



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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COVER IMAGE

#1 Nativity

Presented by St. Paul's Youth, 1971

At the top of the window, the star and the rays flow down from heaven to the crib of Jesus. The Chi-Rho ($\chi\rho$) represents Christ, and to the left, His mother, Mary. The crown with the halo represents Christ, the King. Below the crib are the gifts presented by the Magi.

Sunday School Program
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10:30AM



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NEW SHAR



Prelude

Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

LSB 366



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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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.

Homily

New Star – A Traditional Christmas Story

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Hymn: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

LSB 356

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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The Visitation

Hymn: "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

LSB 383

1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
Refrain
Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be
glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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Gabriel visits Joseph

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
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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The Census

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LSB 361



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

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Bethlehem

Song: "Away in the Manger"

The New Star

Song: "New Star"

The Announcement to the Shepherds

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

LSB 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?



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?



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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The Good News

Song: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

The Three Kings

Song: "We Three Kings"

Stanza 1 & 1st Refrain – Sunday School Only

Stanza 2 & 3 – Congregation

Refrain: O, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship, God most high. *Refrain*

3. Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. *Refrain*

Epiphany

Hymn: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LSB 374



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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And Now the Rest of the Story

Song: "Reprise of New Star"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **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.**

Offering "Run, Shepherds, Run!" Kids Choir

"Silent Night" Elsie Higgins - Cello

Post Offering Prayer

G **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.**

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

G **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!

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