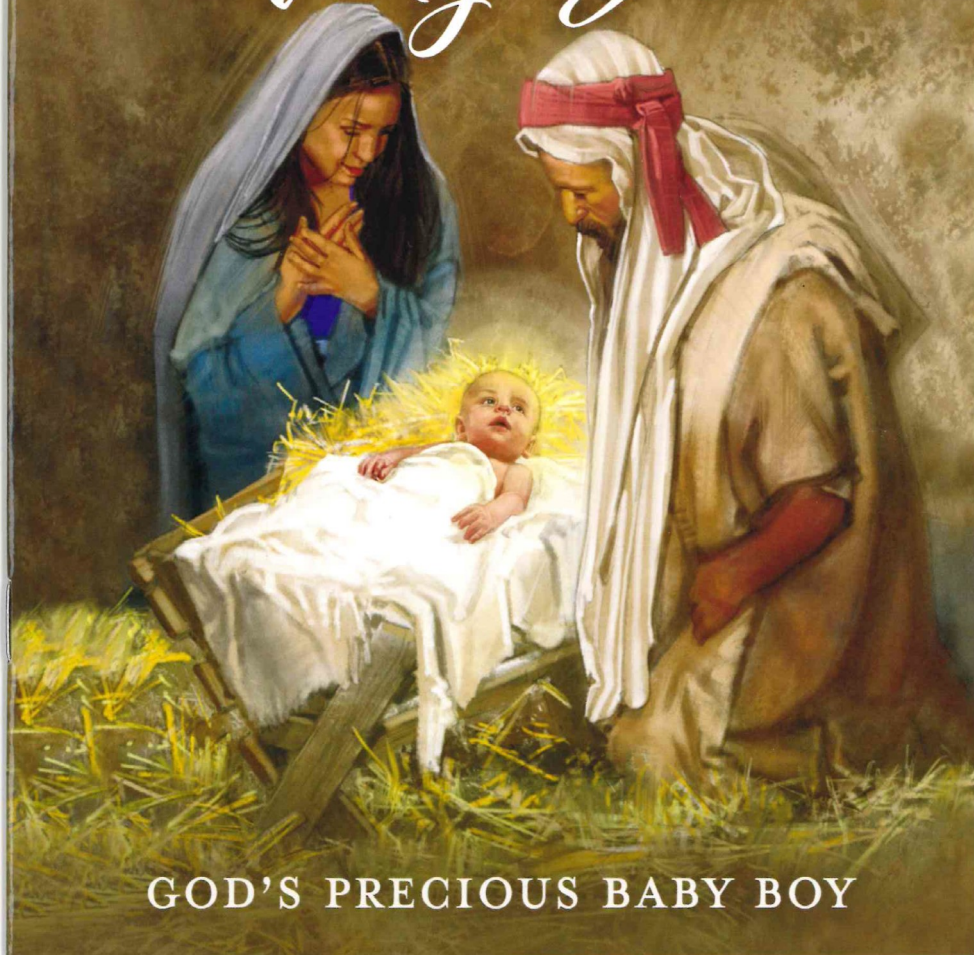


# *This is My Son*



GOD'S PRECIOUS BABY BOY

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**“This Is My Son”**

**Children of all Ages**

**Christmas Service**

**December 11, 2022**

**The Prelude**

*Please stand and face the  
Processional Cross*

**Processional Hymn:  
“O Come, Little Children”**

**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.**

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**Invocation**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

## Responsive Reading

Pastor: What great love the Father has given to us,

**People: That we should be called children of God!**

Pastor: He sent His Son to save us from death,

**People: That we should be called children of God!**

Pastor: Jesus was born to take our place,

**People: That we should be called children of God!**

Pastor: His work on the cross gives us new life;

**People: And we are called children of God!**

## Congregation Hymn

LSB #352

### Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

- 5 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.
- 6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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## **The Christmas Meditation**

### **Offering**

**Anthem = “What Child is This”**

## **The Message Presented by the Children**

### **The Promised Son**

**Introduction to the Theme and Scripture Reading:  
1 John 3:1**

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

## Reading “Little Baby Jesus”

Little Baby Jesus,  
In Your mother’s arms;  
Rocked to sleep so gently,  
Safe from harm.

Little Baby Jesus,  
Mary’s little one;  
Sleeping in a stable,  
God’s own Son.

Little Baby Jesus,  
You came from above;  
Came to earth to save me,  
All for love.

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## **Congregational Hymn: LSB #338** Sung to the Tune of #700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev’ry nation,  
Joy of ev’ry longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

## **The Son in the Manger**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Isaiah 9:6**

<sup>9</sup>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.

#### **Luke 1:26–33**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**Congregational Hymn:     *LSB # 357*     st 1-2**  
**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain**

**Refrain**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord’rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**

**Refrain**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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## **The Son and the Cross**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Genesis 3:8–13**

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you



were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent      deceived me, and I ate.”

### **Numbers 21:4-9**

#### **The Bronze Serpent**

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup> And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze <sup>[a]</sup> serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### **Bells To Heaven**

#### **Go Tell It On The Mountain**

### **John 3:14-15**

<sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### **Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

### **Congregational Hymn #357 st. 3-4 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

#### **Refrain**

**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**


**Refrain**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**Congregational Hymn**


**LSB #364**

**Away In A Manger**


*Children Hand Gestures*




1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky ——— looked down where He lay,  
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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## **The Son in Our Hearts**

### **Scripture Readings: Luke 2:1–20**

#### **The Birth of Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> 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 Shepherds and the Angels**

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the

angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> 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.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Congregational Hymn #357**

**st 5 & 6**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**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**

**Refrain**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**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**

**Refrain**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**Congregational Hymn**

**LSB #379**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**



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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## **Apostles' Creed**

**People: 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.**

## **Responsive Reading**

**Pastor: For to us a child is born,**

**People:** To us a Son is given;

Pastor: And the government shall be upon His shoulder

**People:** And His name shall be called Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

### Prayer Of the Church

Pastor: Father of all mercies, the visitation of Your Son has  
enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every  
corner of creation. Hear us as we pray in His name  
and according to His will.

O God, You have sent messengers to prepare the way  
of Your Son's coming. Grant us ears to hear and  
hearts to believe the words delivered by pastors and  
all who bear Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your  
goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the  
joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious  
visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,



who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

*Please stand, as able.*  
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we  
are bold to pray:

**People:** **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.**

**Pastor:** We pray:

**People:** **Father in heaven, thank You for Your great  
love for us. Forgive us for the many times**

**we disobey and stray from You. Thank You  
for sending Jesus to pay for our sins so  
that through faith in Him, we can live as  
Your children forever. In His name we pray.  
Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**Pastor: Joy to the world, the Son of God, our Savior, has come!  
May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you today and every day. Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: *LSB #387*  
“Joy to the World” - Alex Beckett—Trumpet**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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### **The Postlude**

**Officiant—Pastor Mark Pretznaw**

**Organist—Norma Neuhart**

**Trumpet—Alex Beckett**

**Pianist—Karen Williams**

**Music Director—Linda Weston**

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**Program Director—Chrissy Cates**

**Special Thank You**

**To all that participated in today's  
"This is My Son" Children's Service.**

**Mr & Mrs William Kuehl  
For providing the Manger & the Baby Jesus**

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**Norma Neuhart**

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