

# Jesus' Birthday Party

♥ HAPPY ✚  
BIRTHDAY  
✚ JESUS! ♥



Saint Paul's Lutheran Church  
Sunday School Christmas Program  
December 16, 2018

## Prelude

### Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LSB 379



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!

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

## Introit

- P** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- C** **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
- P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
- C** **who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**
- P** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

## Collect

- P** Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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## Scene One

*Setting: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is seated with their teacher.*

## Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

## Prayer

- C** **Lord, Jesus Christ, bright morning star, we worship you with praise and thanksgiving. For the light with which you fill the earth, for the direction you give for us to follow, for the truth on which we stand firmly, for the opportunity to shine to others. Bless all our Christmas festivities and fill them with Your presence among us as we celebrate Your birth. You are our Lord! You are our Savior! In Your name we pray. Amen.**

## Offering

**Kids' Choir:** "Christmas Means Jesus"

## Publicity Committee

**Song:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## Decorations Committee

**Song:** "We Three Kings"

Stanza – Sunday School      Refrain – Sunday School & Congregation

**Refrain:** Oh, Star of wonder, Star of Night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

**Song:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## Entertainment Committee



## Hymn: "What Child Is This"

LSB 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

## Setting Up of the Manger Scene

**Song (West Wing):** "In a Little Stable"

## Song: "Away in the Manger"

Stanza 1 – West Wing    Stanza 2 – Sunday School    Stanza 3 – Congregation

3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

## Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

LSB 363

Stanza 1 – Kids' Choir    Stanzas 2 & 3 - Congregation

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

## Special Music: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Elsie Higgins on Cello

## Gift Committee

### Song: "What Can I Give Him"

### Song: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Stanza – Sunday School    Refrain – Sunday School & Congregation

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;  
Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

## Food Committee

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with ✠ you all.
- C** Amen.

### Song: "Happy Birthday Jesus"

Stanzas – Sunday School    Refrain – Sunday School & Congregation

**Refrain:** Happy Birthday Jesus!  
Happy Birthday to the Lord!  
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,  
Happy Birthday to the Lord!

***Today's Sunday School Program "Jesus' Birthday Party" was adapted from Carol Emmans' original script from 2000.***

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**Join us as we Celebrate Christmas!**

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

*featuring Ovation Strings*

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

**Christmas from**



**to**



**Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 am**