



Bible Songs of Christmas
The Song of the Angels



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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

Tonight's order of service follows Evening Prayer which begins on page 215 in the hymnal.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshipping family." Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas For Kids Update: Thank you to everyone who volunteered for last Saturday's Christmas for Kids event! We had 32 children attend and learn about their Savior's birth, sing praises, make crafts, play games, and enjoy a movie together.

Teacher Call Meeting: Everyone is invited to stay after the service this evening; we will be having the meeting to extend a call for a fulltime preschool teacher. Childcare will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Preschool Christmas Program: Little Lambs Learning Center will be having their Christmas program tomorrow evening, **Friday, December 19th at 6:00pm**. Everyone is invite! There will be refreshments & fellowship following the program.

Children's Christmas Service: Our Sunday School students will be having their Christmas service this **Sunday, December 21st at 2:00pm**. They have been working hard and are excited to lead the service through songs and narration.

Candlelight Christmas Eve: We will be having a traditional candlelight service on **Wednesday December 24th at 5:00pm**, led by Elder Ryan Bogart. We hope you will be able to come be a part of this special evening!

Christmas Day Service: Our Christmas Day service will be **Thursday December 25th at 9:00am**, led by Elder Ryan Bogart. Please join us as we rejoice in the birth of our King!

Giving Tree for the Women's Care Center: Tomorrow, **Friday, December 19th**, is the final day to bring in items to donate to the Women's Care Center. The *Giving Tree* in the entrance area is decorated with ornaments of items. Please tape the paper ornament to the unwrapped gift & place it in the box by the tree. If you have any questions or would like someone to shop for you, contact Kim Kirkland.

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C: **and the day is almost over.**

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness,
C: **and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

HYMN: O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

CW 780



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love, pour down your
3 Teach us to work with all our might, put Sa - tan's
4 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day, our thoughts as
5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, all praise to



ter - nal bring - ing light, O Light, of light the
ra - diance from a - bove, and shed the Ho - ly
fierce as - saults to flight; turn all to good that
pure as morn - ing ray, our faith like noon - day's
Christ e - ter - nal - ly, whom with the Spir - it



foun - tain - spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
Spir - it's ray on all we think or do to - day.
seems most ill, help us our call - ing to ful - fill.
glow - ing height, our souls un-dimmed by shades of night.
we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM 141

CW 217

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing up
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

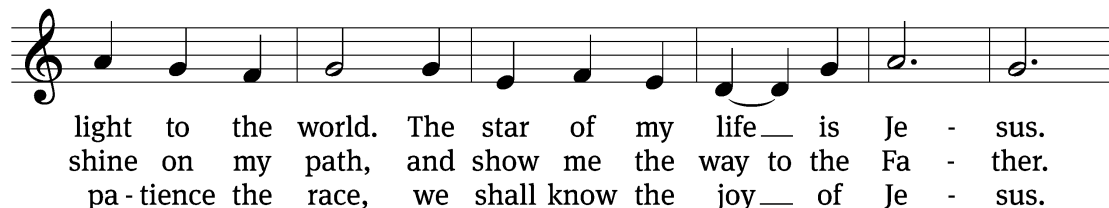
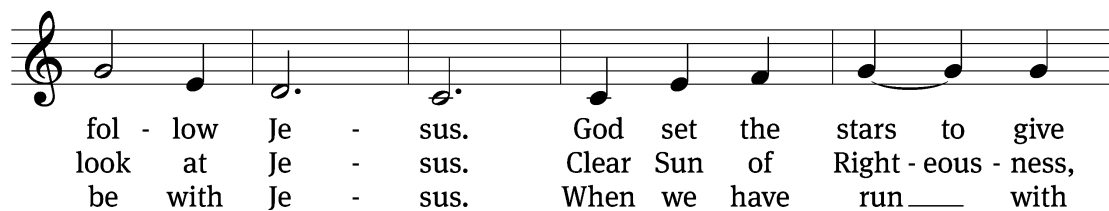
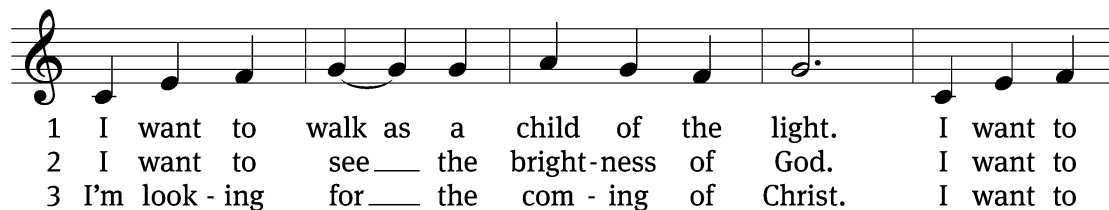
READING

Luke 2:8–14

⁸There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: ¹¹Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



✱ THE MESSAGE ✱

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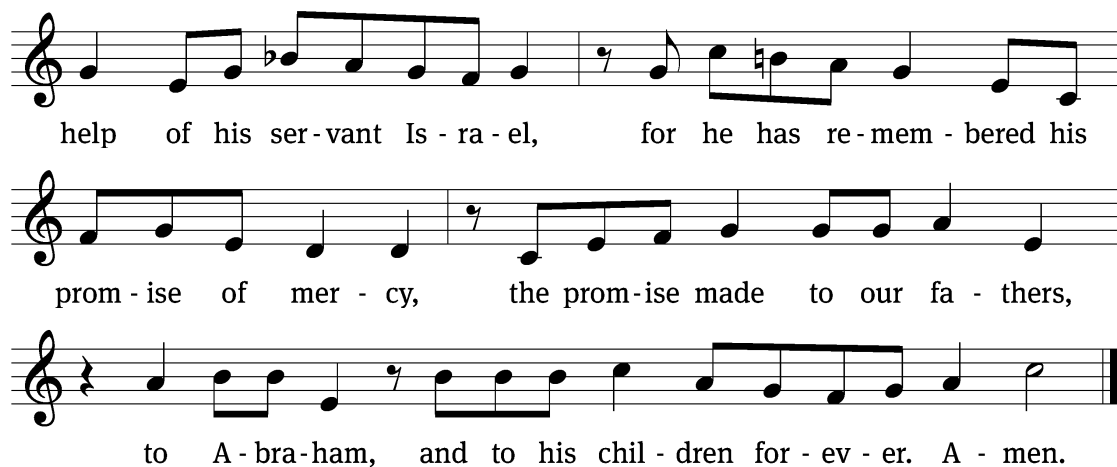
Stand

Song of Mary

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CW 220

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-
joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor
on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions
will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great
things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on
those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
proud in their con-ceit. He has cast down the might-y
from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.
He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich
he has sent a-way emp-ty. He has come to the



Be seated

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

C: **to you, O Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: **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.**

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us praise the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

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

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN: He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813

1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;

when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast.

I could nev-er keep my hold thro' life's fear-ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me fast

(cue notes v. 3)
for my love is of-ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)

Refrain
He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;

for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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Evening Prayer from Christian Worship

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