



SAVIOR, COME TO ME

I AM POOR AND LOWLY

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PRE – SERVICE MUSIC:

Susan Moodie, Brett Moodie – Violin; Leah Ude, Etta Ude – Cello

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing; Come, see in the manger our Savior and King To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies; To be born of a virgin He doth not despise. To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven, "To God in the highest all glory be given!" To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth Be glory and honor through heaven and earth, True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word! Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father....

Congregation: Whose praises we sing this night and thanks we give for sending His own Son into the human race as our perfect substitute.

Pastor: In the Name of the Son....

Congregation: In whose birth we rejoice this night and give praise, for He is the Holy One who has redeemed us to God by His precious blood.

Pastor: In the Name of the Holy Spirit...

Congregation: Whom we glorify this night for having revealed these truths to us in the Scriptures and for having brought us into a personal relationship with Christ by faith.

Pastor: Unto us a Child is born.

Congregation: Unto us a Son is given.

Pastor: Unto you is born this day a Savior.

Congregation: Who is Christ, the Lord. Hallelujah!

ALL:

Oh, rejoice, ye Christians, loudly, For our joy hath now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done. Tell abroad His goodness
proudly Who our race hath honored thus That He deigns to
dwell with us. Joy O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done
away with sadness! Hence, all sorrow and repining, For the Sun
of Grace is shining!

See, my soul, thy Savior chooses Weakness here and poverty; In
such love He comes to thee Nor the hardest couch refuses; All
He suffers for thy good, To redeem thee by His blood. Joy, O joy,
beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness! Hence,
all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of Grace is shining!



RESPONSIVE PSALM:

PSALM 69 (Selected Verses)

P: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, Where there is no standing;

C: I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me.

P: O God, You know my foolishness;

C: And my sins are not hidden from You.

P: But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time;

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Deliver me out of the mire, And let me not sink;

C: Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters.

P: Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up;

C: And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

P: Hear me, O LORD, for Your loving-kindness is good;

C: Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

P: And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.

C: Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

P: But I am poor and sorrowful;

C: Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.

P: I will praise the name of God with a song,

C: And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

P: This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves.

C: The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

P: For the LORD hears the poor,

C: And does not despise His prisoners.

P: Let heaven and earth praise Him,

C: The seas and everything that moves in them.

SCRIPTURE READING:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

HYMN:

GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

1. 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.
2. I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.
3. He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.
5. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

PART ONE: THE LOWLY BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speaker: Autumn Phillips



HYMN:

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME

1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Thy home! Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.
3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heaven enthroned.

PART TWO: THE FIRST LOWLY MESSENGERS

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speakers: Emilia Ude, Kiara Rechek

CHRISTMAS CAROL:

CHILDREN – THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.

Venite adoremus Dominum (Come, Let us Worship the Lord).

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And thus that manger poor became a throne;
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.

Venite adoremus Dominum (Come, Let us Worship the Lord).

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O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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PART THREE: THE LOWLY PERSON OF THE SAVIOR

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speakers: Autumn Phillips, Etta Ude



HYMN:

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 oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians fear; For sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; The cross he'll bear 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.



PART FOUR: THE FIRST LOWLY DISCIPLES

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speaker: Liesel Ude

CHRISTMAS CAROL:

CHILDREN – ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night 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.
2. When sin departs before Your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before Your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and saits with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.
3. From out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night.
From out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night.
"Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. Amen."

PART FIVE: THE LOWLY DEATH OF THE SAVIOR

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speakers: Liesel Ude

HYMN: LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE

1. Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
2. To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heaven's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.
3. We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.
4. O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!

PART SIX: JESUS CHOOSES THE LOWLY TO FOLLOW HIM

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speakers: Nicole Phillips, Joey Shafer,
Natalie Phillips, Meredith Phillips



HYMN: YOUR LITTLE ONES, DEAR LORD, ARE WE

1. Your little ones, dear Lord, are we And come Your lowly bed
to see; Enlighten every soul and mind That we the way to You
may find.
2. With songs we hasten You to greet And humbly fall before
Your feet. Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night That gave You
birth, our soul's delight.
3. Oh, draw us wholly to You, Lord, To us Your constant grace
accord; True faith and love to us impart That we may hold You
in our heart,
4. Until at last we, too, proclaim, With all Your saints, Your
glorious name; In paradise our songs renew And praise You as
the angels do.

PART SEVEN:

THE LOWLY MESSAGE WE ARE GIVEN TO PROCLAIM

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speaker: Isaac Krebsbach, Kiara Reчек

HYMN:

SEE IN YONDER MANGER LOW

ALL:

1. See in yonder manger low, Born for us on earth below, See – the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”



MEN:

2. Lo, within a stable lies He who built the starry skies, He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim. Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

WOMEN:

3. Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this. Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

ALL:

4. Teach, oh, teach us holy Child, By Thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble Thee In Thy sweet humility. Hail the ever-blessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

PART EIGHT:

JESUS WILL ONE DAY RETURN

FOR THE POOR AND LOWLY

Narrator: Pastor Schaller

Speaker: Meredith Phillips, Etta Ude



OFFERINGS/PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven 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.
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.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations
prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His
love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24, 2025

TOMORROW MORNING

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10AM

SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING

The Holiday Season is in full swing. Our Midweek Advent Services are completed, but we still have Christmas Day and New Year's Eve Worship services upcoming.

† **Thursday December 25th** – Christmas Day Worship 10am

† **Wednesday December 31st** – New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

BOWLING OUTING

Our Annual Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.

THANK YOU, CHILDREN

A personal thank you to the children who worked to memorize their individual parts and the music of a new song as well. Thank you! May God bless your proclamation of God's Word and your praise of His Name!

THANK YOU, PARENTS

A personal thank you to the parents who worked with their children to memorize their individual parts and the music of a new song as well. Thank you! May God cause His Word to grow in their hearts and minds and bear fruits.

THANK YOU, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

A personal thank you to the Sunday School teachers who work to teach our children and who also helped the children to memorize their individual parts and the music of a new song as well. Thank you! May God bless your work with the little lambs of His flock.

THANK YOU, WORSHIP CREW

A personal thank you to those who help with worship by advancing worship slides and cueing up music playlists and handling the streaming of our worship services. May God bless our efforts so that the Good News may benefit still others.

THANK YOU...STRINGED INSTRUMENTS

Thanks also to Susan and Brett Moodie, Leah and Etta Ude for enhancing our worship this evening with pre-service music!

CHRISTMAS BAGS/GIFTS

The traditional Christmas bags have been prepared and will be handed out to the children following service this evening. Thanks to those who prepared them. If you open the bags or gifts, please clean up after yourselves!

THANK YOU

A personal thank you from both Pastor and Alice Schaller for all the prayers, gifts and words of kindness and encouragement you give us throughout the year. It is noticed and appreciated. We thank you and we thank God for moving you to give.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

"If Christ had arrived with trumpets and lain in a cradle of gold, his birth would have been a splendid affair. But it would not be a comfort to me. He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be thought of little significance in the eyes of the world. Now I can come to him. Now he reveals himself to the miserable in order not to give any impression that he arrives with great power, splendor, wisdom, and aristocratic manners. But upon his return on that Day, when he will oppose the high and the mighty, it will be different. Now he comes to the poor, who need a Savior, but then he will come as a Judge against those who are persecuting him now."

– A Sermon on the Nativity, 1530

"The inn was full. No one would release a room to this pregnant woman. She had to go to a cow stall and there bring forth the Maker of all creatures because nobody would give way. Shame on you, wretched Bethlehem! The inn ought to have been burned with brimstone, for even though Mary had been a beggar maid or unwed, anybody at such a time would have been glad to give her a hand. There are many of you in this congregation who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby! I would have washed his linen! How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Childish and silly thoughts are these! Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself."

-- A Sermon on the Nativity



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