



**LIGHT
A
CANDLE**

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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Children's Christmas Service December 12, 2021

THE PRELUDE

Please stand and face the Processional Cross

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Oh, Come, Little Children
(The Little Christian's Songbook, p. 35)

1. Oh, come, little children, oh, 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

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THE INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord has made known His Word. Alleluia!
- C** **The Word of His salvation. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- P** The Lord established His covenant forever;
- C** **He has sent redemption to His people:**
- P** Christ the Lord, our Savior, everlasting God and Mary's Son!
- C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him!**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE GREETING AND PRAYER

WELCOME

OPENING THOUGHTS

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

I. Candles of Prophecy Shauneq Wilder

Narrator: *From the first book of the Bible to the last, we hear about the Light that God promised to send His people—the Messiah, who brings the gift of salvation through His birth as a human being, His perfect life, and His sacrificial death to pay for sin. God’s prophets bring a consistent message of hope for God’s people through the years.*


THE HYMN

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful


LSB 379



1	O	come,	all	ye	faith - ful,	Joy - ful	and	tri - um - phant! O
2	High	- est,	most	ho - ly,	Light of	Light	e - ter - nal,	
3	Sing,	choirs	of	an - gels,	Sing	in	ex - ul - ta - tion,	
4	Yea,	Lord,	we	greet	Thee,	Born	this	hap - py morn - ing;




 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



 Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

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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THE RECITATIONS **Scarlet Jackson**



Light a candle on the altar,
 Though its light be small and dim,
 For the light that first was given
 After Adam and Eve sinned:

“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.” (Genesis 3:15)



Light a candle on the altar
For the years that pass with speed,
Plainer now the plan unfolding:
One would come of Abram's seed:

Now the Lord said to Abram, . . . "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
(Genesis 12:1, 3b)



Light a candle on the altar,
Giving light a bit more clear,
For another Christmas promise
Of the star that would appear:

"I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel." (Numbers 24:17)



Light a candle on the altar;
Still more brightly let it shine
For the prophecy foretelling
Christ would spring from David's line:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" (Jeremiah 23:5, 6)

THE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 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

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THE RECITATIONS Eva Jackson



Light a candle on the altar
For God's promise to the earth
That the Savior who was coming
Would be born of virgin birth:

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
shall call His name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)



Light a candle on the altar,
Adding more light to our space,
For the prophet's plainer message
Naming Bethlehem the place:

“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.” (Micah 5:2)



Light a candle on the altar
That will burn now bright and clear,
Telling of the joyous message
That the Savior's birth was near:

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud,
O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming
to you; righteous and having salvation is He.”
(Zechariah 9:9)



Light a candle on the altar
For the good news in God’s Word!
Hear the angel telling Joseph,
Mary’s child is Christ the Lord:

“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name
Jesus, for He will save His people from their
sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

THE HYMN

Hark The Glad Sound

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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II. Candles of Proclamation

Narrator: *The Christmas story is so much more than just a story. It is the true account of the birth of a Savior for all people. Jesus was born as a human so He could fulfill the Law on our behalf and die as the perfect sacrifice for sin. The true light that gives life to everyone has come into the world.*

THE RECITATIONS

Charlotte Grim

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

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.

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

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.

(Luke 2:1–7)

Mary & Joseph process in. (Alivia Dinnan, Austin Beasinger)

Please Stand.

All Children



**Light a candle on the altar,
Light a light most bright and clear,
Light a light that shines most glorious,
For the Savior now is here!**

THE HYMN OF JOY Go Tell It On The Mountain LSB 388
Accompanied by Sunday School Ringers

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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THE RECITATIONS

Kennedy Dinnan

L Listen all to what I say:
Men: Jesus Christ is born today!
L This is all I want to say:
Woman: Jesus Christ is born today!

[L] Nothing better I can say:
Men: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L] I'm so happy I can say:
Women: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L] With the others I will say:
Men: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L] Don't forget what I will say:
Woman: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L] It's the best that I can say:
Men: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L] Can you guess what I will say?
Women: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L) I'll repeat it, friends, and say:
Men: **Jesus Christ is born today!**
[L] This is what these candles say:
Women: **Jesus Christ is born today!**

1 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.

THE Hymn Away in a Manger LSB 364
Sunday School Children

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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THE RECITATIONS Charlotte, Natalie, Madelyn Grim

And in the same region there were shepherds out
in the field, keeping watch over their flock by
night.

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

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

“For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a
baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a
manger.”

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

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
among those with whom He is
pleased!” (Luke 2:8–14)

Light one for the heavenly choir
Thrilling o’er the Savior’s birth,



Light it for their celebrating
God's good will to us on earth!

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." (Luke 2:15)



Light a candle on the altar,
For the angel's message led
Shepherds to the gift God promised:
Jesus in a manger bed!

And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. (Luke 2:16)



Light a candle on the altar
As did in the stable shine,
By that light the faithful shepherds
Gazed upon the Child divine.

THE HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LSB 380:1, 3
Christmas Chimes, Bells 2 Heaven
Directed by Alex Beckett

III. Candles of God's Gifts

Narrator: *Jesus brings forgiveness, life, and salvation to everyone who believes. In Him, we also receive many other gifts, not just at Christmas, but throughout our earthly lives. These gifts bring us true light and help us reflect God's light and love to those around us through our vocations.*



Grace

THE RECITATIONS

Leah Paxton

Light a candle on the altar
For the grace beyond all thought,
Which the Christ, the Lord of glory,
In His birth from heaven brought.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1–3)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:16)



Love

Courtney Paxton

Light a candle on the altar
For the love of Christ, so great
That He came to earth to save us
From our lost and sinful state.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

THE HYMN

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Peace

THE RECITATIONS

Leah Paxton



Light a candle on the altar
 For the heavenly peace of heart
 That the blessings of the Savior
 To His faithful ones impart.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)



***Joy* Courtney Paxton**

Light a candle on the altar
For the joy that Jesus' birth
Stirred among the hosts of heaven
And God's children on this earth.

We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:11)

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 51:11)

THE HYMN On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
Eva Jackson-Violin

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

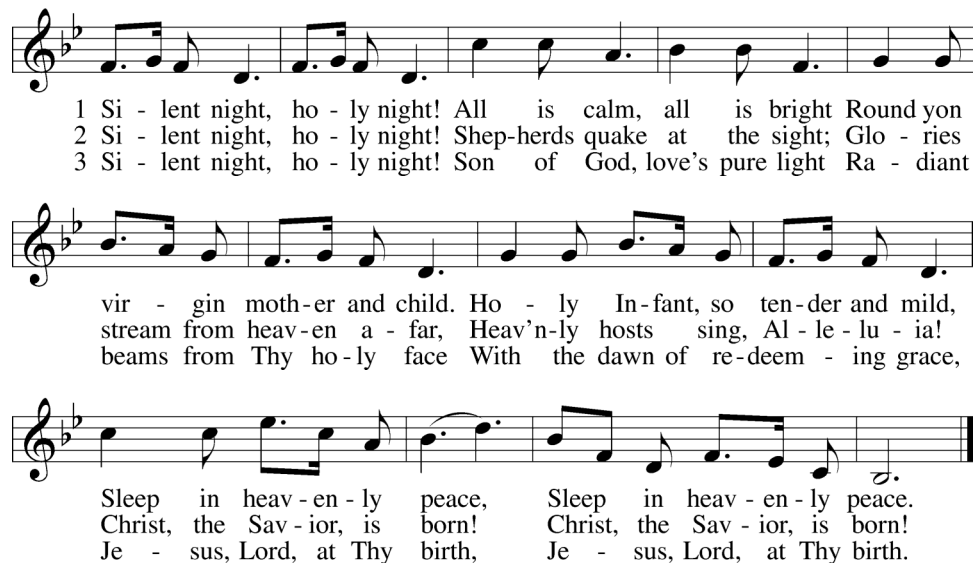
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that we have been given by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You can drop your offering envelope off in the Offering Box in the Narthex as you leave today, mail us your envelope, give on-line at our website, or drop it off in the offering box in the lobby across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 AM-1 PM.

THE HYMN Silent Night LSB 363



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant

vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 beams from Thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P For the faithful proclamation of Christ's birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection, that all who hear would be granted and strengthened in their faith, so that His kingdom may be extended, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonderful gift of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas morn. May we rejoice in His work of salvation given to us through the gift of His Spirit. May we thank and praise you for all the gifts of body and soul you pour out upon us. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C Amen.

Please stand, as able.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray:
O LORD, our God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your Holy Spirit is leading us, and Your hand is supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be and abide with you all

C Amen

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN Joy to the World LSB 387 Alex Beckett - Trumpet



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



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.

THE POSTLUDE

Officiant - Pastor Mark Pretznaw

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Trumpet - Alex Beckett

Violin - Eva Jackson

Music Director - Linda Weston

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Bells 2 Heaven

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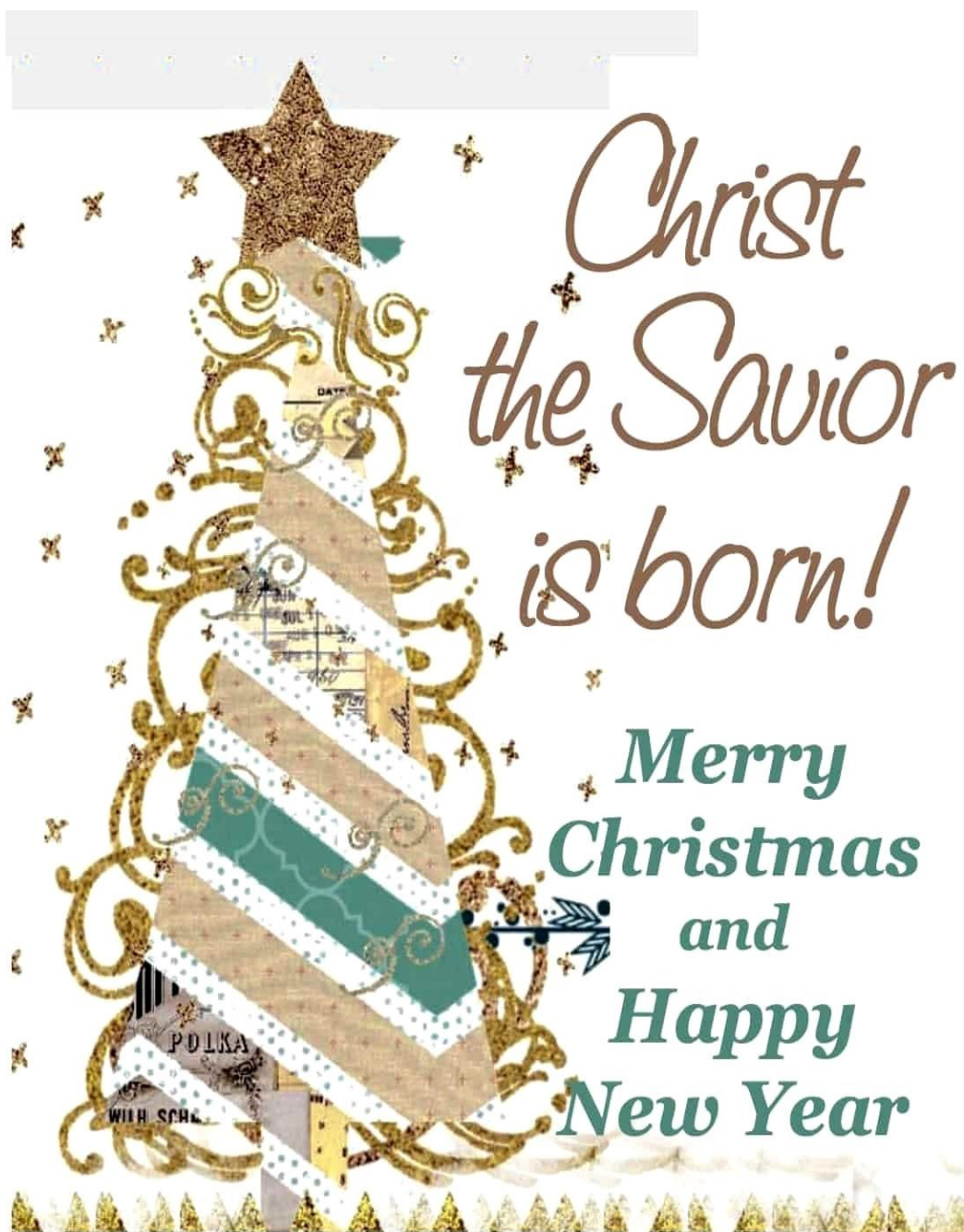
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Christ
the Savior
is born!

Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year



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