



## ARISE, SHINE

“The true light, which gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world.” John 1:9

December 20, 2017

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – West Allis, WI

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### Pre-Service Music

*Band:* Hark, the Herald  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
All is Calm Arr. Robert W Smith  
Good King Wenceslas  
Olde English Christmas Arr. John O'Reilly

*Recorders:* 3rd Recorder: Joyous Prelude  
4th Recorder: Saga of the Three Ships

(Rise)

**Pastor:** 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!**

**Pastor:** 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.

**Pastor:** 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.

**Pastor:** 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

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.

(Be seated)

### Grades 5-8 Song “Light of the World” Coleman

Hymn

The King Shall Come

LSB 348

The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.

The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

### Introduction to the Light

Grades 5-8 Readers

#### Part 1: A Light in the Darkness

(Light candle #1)

Grades 5-8 Readers

**Grades K-8 Song      Come Light of the World – Page**

**Hymn                      The People That in Darkness Sat                      LSB 412**

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow'r in earth and heav'n,  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

**Grades 5-8 Readers**

**Grades 5-8 Song Will You Be Ready for the Light?**

**Hymn                      Joyous Light of Wondrous Glory (tune: Jefferson)**

Joyous light of wondrous glory: Jesus, Lord of time and space.  
From eternity our story has been authored by your grace  
As the evening shadows lengthen We shout praises to your throne  
Son of God, our lives are strengthened by your song of love now known.

Blest are You, O Lord and Master, King of all the universe  
You led Israel through disaster, by both cloud and fire traversed.  
Now enlighten our dark pathways with the radiance of Your Son.  
May His Word blaze in us always, causing us to shine as one.

**Part 2: A Light in the Stable**

(Light candle #2)

**Grades 5-8 Readers**

**Grades 3K & 4K**

**Grades 3K & 4K Song      Born is Baby Jesus (A Child's Word p 18-19)**

**Hymn                      Savior of the Nations Come                      verses 1, 2, 6 & 7 LSB 332**

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh-Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

**Part 3: A Light over the Fields**

(Light candle #3)

**Grades 5-8 Readers**

**Hymn                      O Little Town of Bethlehem                      verses 1 & 2 LSB 361**

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.

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!

**Grades 3K-8 Song      Bright Shining Star**

**Hymn                      O Little Town of Bethlehem verses 3 & 4                      LSB 361**

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.

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;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

**Part 4: A Light for the Gentiles**

(Light candle #4)

**Grades 2–4 Readers**

**Grades 2–4 Song Come, Ye People of Every Nation**

**Instrumental Solos** Carolyn Baars & Ashley Matusewic

**Offering – Grades 5-8 Handbell Choir** O Come Little Children

**Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 1 & 3 LSB 411**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.  
I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**Part 5: Light for the World**

(Light candle #5)

**Grades Kindergarten – 1 Readers**

**Grades K-1 Song** The True Light – Angela Naeve

**Hymn**

**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

**LSB 379**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:

**Refrain** O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God In the highest: **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, To Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

**Pastor:** Now we have seen the light that God gave to us. It's a light that shows the way to heaven. We are the keepers of this light and we want to let it shine for everyone to see.

**Grades Kindergarten-8 Readers**

**Benediction**

**Grades Kindergarten-8 Song - Celebrate the Child**

**Postlude**

**Worship Leader**

**Pastor Stanton**

**Acolyte**

**Emma Harper**

**Organist**

**Michelle Prince**

**Band Director**

**Anne Widener**

## **Worship With Us This Christmas**

### **Fourth Sunday In Advent**

December 23 5:00pm

December 24 9:00am

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

4:00 & 6:00pm

### **Candlelight Service With Holy Communion**

11:00pm

### **Christmas Day**

9:00am

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### **First Sunday After Christmas**

December 30 at 5:00pm

December 31 at 9:00am

### **New Years Eve**

December 31 at 6:00pm