

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Hazen, North Dakota
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Rev. Kirk Peters**



This Is My Son

A Christmas Eve Service for Children

Processional Hymn: “O Come, Little Children” *My First Hymnal*, p. 48

Congregation:

**O come, little children, O come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy, and Delight.**

**He’s born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly child.**

Children:

See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud alleluias above.

Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

P What great love the Father has given to us,

C That we should be called children of God!

P He sent His Son to save us from death,

C That we should be called children of God!

P Jesus was born to take our place,

C That we should be called children of God!

P His work on the cross gives us new life;

C And we are called children of God!

The Christmas Meditation –

All children in the congregation are invited to come to the front to listen with the Sunday school children.

Offering ~ ~ drop your offering in the box in the narthex, mail it, use the link on the church website or the Vanco app. (If you still have the Give+ app please update to the new Vanco app.) ~ ~

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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In This Precious Baby Boy

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Lisa M. Clark

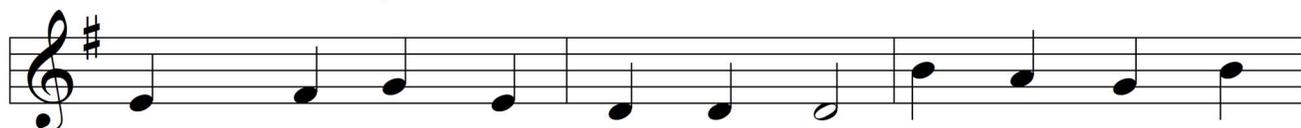
Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872



1 In this pre - cious ba - by boy, We are giv - en
 2 God's own chil - dren, we have strayed, Con - stant - ly have
 3 Through this ba - by in the hay, God has giv - en



peace and joy. By the Spir - it, hope is won—
 dis - o - beyed In the gar - den, in the sand,
 us the Way To in - her - it life a - bove,



Mar - y bore the Fa - ther's Son. Son of God and
 Through the riv - er, in the Land. But the Child who
 Res - cued by His per - fect love. In this Child, we



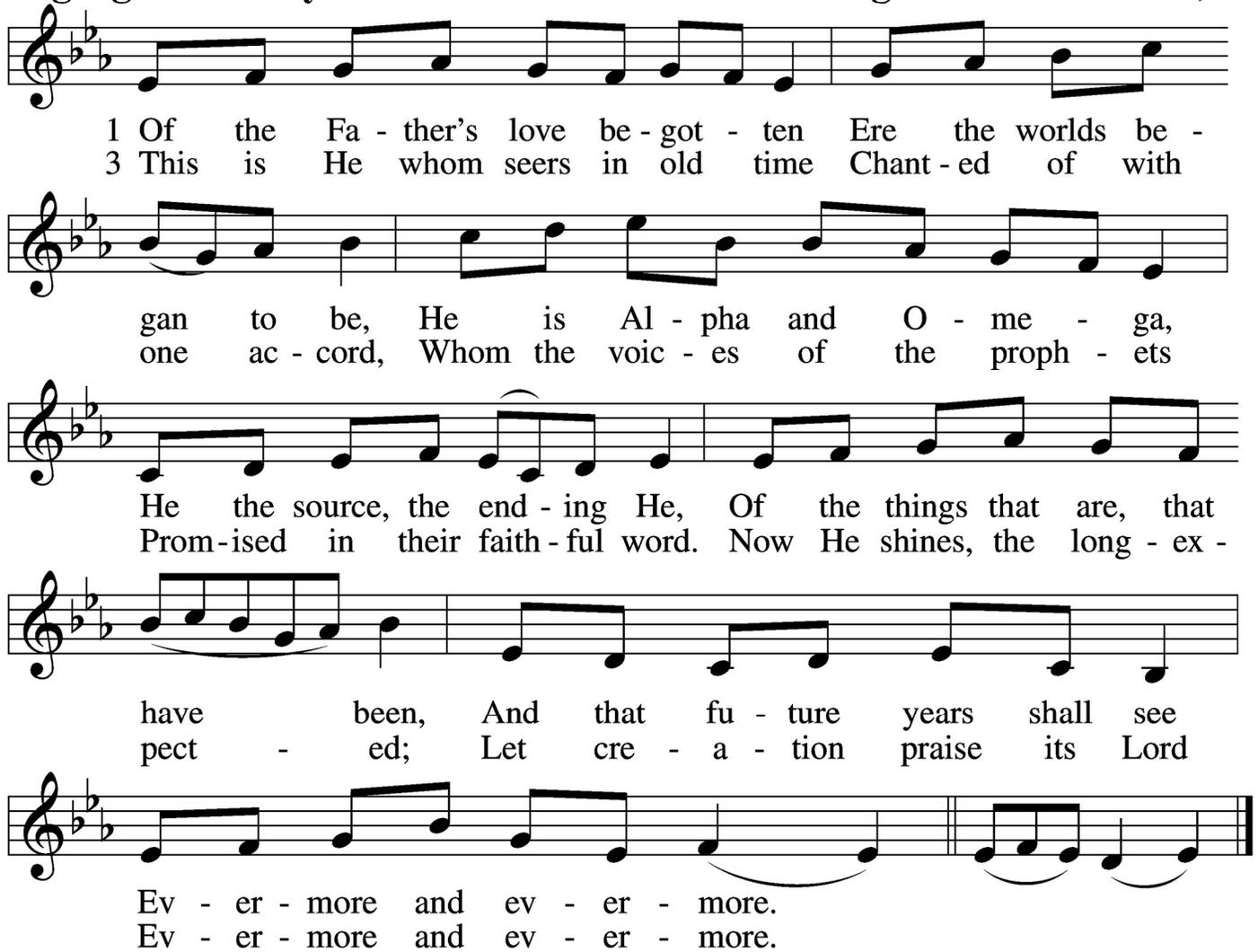
Son of Man: He ful - fills the ho - ly plan.
 takes our place Bears the cross to earn us grace.
 all may be Chil - dren of e - ter - ni - ty.

The Message Presented by the Children and Teachers

The Son in the Manger

Introduction to the Theme and Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1

Congregational Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *LSB* 384:1, 3



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

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Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:26–33

Children’s Hymn: “God Loves Me Dearly” *LSB* 392:1, 3

The Son and the Cross

Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:8–13; Galatians 4:4–7

Congregational Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357:1*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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The Son in Our Hearts

Scripture Readings: Luke 2:1–20

Congregation Hymn: “Away in a Manger”

LSB 364

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Reading

P For to us a child is born,

C To us a Son is given;

P And the government shall be upon His shoulder

C And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Prayer

P We pray:

C Father in heaven, thank You for Your great love for us. Forgive us for the many times we disobey and stray from You. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay for our sins so that through faith in Him, we can live as Your children forever. In His name we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

P Joy to the world, the Son of God, our Savior, has come! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Silent Night

LSB 363

Children stanza 1 in German:

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar
Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Children stanza 1 in English:

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 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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The children will remain in the nativity scene for photos.
 Thank you for coming.

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