

**“Let’s Make a Deal”**  
**School Christmas Service**  
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✂ **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** ✂

**Pre-Service Music**

**School Choir**

**“Before the Paling of the Stars”**

**John Boda**

Before the paling of the stars, Before the winter morn,  
Before the earliest cockcrow Jesus Christ was born.

Jesus on His mother’s breast, In the stable cold,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He, Shepherd of the fold.

Let us kneel with Mary maid, With Joseph, bent and hoary,  
With saint and angel, ox and ass, To hail the King of glory.

**Eighth Grade Piano Students**

**Selected Carols for Christmas**

**School Choir**

**“The Angel’s Song”**

**John Leavitt**

Wake ye, now, and hear, gentle shepherds. Wake ye, now, and hear good news.  
Born today, yes, He is your Savior, Born in Bethlehem.

Fear ye not, no, fear not, gentle shepherds. We have come to bring good news.  
Born today and lying in a manger There in Bethlehem.

There you will find Him, holy Child Who’ll take away all sin.  
Mercy and grace are pouring down. God’s blessing of goodwill.

Gloria in excelsis (*Glory in the highest*).

Hasten now, oh, hasten, gentle shepherds. Hasten now and spread good news.  
Tell the world that God has sent a Savior, Born in Bethlehem.

Jesus is God. Jesus is Lord. Jesus be praised evermore. Sing Alleluia!

**Processional Hymn****“O Come, Little Children” MFH 48***Congregation and Students*

**O come, little children, O come, one and all;  
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.  
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night  
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.**

**He’s born in a stable for you and for me;  
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,  
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,  
And purer than angels, the heavenly child.**

**See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,  
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;  
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,  
While angels sing loud alleluias above.**

**Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,  
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;  
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,  
And join in the song of the heavenly host.**

*Please stand.*

**Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

P: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

C: **Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Zephaniah 3:14 ESV

P: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

C: **He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love.**

Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

P: Rejoice in the Lord always;

C: **Again I will say, Rejoice.**

Philippians 4:4 ESV

**Response (Sung)****“Light the Candle” – Carl Schalk**

Light the candle of JOY today, the Giver of joy is here!  
Welcome the joy we crave and pray for, but only Christ can give.  
Flicker and flame and glow with joy, light up the world around you.  
Flicker and flame and glow with joy, light up the world around you.

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## **Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, You know how to give good gifts to Your children. We are gathered together in Your house this night to give You thanks for the gift of Your Son born in a manger. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that our mouths might be stirred to praise the riches of Your grace and our hearts be led to cherish Your Son’s coming above all other gifts. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **LUKE 2: THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

*(Kindergarten tableau)*

### **The Birth of Jesus**

5-A: “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

5-B: This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

5-C: And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

5-D: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

5-E: And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

5-F: And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

### **The Angels and the Shepherds**

5-G: “And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

5-H: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

5-I: And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

5-J: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

5-K: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’

5-L: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

5-All: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased.’ ”

## **Anthem                      “Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell!       David W. Music**

### ***Grades 1-8***

#### *Introduction (4 measures)*

5-8: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

1-4: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

#### *Interlude (4 measures)*

5-8: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

1-4: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

5-8: Children, ’round the manger sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

As the shepherds once adored, Kneeling to creation’s Lord.

Sing a gentle lullaby For the Son of God most high.

#### *Interlude (4 measures)*

5-8: On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring,

1-4: On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring,

5-8: News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King’s birth.

#### *Interlude (3 measures)*

5-8: From out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night,

1-4: From out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night:

1-8: “Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. Amen.”

#### *Interlude (2 measures)*

1-8: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

#### *Interlude (4 measures)*

5-8: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

1-8: Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

## **The Shepherds See and Tell**

5-M: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

5-N: “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made know to us.”

5-O: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

5-P: And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

5-Q: And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

5-R: But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

5-S: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## **Kindergarten**

### **“There Was a Little Baby”**

Mary had a baby, yes, Lord.  
Mary had a baby, yes, my Lord.  
Mary had a baby, yes, Lord.  
A little babe in Bethlehem was born Christmas morn.

She laid Him in a manger, yes, Lord.  
She laid Him in a manger, yes, my Lord.  
She laid Him in a manger, yes, Lord.  
A little babe in Bethlehem was born Christmas morn.

They named the baby Jesus, yes, Lord.  
They named the baby Jesus, yes, my Lord.  
They named the baby Jesus, yes, Lord.  
A little babe in Bethlehem was born Christmas morn.

## **Kindergarten**

### **“Baby Jesus, WE Love You”**

**Dean Diehl**

What did the cows at the manger say to Baby Jesus in the hay?  
“Moo, moo, moo, moo. Baby Jesus, we love You.”

What did the sheep at the manger say to Baby Jesus in the hay?  
“Baa, baa, baa, baa. Baby Jesus, we love You.”

Jesus was born on Christmas day. Mary laid Him in the hay.  
So little boys and girls may pray, “Jesus, Jesus, Baby Jesus, we love You.”

What did the donkeys at the manger say to Baby Jesus in the hay?  
“Hee-haw, Hee-haw. Baby Jesus, we love You.”

Jesus was born on Christmas day. Mary laid Him in the hay.  
So little boys and girls may pray, “Jesus, Jesus, Baby Jesus, we love You.”

Moo, moo. Baa, baa. Hee-haw. Jesus.  
Baby Jesus, we love you.

## LET’S MAKE A DEAL

### Round 1: Sin, Sickness, Sorrow, Death, Destruction

N-1: God gave us such a wonderful gift that first Christmas night: His own Son.

N-2: This is such a beautiful and familiar story, but why do we need such a gift?

N-3: When God created the universe, it was perfect. Then the devil tried to make a deal...

Satan: Adam and Eve, have I got deal for you! Eat this tasty fruit and you can be just like God. Wise, ... Brilliant, ... you will know it all! All it takes is one little bite.

1-2A: Look out, Adam and Eve! That’s not a good deal!

*(Box is opened. **Sin** pops out—Gr 4—sickness, sorrow, death, destruction)*

6-A: The Devil is the father of lies. This deal means disobeying God, and disobeying God is sin.

N-4: Sadly, Adam and Eve took this bad deal. By eating the fruit, they introduced sin into the world.

N-5: Sin wasn’t alone; it brought along with it death and destruction. God’s perfect creation was spoiled.

N-6: Mercifully for us, God doesn’t make deals; He makes promises.

6-B: In Genesis 3:15, God promises: “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.”

N-7: With these words God promised a Savior who would rescue the world from sin, death, and destruction. His promise would be better than any deal that Satan could make.

3-A: The devil is tricky.  
He likes to make deals  
And get you to mess up and sin.  
  
His words sound so sweet,  
And they may seem neat,  
But with his deals you never will win.

**Hymn**

**“In Adam We Have All Been One”**

**LSB 569**

***Grades 1-4***

1. In Adam we have all been one, One huge rebellious man;  
We all have fled that evening voice That sought us as we ran.
2. We fled Thee, and in losing Thee We lost our brother too;  
Each singly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.
3. But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine only Son  
That we might hear His Shepherd’s voice And, hearing Him, be one.

**Round 2: Defeat, Lies, Jealousy, Coveting, Idolatry, Selfishness**

N-8: God continued to watch over and care for His people through floods, famine, and wandering in the wilderness while the devil continued to try and make deals with them. Think back to the time of the judges ...

Devil: People of Israel, ... have I got a deal for you! You don’t really have to follow those rules that God gave you. They’re only suggestions! Live the way you want; have a good time. Worship these adorable statues. What could possibly go wrong?

1-2B: Look out, Israel! That’s not a good deal!

*(Box is opened. **Defeat** and **lies** pop out—Gr 4—jealousy, coveting, idolatry, selfishness)*

6-C: The devil is the father of lies. This deal is false and misleading. It leads to being conquered and defeated.

N-9: Disgracefully, Israel took this deal again and again. Each time their disobedience brought a new conqueror.

N-10: Graciously for Israel, God still loved them. Each time they realized the wrong they had done, they turned to the One True God for help, and He listened them. He sent a judge to rescue them.

6-D: Judges 3, verse 9, reminds us, “But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them.”

N-11: When Mesopotamia conquered them, God sent Othniel. When Moab conquered them, God sent Ehud. When Canaan conquered them, God sent Deborah.

N-12: When Midian conquered them, God sent Gideon. When the Philistines conquered them, God sent Samson. This went on and on ... You get the picture. God's promises are always better than any deal the devil makes.

## Hymn

## “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***LSB 357, MFH 42***

## Congregation and Students

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain***

**O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. *Refrain***

O come, Desire of Nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

### Round 3: Guilty, Gluttony, Greed, Recklessness, Hatred

N-13: Through all of this time, the promised Savior was still to come.

6-E: In Isaiah 9, verse 6, the prophet proclaims: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

## Song

## “Unto Us a Child Is Born”

**Laura Farnell**

### Grades 1-4

3-4: For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n. God is with us, Emmanuel.  
For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n. Alleluia! A savior has come!

1-2: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

3-4: He shall be called Emmanuel. Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

1-2: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

3-4: For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n. God is with us, Emanuel.  
For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is giv'n. Alleluia! A savior has come!

## 1-4: A Savior has come!

N-14: After many, many years of waiting, the promised Savior had finally arrived. Promise fulfilled, the world would be saved!

N-15: Yet the devil continued to make deals with people.

Devil: People, people, people have I got a deal for you! This can’t possibly be the Savior. He is just some poor kid. Look at Him! He was born in a barn! Here’s the deal: Keep right on doing what you want. God doesn’t mind. You just keep doing you. That should be good enough.

1-2C: Look out, world! That’s not a good deal!

*(Box is opened. **Guilty** pops out—Gr 4—gluttony, greed, recklessness, hatred)*

6-F: The devil is the father of lies. The deal is that everyone is guilty of sin and needs a Savior. Jesus is the one God promised.

N-16: The world did need a Savior. God hates sin, and going along with what the world wants is sinful. Thankfully for the world, God’s promise of a Savior was for everyone.

6-G: In Second Corinthians 5, verse 21, the apostle Paul writes: “For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

## Song

## “He Is Born, the Child Divine”

**AGPS 116**

### *Grades 3-4*

He is born the Child Divine; Play the oboe, sound the bagpipes.  
He is born, the Child Divine; Sing ye all, He is born today.

Prophets from the ages past Have foretold the Savior’s coming;  
We for more than four thousand years Have awaited this joyous time. *Refrain*

Ah! How fair is the Holy Child, And how perfect are His graces;  
Ah, how fair is the Holy Child; Oh, how sweet is the Child Divine! *Refrain*

In a manger was He born; Straw, a little, for His cradle;  
In a manger was He born, What a lodging for Christ, the Lord! *Refrain*

King of all forevermore, Little Infant though Thou art,  
King of all forevermore, Reign in every human heart. *Refrain*

### Round 4: Temptation, Fame, Power, Glory, Riches

N-17: Jesus grew up and lived in the world just like we do. He ate and drank, woke up and fell asleep, and was even tempted just as we are.

Devil: Jesus, have I got a deal for you. I can give You fame, glory, power, riches. All You have to do is bow down to me. I will give You the whole world, if You just obey me.

1-2D: Look out, Jesus! That’s not a good deal!

*(Box is opened. **Temptation** pops out—Gr 4—fame, power, glory, riches)*

6-H: The devil is the father of lies. This deal is a lie. Satan does not have the power he says he does. If Jesus takes this deal, He cannot be the savior.

N-18: But Jesus had a response for Satan.

6-I: Matthew 4, verses 10 and 11, records Jesus’ response: “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’ ” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.”

N-18: Victoriously Jesus never took that deal. He promised to be our Savior. Since He is God, He kept His promise.

3-B: God doesn’t make deals.  
He doesn’t play tricks.  
He makes promises faithful and true.

He loves us so much  
He sent Jesus to save  
And give His life for me and for you.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn**

**“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”**

**LSB 352**

*Congregation and Students*

**Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.**

**Bruise for me the serpent’s head That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.**

**Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

*Please be seated.*

## Round 5: Lies, Slavery, Rebellion, Conceit, Pride, Self-Absorbed

N-19: Jesus continued to obey God and completed His earthly ministry. When the time came, He even suffered death on the cross to rescue all mankind from sin.

Devil: Wait a minute, world! I’ve got a deal for you. This guy is dead and gone. You can’t follow a loser like Him. You have no hope. Join me—I’m in charge of the winning team.

1-2E: Look out, world! That’s not a good deal.

*(Box is opened. **Lies** and **slavery** pop out—Gr 4—rebellion, conceit, pride, self-absorbed)*

6-J: The devil is the father of lies. Following the devil is rebelling against God. That makes you a slave to sin.

N-20: Thankfully, this wasn’t the end of the story. Jesus conquered sin, death and the DEVIL, so we could have eternal life. His resurrection proves His victory, and guarantees our own resurrection.

6-K: In John 11, verse 25, Jesus declares: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.”

## Hymn

## “God Loves Me Dearly”

**LSB 392, MFH 52**

### *Congregation and Students*

Grades 1 and 2: God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.  
Therefore I’ll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Grades 1-4: I was in slav’ry, Sin, death, and darkness;  
God’s love was working To make me free. *Refrain*

Grades 1-8: He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus, And set me free. *Refrain*

**All: Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain***

**All: Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain***

### Round 6: Persecution, Gossip, Slander, Bullying, Torture

N-21: Even after Jesus’ victory, the devil continued to try to make deals and tempt people away from God. He worked very hard to stop the early church from growing by tempting people like Saul.

Devil: Saul, have I got a deal for you. That Jesus guy was not really the Savior. He is leading people away from the REAL God. I bet if you round up all the members of “the Way” you could stop these lies once and for all. Killing a few people to save the rest is not really a big deal.

1-2F: Look out, Saul! That’s not a good deal.

*(Box is opened. **Persecution** pops out—Gr 4—gossip, slander, bullying, torture)*

6-L: The devil is the father of lies. Jesus is the real Messiah. Persecution of His followers is wrong.

N-22: Regrettably, Saul did take that deal for a while. He persecuted the early church, but God’s promises are better than any deal the devil makes. He called Saul and made him an apostle and missionary.

N-23: Saul became Paul and through Paul, the Gospel was spread and the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of men and women of many nations.

6-M: In Romans 1, verse 16, the apostle Paul asserts: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”

### Round 7: Salvation, Love, Eternal Life

N-24: Even in today’s world, the devil continues to tempt people. He tempts us to believe that he isn’t real. Anything that makes you happy can’t possibly be a sin. It is sad that so many people in our world believe his lies.

N-25: This Christmas gift is different from the deals the devil makes because it is given freely.

G-N: Ephesians 2, verses 8 and 9 say: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

N-26: Many years ago a beautiful baby was born and placed in a manger. He wasn’t just a “poor kid.” He was the Son of God.

N-27: Jesus set aside His glory and honor to be human like us, so He could die on the cross for our sins. It was, and still is, the perfect gift for all.

1-2G: Pay attention, everybody! That’s a GREAT gift!

*(Box opens. **Salvation, love, eternal life** pop out.—Gr. 4—reunion, mercy, grace, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control, faithfulness, caring)*

6-O: God’s perfect gift brings us forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

N-28: With this great Gospel gift, the Holy Spirit works in our hearts to change us. Everything that was necessary for salvation has been done. Yet, in our joy and thankfulness, we can serve God by serving others.

N-29: Lots of people have memorized Ephesians 2:8-9 for confirmation; however, the verse that follows it helps us to know how we can respond to God’s great gift.

6-P: Ephesians 2, verse 10, states: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

N-30: As we continue to prepare for the coming of Christ, God will continue to give us opportunities to serve Him. Just as God gave us a Savior, He has given us good works to do for HIM.

3-C: So come to the manger,  
Come see God’s great gift,  
And know that He loves you always.

Let His love change your heart,  
And then you will start  
To see chances to serve Him each day.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn**

**“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”**

**LSB 386**

*Congregation and Students*

**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!**

**Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Christ;  
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!**

**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!**

**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!**

*Please be seated.*

## **Offering**

**Handbells**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
“Joy to the World”**

**Sandra Eithun  
Bill Ingram**

**Hymn**

**“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”**

**LSB 336**

*Congregation and Students*

Grades 1-4: Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev’ry sinner slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Grades 5-8: Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.

Grades 3-8: Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshiper.  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

**All: Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!**

*Please stand.*

## **Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, our first parents, Adam and Eve, fell for the lies of Satan and brought sin and death into Your perfect creation. Of your great love and mercy for all people You promised and sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue us from Satan’s power. For this we give You thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Lord Jesus, You became a human being like us so that You might be lured by Satan’s lies but not fall for his temptations. You withstood the greatest challenge by willingly dying

on our behalf on the cross. Your resurrection and ascension proclaim Your victory over Satan, which is now our victory. For this we give You thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O Holy Spirit, by Your power in the Word and Sacraments, support us when we hear the lies of Satan and strengthen us to withstand his enticements. Free from bondage to him, may we live our lives in faith fully committed to serving all who are in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Lord’s Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: 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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Recessional Hymn

## “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

**LSB 383**

*Congregation and Students*

**A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:**

**The virgin bears the Infant With virgin honor pure!**

**Proclaim the Savior’s birth: “To God on high be glory**

**And peace to all the earth!”**

**The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,**

**And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain***

**While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,**

**Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain***

**Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,**

**The Infant born in Bethl’em, The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain***

**All idols then shall perish And Satan’s lying cease,  
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain***

**Postlude****“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”*****Band, Strings, and Organ*****✠ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST ✠**