

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday School
Presents

A
Christmas
TO
Believe
IN



 **ST. PAUL'S**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 18, 2022 @ 10am

387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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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

Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P** When all was still, and it was midnight, your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.
C Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed.
C He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
P Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
C "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

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 When all was still, and it was midnight, your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Thy Spirit.

P Let us pray: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



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!



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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P Thank you, heavenly Father, for gathering us today. We've come to celebrate the miracle of your grace and love—a love so great that you sent your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior! Lead us to a sense of wonder and awe as we recall the miracles of the first Christmas, and help us want to share the Good News of Christ's birth with everyone.

The True Meaning of Christmas

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

verses 1 & 2 kids only; congregation will join us the Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

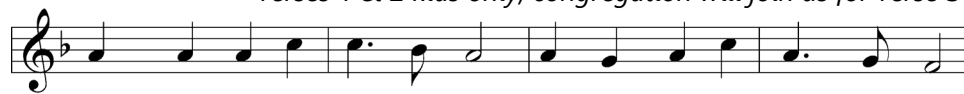
Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

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A Very Special Lady

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

verses 1 & 2 kids only; congregation will join us for verse 3



3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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Just a Simple Man

Carol: I Believe in Christmas

Lyrics and Music by Pastor Lee Martin
Kids only

*I believe in Christmas
I believe in Jesus
I believe the story is true
I believe forgiveness came down to us from heaven
I believe in Christmas
Do you?*

A Humble Journey

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verses 1-2 kids only; congregation will join us for verse 3

3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

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Sharing the Good News

365 Away in a Manger

verse 1 West Wing Kids only; verse 3 congregation and big kids will join

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.

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From Afar

Carol: I Believe in Christmas

Lyrics and Music by Pastor Lee Martin
Kids and congregation

I believe in Christmas
I believe in Jesus
I believe the story is true
I believe forgiveness came down to us from heaven
I believe in Christmas
Do you?

We Believe in Christmas

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

verses 1-2 kids only; congregation will join us for verse 3



3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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- P** Boys and Girls I feel like we forgot something. Wait a second, we haven't sung "Happy Birthday Jesus" yet. It just isn't a St. Paul's Christmas Program without "Happy Birthday Jesus". Will you start it for us?

Carol: Happy Birthday Jesus

verse Kids only; congregation & Kids for the Refrain

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

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

Clarinet Solo: Angels We Have Heard on High

Clara Higgins

Prayer of the Church

Petitions ending in...

- P** let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

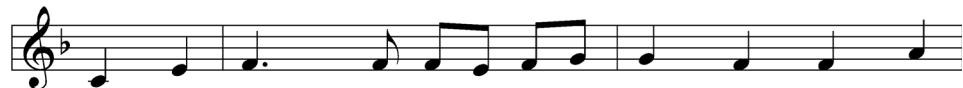
- L** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

- P** We pray together.
C Lord, Jesus Christ, 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.
C Amen.

Announcements

376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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*Thank you so much for coming to our Christmas Program.
Our Sunday School students have worked extremely hard to
memorize their parts so they can tell the most beautiful story,
The Birth of Jesus.*

Thank you to everyone who lent their time and talents to help us put together this program. We couldn't have done it without you.

*All of our AMAZING Sunday School Teachers for sharing their TERRIFIC talents.

*Esther Burns for her AWESOME accompaniment.

*Pastor Burns for his guidance and support.

*Steve Gamache for creating the AWESOME picture/logo for our Christmas Program.

*The Alumni Sunday School Parents for putting together a GREAT meal for us to enjoy after the program.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to all of our AMAZING Sunday School Kids for sharing the Christmas Story with everyone!

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Join us:

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022 4:00p

Christmas Day Communion Service

Sunday, December 25, 2022 10:00a

No Bible Study or Sunday School

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 1, 2022 10:00a

No Bible Study or Sunday School

The Epiphany of Our Lord Communion Service

Friday, January 6, 2022 7:00p



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