

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2019**

## *See What Great Love*

### **A Children's Christmas Service On the Lavish Love of God**

**Congregational Hymn:** 42 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

**Minister:** "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

#### **1. GOD'S LOVE AT CREATION**

**Duet:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**PreK song:** "God is so Good"

**Narration and Recitation:**

**Pastor, Children, and Congregation:**

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

**Congregational Hymn:** 2 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

#### **2. GOD'S LOVE WHEN HUMANS SINNED**

**Narration and Recitation:**

**Congregational Hymn:** "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"  
**All mankind fell in Adam's fall;  
one common sin infects us all.  
From one to all the curse descends,  
and over all God's wrath impends.**

**Narration:**

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**Congregation:**

"Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.' So the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.'" (Genesis 3:13)

**Children:**

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15)

**Congregational Hymn:** "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

**But Christ, the second Adam came  
to bear our sin and woe and shame,  
to be our life, our light, our way,  
our only hope, our only stay.**

**Pastor, Children, and Congregation:**

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

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#### **3. GOD'S LOVE IN HIS FAITHFULNESS**

**Duet:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**Narration and Recitation:**

**Congregational Hymn:** 23 “Oh Come, Oh Come, Immanuel”

**Pastor, Children, and Congregation:**

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

**4. GOD’S LOVE IN BETHLEHEM**

**Duet:** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**Narration and Recitation:**

**Song:** 65 “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” stanzas 1-3  
(**Congregation sings v. 4**)

1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.

3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts To human hearts The blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will Receive him still, The dear Christ enters in.

**4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin And enter in ; Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel**

**Narration and Recitation:**

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**Child and Choir Sing:** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Recitation and Narration:**

**Children Sing:** “Away in a Manger”

**Recitation:**

**Pastor, Children, and Congregation:**

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

**Children Sing:** “I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes”

**5. GOD’S LOVE TO ALL**

**Duet:** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**Narration and Recitation:**

**Congregation:**

“It is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.” (Romans 9:8)

**Narration and Recitation:**

**Pastor, Children, and Congregation:**

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

**Choir:** Come Follow That Star

**Offering**

**Congregational Candlelight Hymn:** Silent Night

**Prayers**

**Benediction**

**Congregational Closing Hymn:** 62 “Joy to the World”

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**Serving today:**

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

**Altar Guild:** Betty Henke & Donna Telecky **Elder:** Steve Plamann

**Video:** Mike Heine

**Ushers:** Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff, Nolan Hoff

**Choir:**

Rod Schmeling, Kim Schmeling, Pastor DeVries, Barb DeVries, Lilly DeVries, Mike Heine, Miranda Heine, Brian Gephart, Deb Plamann, Chrissy Forcier, Janel Radunz, Brittany Clark, Lilly Heldt, Scarlet Heldt

**Christmas Day Services**

**Christmas Day**

Zion at 8:45 a.m.

Immanuel at 10 a.m.

**New Year's Eve at Immanuel at 7:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day at Zion at 9 a.m.**

**Upcoming Annual Meetings**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Voter's Meeting/Congregational Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

*Everyone invited to attend.*

**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Merry Christmas  
to you and your families**

**Pre-School:**

Daisy Brehmer

Asher Krajsa

Lily Mackedanz

Tyson Schmeling

Gavin Wersal

*Teachers: Ashley Brehmer, Miranda Heine, Amanda Krajsa*

**Kindergarten**

Kate Black

Alex DeVries

Aubree Mackedanz

Megan Plamann

Brynlie Podratz

*Teacher: Eileen Prieve*

**Grades 1-3**

Kyle Rasmussen

Stella Clark

Joseph DeVries

Bennet Kohls

Ellie Podratz

Cody Black

Emma Hoff

*Teacher: Deb Plamann*

**Grades 4-8**

Samuel DeVries

Aaden Gosse

Makenna Plamann

Avery Kohls

Scarlet Heldt

Natalie Hoff

Madison Plamann

Lily DeVries

Amanda Tews

Lilly Heldt

*Teacher: Cindy Wendorff*

*Music: Chrissy Forcier*



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Gary, Peggy & Mike Brekke	Our Parents and Grandparents
Matt and Sandy Dahl	Our Parents
Steve and Wendy Hellwig	Our Loved Ones in Heaven
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Milan Plath	Our Loved Ones
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