



the  
**CHRISTMAS**  
story

Sunday, December 10, 2023  
Salem Lutheran Church Youth

**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills Place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

**Sunday—9:00am Worship Service**

**Preaching: Pastor Judith Wozniak**

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Reader:** Faith Formation Students

**Sound:** Al Skellenger

**Live Stream:** Brad Evenson

**Acolytes:** Jaden Swanson, Betsy Byars

**Choir:** Faith Formation Students

**Worship Coordinator:** Shannon Bruhns

**Ushers:** Lyle & Orloue Thomson, Al Sterrenberg

**Altar Guild for December:** All Members

**The Live Stream Broadcast is Sponsored by Santa Claus**

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## INTRODUCTION

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(\*\*\*)Please be seated for the lighting of the Advent Candle.)*

### WREATH LIGHTING *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW #240

*We will sing the first two verses as two candles are lit on this Second Sunday in Advent.*



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.

*(\*\*\*)Please remain seated as the children process.)*

### SONG

*Get Ready*

**Piano/YOUTH**

**Knox:** Isaiah chapter 9: verse 6 - "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us: authority rests upon his shoulders; and he's named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

### SONG

*Christ Is Born*

**YouTube/YOUTH**

**Kalli:** Micah chapter 5: verse 2 - "But you, O Bethlehem, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days."

(\*\*\*Please remain seated while singing)

**SONG**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**ELW #279**

**ALL SING**



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**Braxton [Joseph]:** Luke chapter 2: verses 4 and 5 - Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

**Taryn [Mary]:** Luke chapter 2: verses 6 and 7 - While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**SONG**

*Away in a Manger*

**YouTube/YOUTH**

**Emeryn [Angel]:** Luke chapter 2: verses 8 thru 14 - In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**Lilly [Angel]:** But the angel said to them, “do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

**Jossy [Angel]:** “This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

**Essabel [Angel]:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

**OFFERING**

**Griffin/Reece/Calvin**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* ELW #270 ALL SING



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Pastor Judith**

God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the  
angels. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace  
upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**Daven [Shepherd]:** Luke chapter 2: verses 15 thru 20 - When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**Kalen [Shepherd]:** So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told to them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

**Cam [Shepherd]:** But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**SONG**

**Rise Up Shepard And Follow**

**YouTube/YOUTH**

**Cooper [Wise Man]:** Matthew chapter 2: verses 1 thru 12 - In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

**Kenley [Wise Man]:** They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it was written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

**Finn [Wise Man]:** When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his

mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## SONG

## O What a Glorious Night

YouTube/YOUTH

**Paisley:** Galatians chapter 4: verse 4 and 5 - But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

**Kaci:** Isaiah chapter 63: verse 9 - It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

*(\*\*\*Please sing along as the children process out. Words are on the monitors.)*

## SENDING HYMN

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

YouTube/ALL SING

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Thank you for attending the Faith Formation Christmas program. We will be having a Birthday Party for Jesus in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. All are welcome!!*

