



**LIGHT
FOR
OUR
DARKNESS**

**Children's Christmas Service
December 20, 2024 6:00pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church and School
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
920-921-4020**

Pre-Service Music

Hark, the Harold Angels Sing

Ethan Kammer

The Little Drummer Boy

Lee Gutho

Away in a Manger

Bryn Rathje

Hark, the Harold Angels Sing

Zac Schultz

O Holy Night

Abbie Khoury

Glorious

Oliver Ehlke

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

God with Us

Abbie Khoury, Bryn Rathje, Oliver Ehlke



Light for Our Darkness

A Children's Christmas Service Concerning Jesus, the Light of the World

Processional Hymn: "Now Sing We Now Rejoice" Congregation

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**
- 2 Come from on high to me: I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Thro' thy grace and merit, blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!**
- 3 Now through his Son doth shine the Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity
Till he opened for us a bright eternity.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!**
- 4 Oh, where shall joy found? Where but on heav'nly ground,
Where the angels singing with all his saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing in heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

(Congregation Stand)

Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

**All: with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.**

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

**All: that you have established your faithfulness in
heaven itself.**

Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant,

All: ‘I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.’

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

All: love and faithfulness go before you.

Leader: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

All: who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

Prayer:

Leader: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Congregation Be Seated)

Hymn: “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing” Congregation

**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.**

**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.”**

Recitation: Preschool

Song: “This Christmas Light of Mine” Preschool

1. WE ARE LOST IN DARKNESS

Narrator: Oliver Ehlke

Narrator: Molly Bechler

Narrator: Abigail Khoury

Recitation: Grades 3-4

Recitation: Grades 5-6

Narrator: Danielle Orth

Recitation: Grades 1-2

Recitation: Kindergarten

Narrator: Danielle Orth

Recitation: Grades 7-8

(Congregation Stand)

Leader:

By nature, we all find ourselves in the darkness of sin, hiding from God’s light. Let us join together in confessing this to God.

Confession

All:

Almighty God, you created us to enjoy the light of your truth and life, but we have loved the darkness of sin. We have filled our lives with all kinds of evil. We cannot even count our sins, and by our inherited nature we try to hide from you. For these sins we are guilty and deserve to be condemned. But we appeal to your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

Absolution

Leader:

God knew that we were lost in the darkness of sin and death. But he did not leave us lost, hopeless, and terrified. He sent light to shine in our darkness that we would be forgiven and saved. The light from heaven is Jesus Christ, God's only Son. He came into our world to be the light of God's forgiveness. Because of Jesus' perfect life and death for us, God declares that we are not condemned for our sins. Rejoice! Your sins are forgiven!

All: Amen!

(Congregation Be Seated)

Song: "Arise and Shine" (5-8)

2. THE LIGHT COMES INTO THE DARKNESS

Narrator: Jameson Kasmiski

Narrator: Traeton Hanson

Recitation: Grades 7-8

Recitation: Grades 1-2

Narrator: Aiden Mann

Recitation: Grades 7-8

Song: "God with Us" (7-8)

Narrator: Aiden Mann

(Congregation Stand)

Congregation: In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

Grades K-8: (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Congregation: And everyone went to their own town to register.

Grades K-8: So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Congregation: He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Grades K-8: While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

All: and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

(Congregation Be Seated)

Song: "Oh Come, Little Children" Grades 1-2

3. GOD SENT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Narrator: Bryn Rathje

Recitation: Kindergarten

Recitation: Grades 1-2

Recitation: Grades K-2

Recitation: Grades 5-6

Song: "Shepherds Come A-Running" Grades 5-6

Narrator: Estin Paulson

Narrator: Mason Roberts

Recitation: Grades 5-6

Narrator: Emily Zurn

Hymn: “Silent Night” Congregation

- 1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant,
so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**
- 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav’nly hosts sing,
Alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior,
is born!**
- 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of
redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord,
at thy birth.**

Recitation: Kindergarten

Song: “Away in a Manger” Kindergarten

4. WE TOO ARE LIGHTS

Narrator: Quinn Baumbach

Recitation: Grades 3-4

Narrator: Evelyn Muche

Recitation: Grades 5-6

Recitation: Grades 5-6

Narrator: Oliver Ehlke

Recitation: Grades K-8

Narrator: Abigail Khoury

Recitation: Grades 3-4

Song: “Shine, Jesus Shine” Grades 3-4

Narrator: Traeton Hanson

Hymn: “See in Yonder Manger Low” Congregation

1 See in yonder manger low, Born for us on earth below,
See—the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

(Refrain)

Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

4 Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child, By thy face so meek and
mild, Teach us to resemble thee In thy sweet humility.

(Refrain)

(Congregation Stand)

Responsive reading from John chapter 1:

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was with God in the beginning.

Leader: Through him all things were made; without him
nothing was made that has been made.

All: In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: There was a man sent from God whose name was
John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,
so that through him all might believe.

**All: The true light that gives light to everyone was
coming into the world.**

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling
among us.

**All: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only
Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Prayer:

Leader: Shine forth, dear Jesus, Light of the World, on all who walk in darkness. Grant us your grace to be your torchbearers, telling the world of your love. Open the eyes of all to see your light and follow you to eternal glory. We ask this for your love's sake, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction:

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

(Congregation Be Seated)

Song: "Let Me Shine" Grades K-8

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Congregation**

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

(Refrain)

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’ incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! (Refrain)**
- 3 Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. (Refrain)**

Thank you Stephanie Ehlke for serving as our accompanist, Isaac Lundberg for coordinating the livestream, and everyone else whose efforts made this service possible.

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The pastors, staff, and faculty of Redeemer wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Thank you for your good wishes, cards, and gifts.

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 4:00 & 6:00 PM
Christmas Day Lessons & Carols Service 9:00 AM**

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If you wish to give an offering, a box has been set up by the entrance. You may also give online by scanning the QR code or using the Vanco App.

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Silent Night, Holy Night, Text: Franz Mohr, 1792-1848; John F. Young 1820-1885  
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