

## A TIME FOR HOPE

### **Opening Hymn      O Come Little Children**

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.

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 hallelujahs 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.

### **Opening Sentences**

P: Jesus is the Light of the World

**C: The light no darkness can overcome**

P: Stay with us Lord for its evening

**C: And the day is almost over**

P: Let your light scatter the darkness

**C: And illumine Your church**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

#### **Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and

encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

### **Sermon Hymn**

### **What Child Is This**

**LSB 370**

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

**Sermon**

**At Time For Hope**

**Romans 15:4-13**

## Offering

### Prayers –

P: Bless us as we hope for You.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Make us bold in our witness as we hope for You.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Continue to encourage us with your word and strengthen us with your sacrament as we hope for You.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Watch over all those who continue to fight for freedom in faraway places as we hope for You.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Guide and protect heal all those who are sick or suffering as we hope for You.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus**

P: Finally, touch us daily with your love as we hope for You.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus come quickly, Amen**

### Lord's Prayer –

### Blessing

**Closing Hymn    Savior of the Nations Come    LSB 332**  
V. 1-3, 7

1 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.

2 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.

3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

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

# Wrinkled Wrappings

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