices this and ev’ry morn.
Angels tidings fill the air: Jesus Christ is born!
Come and worship Christ the King Who reigns forevermore.
Come, rejoice this day and sing: Jesus Christ is born!

(PK-8) Love has come to claim us. Hope has been restored.
Peace will reign o'er all the earth. Jesus Christ is born!
Come and worship Christ the King Who reigns forevermore.
Come, rejoice this day and sing: Jesus Christ is born!
Jesus Christ is born!

I. The Wonders of the Father's Love

(Sawyer) The Bible reveals how all things came into existence by the creative power of God:

(Wyatt) *Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."*

(Brianna) Included in that creation were the first human beings:

(Reagan) *Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."*

(Lawson) And that creation extends down to us today:

(Solomon) *Psalms 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."*

(Elly) At the close of His six-day creation, God made this observation:

(Theo) *Genesis 1:31, "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."*

(Marshal) But into this perfect world came sin, and with sin, death:

(Isaac) *Romans 5:12, "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."*

(Peyton) *Psalms 14:2-3, "The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one."*

(Sophie) However, the wonders of the Father's love in creation went a step further for the sinners of the world:

(Virginia) *Genesis 3:15, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*



(Jonah) God gave reminders of this promised Savior:

(Addy) *Micah 5:2, But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

(Allie) *Isaiah 7:14b, Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

(Gabi) *Isaiah 53:4-5, Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

(Morgan) This gift would be for all sinners:

(Avary) *John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

(PK-8) Give thanks to the Father for the wonders of His love!

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

(2-8) How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turned his face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

(2-8) Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

(K-8) I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart.
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Congregation: LSB 384, "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

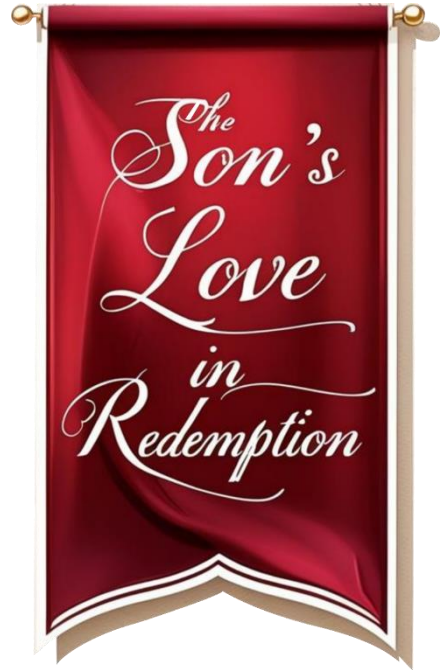
II. The Wonders of the Son's Love

(Isaac) When the time was right, the Father sent His Son:
(Avery) *Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."*

(Morgan) The details of the Father's gift are given in Luke 2:1-14:
(1-8) *"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."*

"Away in a Manger"

- (PK-2) 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.
- (PK-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.
- (PK-2) 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



(1-8) *8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.*

(K) *10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.*

(PK) *13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:*

(PK-8) *14 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'"*

"Bethlehem Night"

(2-8) On this night a King is born in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes will keep Him warm in His manger bed.

(2-8) Shepherds, watching flocks by night in the fields nearby,
See an angel in great light! Glory fills the sky!

(PK-8) What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?

(2-8) Hear the angels share the news, tidings of great joy;
"Now a Savior comes to you, in this Baby Boy."

(PK-8) What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Love is come, our God is with us, on this Bethlehem night.
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(Gabi) Jesus lived His entire life without sin. The wonders of His love eventually led Him to the cross for us.

(Allie) *Romans 5:8, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

(Virginia) *1 John 3:16a, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us."*

(Sophie) Our redemption was complete:

Revelation 1:5b-6, "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

(PK-8) Give thanks to the Son for the wonders of His love!"

“Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven”

- (K-8) Jesus, joy of the highest heaven,
Born as a little baby under a wondrous star.
Like us, crying, He takes His first breath,
Held by His mother, helpless
Close to her beating heart.
Jesus, laid in a lowly manger,
Facing a world of dangers,
Come to turn me, a stranger, into a child of God.
- (K-8) Jesus, King of the Highest heaven,
Learning to take His first steps that He might bring us life.
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows
He showed the way to follow,
A way that is true and right.
Jesus, take away ev'ry darkness;
Steady my simple footsteps
That I might in Your goodness live as a child of God.

Congregation: CW 352, “Joy Has Dawned”

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation -
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love -
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory.
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story:
Gold - a king is born today;
Incense - God is with us;
Myrrh - his death will make a way,
By his blood he'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

III. The Wonders of the Spirit's Love

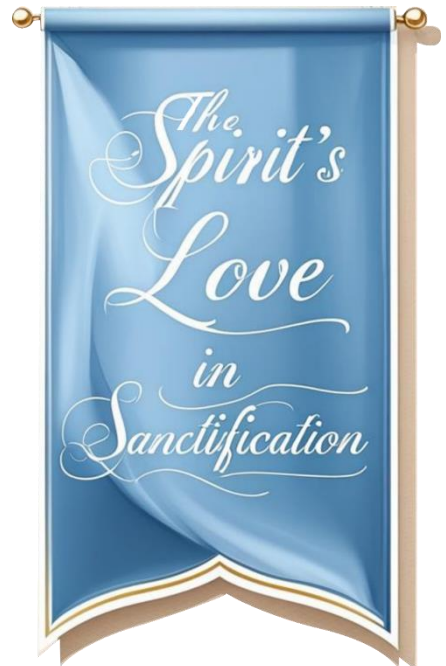
(Addy) The gift of salvation through the only Savior from sin and death needs to reach people. It is the Holy Spirit who works to bring us to faith in the love of the Father and the Son.

(Jonah) *1 Corinthians 2:9-10a*, "But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit."

(Virginia) *1 Corinthians 12:3b*, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit."

(Sophie) This call of the Holy Spirit to faith in Jesus is known as sanctification:

(Peyton) *2 Thessalonians 2:13*, "But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."



(Isaac) Sanctification also includes the work of the Holy Spirit in keeping us in the Christian faith:

(Marshal) *John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."*

(Theo) To aid in this work of sanctification, the Holy Spirit supplies gifts:

(Avary) *Romans 5:5b, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*

(Morgan) *Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."*

(Gabi) *1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us."*

(Allie) *1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13, "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

(PK-8) Give thanks to the Spirit for the wonders of His love!

"Once in Royal David's City"

(3-8) 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.

(3-8) 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.

(3-8) Jesus 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.

(3-8) 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.

Congregation: LSB 363, "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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!

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.

Offering

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

P Tonight’s study on the wonders of His love—the Father’s love in creation, the Son’s love in redemption, and the Spirit’s love in sanctification—leads us to the marvelous and comforting realization: *1 John 3:1a, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!”*

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

“Sussex Carol” - The congregation is invited to join on verse four.

(Choir: men)

On Christmas all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring;
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King’s birth.

(Choir: women)

Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad;
Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad;
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

(Choir & PK-8)

When sin departs before His grace
And life and health come its place.
When sin departs before His grace
And life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing;
All for to see our newborn King!

(Choir, PK-8,
Congregation)

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
Then out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night,
“Glory to God in highest heav’n
Now and forevermore,” Amen!

Announcements

Recessional



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