
ARISE, SHINE

St. Mark's Grades 1-8 Christmas Program

December 16, 2017

Congregation

Hymn

The King Shall Come

LSB 348

Invocation

P Arise, shine in splendor, let night to day surrender; the Light is drawing near.

All: Above the day is beaming, in matchless beauty gleaming; the glory of the Lord is here!

P See earth in darkness lying, as heathen nations dying, cling to the dark of night.

Women: *And yet the Lord of heaven, his hope of light has given with glory, honor, and delight.*

P The world's remotest races upon whose weary faces the sun looks from the sky.

Men: We see their faces weeping as we the light are keeping the light that's from the Lord on high.

P Let us tonight be driven to see the light here given within the stable low.

All: That all may see the glory that shines within this story and beams to all the world below.

Christmas Prayer

P Lord God, our heavenly Father, who so loved our world that you sent your one and only Son to be its Savior, we pray that you would send the light of the Holy Spirit into our hearts that

we gladly accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer. Lead us to rejoice in the light of the good news of great joy. And then, like shepherds, tell others about this Child and the light he brings to a world darkened by sin. Finally, when our time on this earth is ended, bring us all to the light of your heaven where we can join the angels in singing, "Glory to God in the highest!" Lord, let your light shine in us and through us always. Amen.

Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* *LSB 366*

Student Recitations

Part 1: A Light in the Darkness

(Light 1st candle)

Song *(Lower Grades)* *Christmas Candles*

Part 2: A Light in the Stable

(Light 2nd Candle)

The Nativity

Congregation

Hymn *Silent Night* *LSB 363*

Student Recitations

Part 3: A Light over the Fields

(Light 3rd Candle)

Part 4: A Light for the Gentiles

(Light 4th Candle)

Song (*Grades 5-8*) *There's a Song in the Air*

Part 5: Light for the World

(Light 5th Candle)

Song (*All Grades*) *Will You Love the Baby Too?*

Offering

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Special Offering Music

Logan Bartens, Piano

The First Noel
Silent Night

Congregation

Prayer of the Church

P Let us come before our Lord in prayer, asking Him to hear our prayer and grant us joy.

Lord of joy, during this season of Advent, prepare our hearts that we would be made ready to receive Your Son as He comes in His incarnation and birth, but also in His body and blood. Make us ever ready for His final coming on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant us joy.**

P Lord of joy, You have called Your Church to bear witness to Christ's redeeming work. Grant that we boldly proclaim the Good News of the One who brings joy to the world through His

life, death, and resurrection, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us joy.

P Lord of joy, You have instructed us to pray for workers in Your harvest field. Raise up faithful and loving teachers of Your Word so that Christ may be proclaimed near and far. Make us Your instruments to encourage and equip individuals for work in Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us joy.

P Lord of joy, we ask that You stretch forth Your almighty arm to protect the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Support them, granting them courage and loyalty. Strengthen them to serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us joy.

P Lord of joy, You are the creator and sustainer of all things. According to Your will, grant healing to those who suffer in body and mind. Look with favor upon Your servants, [especially . . .], and if it is Your will, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept tribulation, knowing that Your grace is sufficient for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and grant us joy.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

*Please remain seated as each child
receives their gift from the church.*

Merry Christmas
from
St. Mark's Lutheran School
Faculty and Staff



“God’s Love at Christmas”
Schedule of Services
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 17

9:00 am. Third Sunday in Advent

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 pm. “God’s Saving Love Speaks Comfort and Joy”
Choir Concert

Saturday/Sunday, December 23-24

6:00 pm.

⌘ 9:00 am. Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 24

10:30 pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Monday December 25

9:00 am. Christmas Day Worship