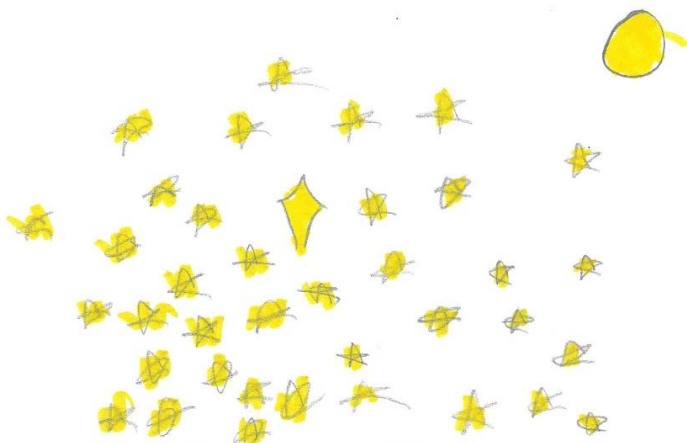
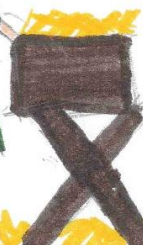


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# A NIGHT LIKE NO OTHER

## CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30PM

### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONOVER, NC

#### PRELUDE

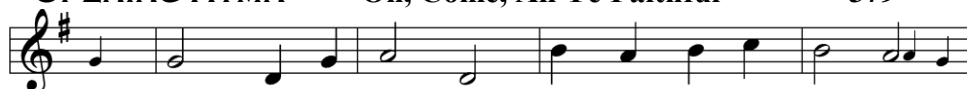
#### WELCOME

*We stand.*

#### OPENING HYMN

#### “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

#### *Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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## **INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts to worship now. Fill us with joy as we celebrate that night like no other – the night Jesus, our Savior, was born. Help us always treasure Your great love and share Your love with others.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

### **A TIME LIKE NO OTHER**

When God decided to create  
Our world and all we see;  
That time was like no other time  
In all eternity.

### **God creates the World**

### **A DAY LIKE NO OTHER**

That day was like no other day  
When God's first people sinned,  
The devil cheered to see the sight.  
Creation wept within.

### **Sin Enters the World**

### **PROMISE LIKE NO OTHER**

God loved His people, so He made  
A promise sure and true.  
"I'll send a Savior to the earth  
And He will rescue you!"

### **The Promise of a Savior**

## HYMN

## "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

357

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
by Thy draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## AN ANNOUNCEMENT LIKE NO OTHER

## The Savior Will Be Born

The news was like no other news:  
The couple had been told  
That they would have a baby boy:  
The Savior, long-foretold.

## A NIGHT LIKE NO OTHER

## Jesus is Born!

Mary and Joseph traveled then  
As they were told to do.  
In Bethlehem, the Savior dear  
Was born for me and you.

## CHILDREN'S SONG

"In A Little Stable"

### NEWS LIKE NO OTHER

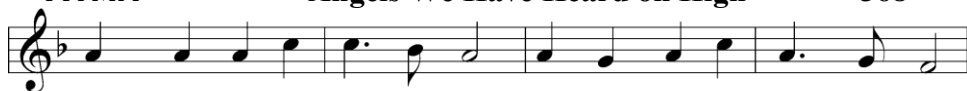
#### Angels Tell Shepherds the Good News

The night was like no other night  
For shepherds and their sheep.  
The sky turned bright! An angel came  
And woke them from their sleep.

### HYMN

#### "Angels We Have Heard on High"

368



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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### A GIFT LIKE NO OTHER

#### Jesus is the Savior of the World

The special gift that God had sent  
Was meant for everyone,  
For God would rescue us from sin

By sending us His Son.

*We stand.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P In the silence of this moment, let us prepare ourselves, and  
confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Holy and gracious God,

**C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my  
sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I  
am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name  
of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me  
that I may rest in peace.**

P In the silence of this night, by the mercy of God, we are  
redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest  
now in His peace and joy.

**C Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*We sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

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**A LOVE LIKE NO OTHER****God Loves You and Me**

That night was like no other night!  
God wants the world to know  
The Savior came for you and me,  
Because He loves us so.

**CHILDREN'S SONG**

“Jesus Loves Me”

**A MESSAGE LIKE NO OTHER    God Helps Us Share His Love**

God's message is for everyone:  
The Savior came! It's true!  
Now we can share this awesome truth  
Around the whole world, too!

**FINGERPLAY**

“Little Baby Jesus”

**CHILDREN'S SONG**

“One Night in Bethlehem”

**CLOSING PRAYER**

P Dear Lord Jesus, help us tell the world about the first Christmas –  
a night like no other – when You came to earth to save us from  
sin and death. Fill our hearts with joy – a joy like no other – all  
because of you!

**C Amen.**

*The Pastor gives light to the ushers, they in turn give light  
to the first worshipper in each pew, who passes it on.  
(please tip only your unlit candle to receive the flame.)*

**CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN    “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!**

*Raise candle:* **CHRIST, THE SAVIOR, IS BORN!  
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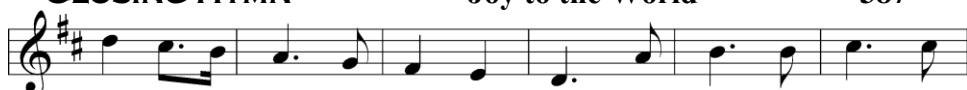
**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

### **"Joy to the World"**

**387**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



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## POSTLUDE