

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Church)

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Children's Service

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***Please refrain from taking pictures during the worship service.***

***Thank you!***

**Pre-service Music:** St. John's piano students. The piano students have worked hard on their pieces. Please support them with your quiet attentiveness as they set the tone for our worship.

**We Sing of His Glory**

**Service Note:** In our worship tonight we will be using a "processional cross" at the start and end of the service. The processional cross pictures Jesus leading us into the presence of God (Jesus says in John 14:6 – "No one comes to the Father except through Me"). We follow the processional cross out at the end of the service to picture that we follow Jesus out into the world to live for and serve Him (in other words, we don't leave Jesus in church as we go on with our lives). May this use of the processional cross help us all to see that our lives are to always be centered on our crucified and risen Savior!

**Processional:** *Please stand.*

**M.** Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

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

**M:** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

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

**M:** Be our light and scatter the darkness,

**C:** And hear our evening hymn of praise.

**Hymn:** "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" #34.

*Stand*

**Invocation:**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Prayer:**

**M:** Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold Him in all His glory in the life to come; through Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**Psalm 96,** page 102 in the hymnal.

**Hymn:** Congregation and Children – "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We" (Children K4-Grade 2 - v.1; Congregation - vv. 2-4) #46.

**Part 1: Jesus Is Born**

**Recitation:** Grades 3-5.

**Theme Song:** "Sing Glory, Glory!"  
(Children K4-Grade 8 - v.1; Congregation - Refrain)

**Congregation and Children**

*Refrain:*

Sing glory, glory!

Sing glory, glory! Sing glory, glory!

God's Son has come to us.

**Narration:** Brianna Minnema, Kaitlyn Wellnitz and Mackenzie Quirk.

**Recitation:** Grades 6-8.

**Song:** Jr. Choir - "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

**Song:** K4-Grade 5 – "Away in a Manger"

**Part 2: His Birth Is Announced to the Shepherds**

**Recitation:** Grades 1-2

**Theme Song:** "Sing Glory, Glory!"  
(Children K4-Grade 8 - v.2; Congregation - Refrain)

**Congregation and Children**

*Refrain:*

Sing glory, glory!

Sing glory, glory! Sing glory, glory!

God's Son has come to us.

**Narration:** Devin Zimmerman, Olivia Theander and Melanie Kok.

**Recitation:** Grades 6-8.

**Hymn:** Congregation - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

#61.

**Part 3: The Angels Sing of Jesus' Glory**

**Recitation:** K4-K5

**Theme Song:** "Sing Glory, Glory!"

(Children K4-Grade 8 - v.3; Congregation - Refrain)

**Congregation and Children**

*Refrain:*

Sing glory, glory!

Sing glory, glory! Sing glory, glory!

God's Son has come to us.

**Narration:** Brie Theander

**Song:** Grades 1-8 – "Glory to God"

**Part 4: The Shepherds See Jesus**

**Recitation:** Grades 3-5

**Recitation:** Grades 1-2

**Recitation:** Grades 3-5

**Recitation:** Grades 1-2

**Recitation:** Grades 3-5

**Theme Song:** "Sing Glory, Glory!"

(Children K4-Grade 8 - v.4; Congregation - Refrain)

**Congregation and Children**

*Refrain:*

Sing glory, glory!

Sing glory, glory! Sing glory, glory!

God's Son has come to us.

**Narration:** Jasmine Penner, Jenna Schmitz and Noah Bille.

**Song:** Grades 1-8 "Peace, Peace/Silent Night"

(Congregation joins in to sing "Silent Night.")

#60.

**Narration:** Cory Quirk, Hunter Schultz, Luke Schlavensky and Kaylee Rodenkirch.

**Recitation:** Grades 6-8.

**Theme Song:** "Sing Glory, Glory!"

(Children K4-Grade 8 - v.5; Congregation - Refrain)

(over)

**Congregation and Children**

*Refrain:*

Sing alleluia!

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

The Savior has been born.

**Offering:** (Grades 6-8 play harmonicas to "Little Drummer Boy.")

**Prayer for Peace**

**M:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** Congregation - "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" #38,  
vv. 13-15.

**Blessing:**

**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.**

**Recessional:** Congregation – "Joy to the World" #62.

***HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS REMEMBERING  
THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR - GOD'S GREATEST GIFT!***

**You are invited to join us for the...**

Candlelight Worship Service tonight at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service (Holy Communion) at 9:00 a.m.

**Hymn:** “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

1. Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav’n our voice:  
He from whom joy streameth, Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth, The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
2. Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!
3. Now through His Son doth shine, The Father’s grace divine.  
Death o’er us had reigned, Through sin and vanity;  
He for us obtained, Eternal joy on high.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
4. Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav’nly ground?  
Where the angels singing, With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing, In heav’nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

**Hymn:** “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We”

2. With songs we hasten You to greet,  
And humbly fall before Your feet.  
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night,  
That gave You birth, our souls’ delight.
3. Oh, draw us wholly to You, Lord,  
And to us all Your grace accord;  
True faith and love to us impart  
That we may hold You in our heart.
4. Until at last we, too, proclaim,  
With all Your saints, Your glorious name;  
In paradise our songs renew  
And praise You as the angels do.

**Hymn:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’ incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
3. Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**Hymn:** “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled  
Within my heart, made clean and new,  
A quiet chamber kept for You.
14. My heart for very joy must leap.  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradle song:
15. Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto us His Son has given!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.