

Key of David

Welcome!

(During the introduction of the hymn the ushers will be lighting the first candle of each row. Those lighting their candles should tip them into the flame of the lit candle. Do not tip the lit candle! Lit candles should be held upright to prevent wax from dripping.)

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN BY CONGREGATION

“Silent Night” (TLH 646)

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. **German Verse**
4. **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.

(Children extinguish candles. Congregational candles remain lit.)

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Cold and Still the Night”

(Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

Cold and still the night, stars were shining bright,
Pouring down their light for the holy Child.
In a manger bed, straw beneath His head,

Born to save us all in a lowly cattle stall.

Cold and still the night, wondrous was the sight,

Radiant the light `round His tiny head.

Shepherds came to see, down on bended knee,

Angels sang their songs of praise and joy.

He is born, Emmanuel! Let us sing a glad Noel!

King of all creation, born for us that cold still night.

Cold and still the night, stars were shining bright,

For the Child, for the holy Child

In a manger bed, straw beneath His head,

Born in a lowly cattle stall. Born for us that cold still night.

Pastor: On that still, quiet night a child was born in a lowly cattle stall. The tiny baby, whose birth was announced by angels, would be worshiped and adored. This child would be known as:

K-1: Jesus

Gr. 2-3: Savior

Gr. 4-5: Emmanuel

Gr. 6: Prince of Peace

Gr. 7-8: Anointed One

All: Key of David

Isaiah, the prophet, alludes to this last name in chapter 22, verse 22, “The key of the house of David. I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one shall open.”

The child born that night would be the long-awaited Key; who would unlock salvation for all people.

Congregational candles may be extinguished. Please cup hand behind flame when blowing out. Continue to hold the candle upright while wax hardens.)

Part One: The Locking of the Door

Group 1:

Key of David was His Name,

To this earth my Jesus came.

Of a key what use have we?

Is there a lock we cannot see?

Debbie: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.” (Genesis 1:1, 31a)

Katelyn: The world was created perfect. Adam and Eve were created in the image of God in pure holiness, and righteousness.

Gunny: This perfect world was suddenly shattered by Adam and Eve’s disobedience of God’s command. They ate from the forbidden tree in the middle of the garden.

Tyler: Mankind fell into sin. Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden and barred from the presence of God. With this sin came death. From that day on, all men are

born in sin.

Destinee: “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.” (Psalm 51:5)

Cody: All mankind fell in Adam’s fall. All people are held bondage to sin and locked away from the presence of God.

Austin: “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.” Rom 5:12)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” (TLH 369)

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam’s fall,
One common sin infects us all;
From sire to sone the bane descends,
And over all the curse impends.**

- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow tho’ts and deeds of sin alone;
God’s image lost, the darkened soul
Nor seeks nor finds its heav’nly goal.**

Part Two: The Promise of a Key

Group 2:

God in heaven hear our prayer;
Your love’s so great you still must care.
To hear a promise is all we need,
To know from sin we shall be free.

Noah: God still did love His creation and in the Garden of Eden revealed this love through a promise. God promised to Adam and Eve a Savior, who would come to release them from their bondage to sin.

Ryan: “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

HYMN BY THE CHILDREN (Gr. 1-8): “God Loves Me Dearly” (WS 709)

1. God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

REFRAIN: Therefore I’ll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

2. I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness
God’s love was working to make me free. REFRAIN

Janice: God continued to renew His promise of a Savior from generation to generation.

To Abraham--“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 22:18)

Shelby: To Jacob—“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes.” (Genesis 49:10)

Becca: To Moses--“The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.” (Deuteronomy 18:15)

Abi: To Isaiah—“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Natalie: To Micah—“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

Lauren: To Jeremiah—“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.” (Jeremiah 23:5)

HYMN BY CONGREGATION AND CHILDREN:

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel” (TLH 62)

CHILDREN ONLY (K-5):

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

CONGREGATION SINGS

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

2. **Oh, come Thou rod of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And bring them vict’ry o’er the grave. REFRAIN**
3. **Oh, 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**

CHILDREN ONLY (K-8):

4. Oh, 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** - Cong. Sings

Part Three: The Coming of the Key

Group 3:

O, Bethlehem, you quiet town,
The home of David’s royal crown.

Could this tiny baby be,
The long, awaited promised key?

Christian: God's promise was to be fulfilled in the quiet city of David, Bethlehem. Here we see the coming of Christ, the Key.

HYMN BY CONGREGATION:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (TLH 647)

**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 darkness shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

Gr. 1-8: Luke Chapter 2

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

SONG BY CHILDREN (K-8): “There Was No Room” (Mary Dorn Lippert)

1. They tried to find a place to stay,
But at the door, were turned away.
For God's own Son,
Who had come to take away all sin,
There was no room.
There was no room.
There was no room in the inn.
2. If He should knock upon your door,
Would it be like it was before,
When for the One who had come to take away all sin,
There was no room.

There was no room.
There was no room in the inn.

Gr. 1-8: Luke Chapter 2: “And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”

HYMN BY CHILDREN (PreK-8): “Away in a Manger” (PS 186)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Gr. 1-8 Luke Chapter 2 “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

“And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.’

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,”

HYMN BY GIRLS’ CHOIR (Gr. 1-8: Girls): “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (TLH 94)

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

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

Gr. 1-8 Luke Chapter 2 “And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, ‘Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.’”

HYMN BY BOYS’ CHOIR (Gr. 1-8: Boys): “Angels From the Realms of Glory” (TLH 136)

Shepherd, in the fields abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light;
Come and worship, Come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Gr. 1-8 Luke Chapter 2 “And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those thing which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.” (Luke 2:16-20)

Colton: The Key of David had come, born in a lowly manger stall. This small babe would unlock to all people the way of salvation.

SONG BY CHILDREN (PreK - 2): “In A Little Stable” (CCSC 12)

1. In a little stable Far across the sea
Was a little Baby Just like you and me.
2. Not a bed or cradle. Not a pillow deep.
But a lowly manger Was His place to sleep.
3. Shepherd stood around Him, Angels watched with care,
For this Babe was Jesus, Lying smiling there.
4. Oh, I love this Jesus, Who was little then,
For He surely loves me, little though I am.

Part Four: The Key In Our Lives

Group 4:

This promised Key fulfilled the plan,
Obtained salvation for every man.
Unbarred, unlocked and set us free.
So we can live eternally.

Ben: “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

HYMN BY CHOIR: “The Manger Hold the Lamb” (Mary Dorn Lippert)

Behold the humble manger, where the baby rests His head.
It will soon become the altar, where His gentle heart is bled.
For the manger holds the lamb, on whose heart our sins are laid.
And the lamb becomes the sacrifice for the sheep who all have strayed.
Tho’ the baby now is sleeping in the comfort of His bed,
Soon His eyelids will be closing on the cross of death, instead.
For the manger holds the lamb on whose heart our sins are laid.
And the lamb becomes the sacrifice for the sheep who all have strayed.
Do not weep and do not mourn the loss of your sins that caused Him pain.
For beyond the manger and the cross, He has risen up to reign!
Greater truth was never told, nor achievement ever won.
Greater love was never shown to us than this deed that God has done!

Kirby: The Holy Spirit has created faith in our hearts through baptism and God’s Word. By faith, Christ’s fulfillment has become our fulfillment. The way of salvation has been unlocked to all believers.

PASTOR: We will now rise and join in confessing this faith in the words of Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed.

CONGREGATION: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

MESSAGE BY PASTOR

Part Five: Spreading The Message

PreK-8:

My heart is filled with joy and gladness,
Christ has removed all sin and sadness.

By us God spreads the message of the Key,
So all may live eternally.

SONG BY CHILDREN (PreK-8): “God Will Save” (Mary Dorn Lippert)

God has loved you with an everlasting love;
Long before you were created, it was there.
So He gives this promise just for you, And for all your children, too.
He will clothe you in his perfect righteousness;
He will show you just how very much He cares!
On your own, you can't come to Him,
So He comes to you. God will save!

For God so loved the world that He gave
His one and only Son,
That whoever believes in Him,
Shall not perish, but have eternal life!

PreK-8: The message of the Key is for all people. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) Let us proclaim this message to the world.

PreK-3:

A little child though I be,
The path to heaven I clearly see.

This fills my heart with joy inside,
To know that Christ will be my guide.

I want to let this message out,
And from the highest mountain shout.

A little child though I be,
Will you not share this task with me?

HYMN BY CONGREGATION AND CHILDREN:
“Go Tell It On The Mountain” (WS 706)

REFRAIN:

**Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

Down in a lowly manger

The humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation

That blessed Christmas morn. REFRAIN

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

During the offering the children sing: **“Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel”**

(Grades 5-8)

PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Congregation and Children recite responsively

Congregation: Our Father Who art in heaven

Children: “When the fullness of time had come God sent forth His Son... that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Hallowed be Thy name

“You shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”

Thy Kingdom come

“For I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.”

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

“Behold the handmaid of the LORD! Let it be to me according to Your Word.”

Give us this day our daily bread

“He has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things.”

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

And lead us not into temptation

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light.”

But deliver us from evil

“For this purpose the Son of Man was manifested, that He might

destroy the works of the devil.”

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN BY CONGREGATION AND CHILDREN:

“Joy To The World” (TLH 87)

1. **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, ...**
2. **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, ...**
3. **No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessing flow
Far as the curse is found, ...**
4. **He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, ...**

(The candles may be placed in the collection box as you exit the sanctuary.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL who are present this evening. May the joy of the Good News of our Savior’s birth remain in your hearts and lives throughout the coming new year.

THANK YOU: to our children this evening for bringing to us the "Key of David" - the Good News of God's great gift to all of mankind, His Son, our LIGHT, Jesus Christ.

YOU ARE INVITED to continue your Christmas worship with us tomorrow in our **Christmas Song Service** at 10:00 a.m.

TONIGHT'S PARTICIPANTS

Pre-School: Hunter Goldapske, Carissa Loberger, Salome Seibel **Kindergarten:** Kevin Kern, Katelyn Moodie, Senja Sippert, Brett Sabel

First Grade: Kaden Goldapske, Maria King, Brady Loberger, Eric Moodie

Second Grade: Makenzie Gibson, Gosaye Selgrad

Third Grade: Emma Kottke, Reign Lueck, Christy Sabel, Jory Smith

Fourth Grade: Makayla Curtis, Dakota Goldapske, Erica Powell

Fifth Grade: Kirby Gibson, Austin Heider, Cody Hunt, Noah Lueck, Ben Naumann, Ryan Sabel, Gunnard Sippert, Destinee Smith

Sixth Grade: Debi Bernthal, Christian Heider, Colton Hunt, Tyler Kern

Seventh Grade: Becca Naumann, Janice Schwersinske

Eighth Grade: Abi Bernthal, Lauren Kottke, Natalie Mueller, Stuart Powell, Shelby Sabel

Director: Anita Meyer

Organist: Rhoda Eserhut

Pianist: Anita Meyer

Flute: Amy Osborne

Violin: Susan Moodie

Pastor: David Naumann

We thank all the parents and also the Sunday School Teachers for their time and efforts helping the children with their parts.