



**St. John's Lutheran Church and School**

Children's Christmas Service

December 14, 2025 – 4 pm



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 Pastor Kirk Lahmann | Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

## Preservice | Junior Bells

Adeste Fideles

## Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful | 354:1-3

*The congregation sings the hymn as the students process into the sanctuary.*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come\_ ye to Beth - le - hem!  
 born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:  
 On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:



*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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Stand

## Invocation

Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Responsory

*Psalm 33*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.  
**For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.  
**Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.**

The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.  
**We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.  
**May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

## Prayer

Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, our hearts again rejoice this night as we hear sweet angel voices proclaiming “Christ is born!” Softly, Jesus calls from his lowly manger, saying, “You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you, you are freed; all you need I will surely give you.” Come, then, banish all our sadness! Accept our songs of gladness. Fix our eyes on the day when we shall live with you forever on high in that joy which will vanish never; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Pastor’s Message

# HOPE

## Narration | Emmie Galgan

### All Men and Boys

*Genesis 3:1*

[The serpent] said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

### All Women and Girls

*Genesis 3:2-3*

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

## All Men and Boys

Genesis 3:4-5

**“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

## All Women and Girls

Genesis 3:6

**When the woman saw the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.**

## Narration | Ashley Delimat

## Congregation

Romans 5:12; Psalm 53:3

**Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.**

## Narration | Ashley Delimat

## Anthem | Grades 1-4

Still, My Soul Be Still

- 1 Still, my soul, be still and do not fear  
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread  
the fires of unexpected sorrow. (Refrain)
- Refrain God, you are my God, and I will  
trust in you and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me  
to rest in you alone, to rest in you alone.
- 2 Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved  
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold on to his ways with shield of faith  
against temptation's flaming arrows. (Refrain)
- 3 Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake  
the truth you learned in the beginning.  
Wait upon the Lord and hope will rise  
as stars appear when day is dimming. (Refrain)

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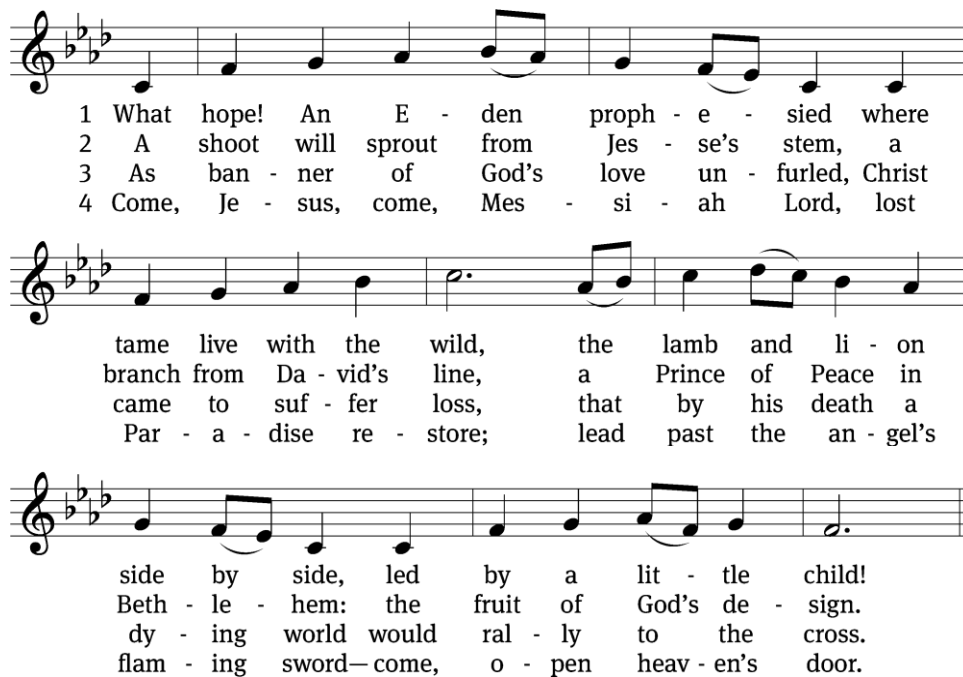
## Lighting of the Hope Candle

Narration | Ashley Delimat

Narration | Charlotte Jung

### Congregational Hymn

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied | 304



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied where  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, a  
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, lost

tame live with the wild, the lamb and li - on  
branch from Da - vid's line, a Prince of Peace in  
came to suf - fer loss, that by his death a  
Par - a - dise re - store; lead past the an - gel's

side by side, led by a lit - tle child!  
Beth - le - hem: the fruit of God's de - sign.  
dy - ing world would ral - ly to the cross.  
flam - ing sword—come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Anthem | Chimers

Long Ago the Prophets Knew

## PEACE

Narration | Nolan Koldeway

Recitation | Preschool & Kindergarten

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

Recitation | Preschool & Kindergarten

*Isaiah 53:2,5*

Narration | Nolan Koldeway

- 1 In a little stable, far across the sea was a little Baby just like you and me.
- 2 Not a bed or cradle, not a pillow deep, but a lowly manger was His place to sleep.
- 3 Shepherds heard the story from an angel bright, went to praise the Savior on that holy night.
- 4 Oh, I love this Jesus, who was little then, for I know He loves me, Little though I am.

### *Lighting of the Peace Candle*

**Narration | Arianna Gald**

**Recitation | Grades 1 & 2**

*Psalm 35:30*

**Recitation | Grades 1 & 2**

*Psalm 120:6*

**Narration | Benson Regnier**

**Recitation | Grades 1 & 2**

*Luke 2:1-7*

**Anthem | Grades 5-8**

Peace Came to Earth

- 1 Peace came to earth at last that chosen night when angels clove the sky with song and light  
and God embodied love and sheathed his might—  
Who could but gasp: Immanuel! Who could but sing: Immanuel!
- 2 And who could be the same for having held the infant in their arms and later felt  
the wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled—  
Who could but sigh: Immanuel! Who could but shout: Immanuel!
- 3 You show the Father none has ever seen, in flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain,  
in bread and wine you visit us again—  
Who could but see: Immanuel! Who could but thrill: Immanuel!
- 4 How else could I have known you, O my God! How else could I have loved you, O my God!  
How else could I embrace you, O my God!  
Who could but pray: Immanuel! Who could but praise: Immanuel!

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# JOY

Narration | Carson Harris

Recitation | Grades 3 & 4

*Lamentations 5:15-16*

Narration | Xander Reda

Recitation | Grades 3 & 4

*Luke 2:8-13*

Congregation

*Luke 2:14*

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

Congregational Hymn

Joy Has Dawned | 352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—  
2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels  
3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.  
4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un-furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.  
as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:  
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham-pion!



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark-ness,  
gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense—God is with us;  
What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.  
cling now to a moth-er's breast, \_ vul - n'ra - ble and help-less.  
myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.  
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, \_ now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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**Offertory | Jr. Bells**

Gesu Bambino

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*Lighting of the Joy Candle*

**Narration | Larry Henning**

**Recitation | Grades 5 & 6**

*Luke 2:15-16*

**Narration | Larry Henning**

**Recitation | Grades 5 & 6**

*Luke 2:17-18, 20*

**Narration | Larry Henning**

*LOVE*

**Narration | Ashlyn Hart**

**Recitation | Grades 5 & 6**

*Romans 5:8*

**Narration | Ashlyn Hart**

*Lighting of the Love Candle*

**Narration | Evan Galgan**

**Recitation | Grades 5 & 6**

*1 John 4:9-10*

**Narration | Evan Galgan**

**Recitation | Grades 7 & 8**

*Romans 8:38-39*



- 1 Love has come, a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high!
- 2 Love is born! Come share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## *Lighting of the Christ Candle*

### Reading

*John 1:1-5, 9-14*

### Narration | Evan Galgan

### Congregation

*Psalm 89:1*

**I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.**

*Stand*

### Prayer

Let us pray.

O Lord, you have filled this holy night with the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ. You have revealed your peace and goodwill through him and have given us blessed hope. Increase our joy with that news that a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night | 337

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face  
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the  
 ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -  
 room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Music Director: Beth Malliet

Accompanist: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

String Ensemble: Ella Malliet, Samuel Malliet, and Samuel Lahmann

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### **2025 Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule**

Midweek Advent Vespers	Wednesday, December 17 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm
Fourth Sunday in Advent	Sunday, December 21 8:00 am and 10:30 am Monday, December 22, 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25 9:30 am
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Sunday, December 28 8:00 am and 10:30 am <i>No Monday night service, December 29</i>
New Year's Eve	Wednesday, December 31 4:30 pm