

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
"What Child Is This?"
DECEMBER 16, 2018

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Lilli Wernsing – "Away In A Manger"

Avery & Kylie Bohnhoff – "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Cailin Ohnesorge – "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

Kylie Pryor – "Joy To The World"

Aleece Lotz – "Angels We Have Heard On High" and
"Good King Wenceslas"

Kateleigh Zeigler – "Greensleeves"

(PLEASE RISE)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen

(YOU MAY BE SEATED)

Narrator:

Today we are glad that you joined us to hear the Christmas Story from parts of Luke Chapters 1 & 2 and also Matthew Chapter 1:18 – 25. We are going to answer the question of the title of this year's Christmas program "What Child Is This?"

Congregation sings

PROCESSIONAL HYMN..... “O Come Little Children”

(Children will enter the church)

Violinists (Coralin & Cailin Ohnesorge)

**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 were 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.**

Narrator:

Our first scene is Angel Gabriel talking to the virgin Mary.

“Mary Did You Know” (Aleece Lotz and Josie Fritz)

Narrator:

In Matthew Chapter 1 verse 23: The Lord told Joseph

Hidden voice: “Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Emmanuel which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Narrator:

Would you please join with us singing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel?”

Congregation: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

Narrator:

In Luke Chapter 2 verses 1 and 4: Caesar Augustus decided to tax everyone. So Joseph and Mary went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.

Children: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Narrator:

In Luke Chapter 2 verse 7: There was a slight problem when Joseph and Mary entered into Bethlehem. Mary was almost ready to have the baby and listen what happened in Bethlehem.

Children:

“No Room Here” “No Room Here” “No Room Here”

Narrator:

And Mary had her baby boy. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger.

“What Child Is This?” Solo: (Emmerson Hansen)

Narrator:

And this night was a joyous night but a very silent and holy night.

HYMN “Silent Night” [LSB 363]

Children & Solo: (Kiersten Baker)
(Cailin & Coraline Ohnesorge—violinists)

Narrator:

In Luke Chapter 2 verse 8: And there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night

Children: “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

“O Holy Night” – Solo (Makenna Duckwitz)

Narrator:

In Luke Chapter 2 verses 9 -12: Angels came to the shepherds and they were afraid. They told the shepherds “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.”

Narrator:

In Luke Chapter 2 verse 13: The multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (Host of Angels and Chorus by Children)

Narrator:

In Matthew 2 verses 1, 3, 9 – 11: During the birth of Jesus, Herod was the king of the land. He heard of the newborn baby and he was worried. He spoke with the wise men for them to find Baby Jesus and then to come back and tell him where the Baby Jesus could be found.

Congregation Sings

HYMN “We Three Kings Of Orient Are”

**We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.**

Narrator:

Now is the time for us to bring our gifts to the baby Jesus. The ushers will take up a collection and also collect cards showing your attendance here at our Christmas Program at St. John’s Lutheran Church

Offering and Collection of Cards

“Hallelujah” (Makenna Duckwitz—piano)

Children (Praying): Would you please pray with us?

Dear Heavenly Father, We want to thank You this day for the joy of Christmas, spending time with family, and our many blessings. But most of all, we thank You for coming to earth as a Baby to take away all of our sins. And now we pray together the prayer You taught us - **Our Father who art in heaven....**

Narrator:

The wise men did not return to Herod. They went home a different way. And as of old, we see how people rejoiced and celebrated the birth of Jesus. Now it is our turn to celebrate Jesus’ birthday as well.

Children: playing *“Happy Birthday To You”* on Bells

(Jenna Bohnhoff, Cloie Bailey, Ava Wernsing, Graham Wendling, Eli Wendling, Jesse Davies, Mackenzie Stuemke, Madison Stuemke, Kennedy Bailey, Maddux Wyckoff, Gage Wernsing, Hank Sipe, and Luke Sipe)

Duet: *“Happy Birthday Jesus”* (Coralin & Cailin Ohnesorge and Children)

Narrator:

We hope you have enjoyed our presentation of the birth of baby Jesus. But wait!!! Kids “What Child Is This?”

**Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace**

Narrator:

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Clap and bow)

Narrator:

Let the children exit first. Please dismiss yourselves a row at a time starting at the front for a meet and greet in the gym for all of these talented students who helped us realize the real importance of the Christmas season which is “JESUS”. Join with us as we sing “Joy To The World”

Congregation Sings

HYMN “Joy To The World” [LSB 387]

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare him room

And heaven and nature sing.

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

**Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

Special Thanks to:

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