

# Children's Christmas Service

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## A Children's Christmas Service

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

<i>Naomi Kassulke</i>	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	<i>Connor Farley</i>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
<i>Ronda McNamara</i>	<i>Still, Still, Still</i>	<i>Sam Kassulke</i>	<i>Coventry Carol</i>
<i>Connor Farley</i>	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	<i>Naomi Kassulke</i>	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>
<i>Colby Heinz</i>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	<i>Nicole McNamara</i>	<i>Gesu Bambino</i>
<i>Naomi Kassulke</i>	<i>Joy to the World</i>	<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Rachel Prigge</i>

### PROCESSIONAL

What Child Is This?

*Played by Handbell Choir*

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### PRAYER

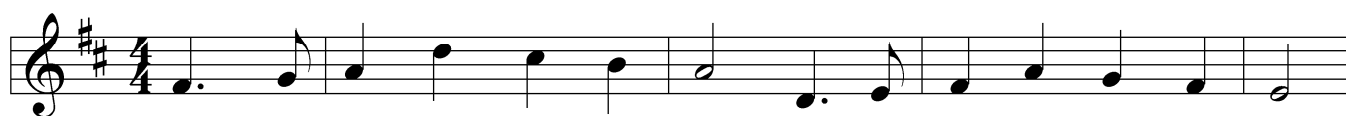
M: Gracious Lord God, today we join our hearts and voices in praise to you for your great love in sending a Savior to take away the curse of death that was ours because of our sin. Take us back to the Bethlehem manger where Jesus became a person like us that he might suffer and die, and win us back from the power of the devil. Many questions have been asked about the events at Christmas time, but the answers all lead to the manger, where our Savior and Redeemer, our Brother and Friend was born for us. We pray in the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

*Be seated*

### INTRODUCTION by Pastor Patoka

### RESPONSIVE SONG: Children and Congregation

### Little Children, Do You Know?



*Cong.* 1. Lit - tle chil - dren, do you know Who it was so long a - go  
*Children* 2. Yes, we know that God a - bove In the won - der of his love  
*Cong.* 3. Do you know who told the earth All a - bout his sa - cred birth?  
*Children* 4. Yes, we know that an - gels bright Broke the still - ness of the night  
*ALL* 5. Let us then with sweet ac - cord Praise our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord,



In a low - ly stall was born On the first glad Christ-mas morn?  
 As a ho - ly Babe was born To the world on Christ-mas morn.  
 Filled the earth with love - ly song Voiced his prais - es loud and long?  
 Prais - ing him who came be - low Thus his won - d'rous love to show.  
 Praise his name and sing a - gain: "Peace on earth, good will to men."

## Part 1: WHERE DID IT BEGIN?

*God asked, "What is this you have done?" Genesis 3:13*

**Narrators:** Rachel Prigge & AJ McDunn

### Recitations:

Evan Abend: *Genesis 1:31*

Bella Prigge: *Genesis 3:6*

Emma Miller: *Genesis 3:15*

### Class Recitation by PK-K:

*Where did Christmas get its start?*

*Deep within God's loving heart.*

*Man had sinned and lost it all,*

*But Christ would save us from the fall.*

### RESPONSIVE SONG: Children and Congregation

### Little Children, Can You Tell?



*Cong. 1. Lit - tle chil - dren, can you tell, Do you know the sto - ry well,*  
*Children 2. Yes, we know the sto - ry well; Lis - ten now, and hear us tell*  
*Cong. 3. For a lit - tle Babe that day Cra - dled in a man - ger lay,*  
*Children 4. Joy our lit - tle hearts shall fill, Peace and love, and all good - will;*



*Ev' - ry girl and ev' - ry boy, Why the an - gels sing for joy,*  
*Ev' - ry girl and ev' - ry boy, Why the an - gels sing for joy,*  
*Born on earth our Lord to be; This the won - d'ring an - gels see*  
*This fair Babe of Beth - le - hem Chil - dren loves, and bless - es them*



*On the Christ - mas morn - ing?*  
*On the Christ - mas morn - ing.*  
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## Part 2: HOW WAS THE PROMISE FORETOLD?

*"Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" John 7:42*

**Narrators:** Owen Heiman & Jacob Miller

### Recitations:

Naomi Kassulke: *Psalm 110:4*

Connor Farley: *Isaiah 11:1*

Tristan McDunn: *Isaiah 7:14*

Emily Rudd: *Micah 5:2*

### Class Recitation by 1-2 Grade:

*How then was the news foretold?*

*Through the promises of old.*

*From age to age the word had spread*

*What God's great messengers had said.*

**HYMN: Children and Congregation**

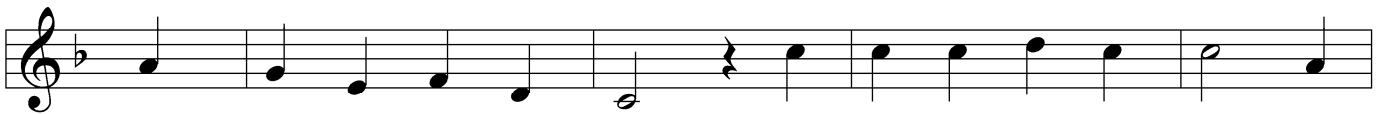
**Behold, a Branch is Growing**  
*Christian Worship #47 st. 1, 2, 4*



Children 1. Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and grace,  
Children 2. I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise sure,  
ALL 4. This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the air;



As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race  
And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and pure.  
His bright-ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in fear.



And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est win - ter,  
Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to her is giv - en  
True God and yet true man, He came to save his peo - ple



At deep - est mid - night hour. *(Interlude)*  
At mid - night calm and still. *(Interlude)*  
From earth's dark night of sin.

**Part 3: WHEN DID THE MIRACLE HAPPEN?**  
*Mary asked, "How will this be since I am a virgin?" Luke 1:34*

**Narrators:** Jacob Miller & Brandon Walshaw

**Recitations:**

Colby Heinz: *Galatians 4:4-5*

Dakota Wheeler: *Luke 1:31*

Logan Farley: *Luke 1:35*

**HYMN: Congregation**

**The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**  
*Christian Worship #24 st. 1-3*

**Narrator:** Brandon Walshaw

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 2:1-14*

**SONG: Children**

**Are You Sleeping?**

Are you sleeping,  
are you sleeping,  
Shepherds dear,  
shepherds dear?  
Hear the angels singing,  
hear the angels singing,  
Far and near,  
far and near.

Are you running,  
are you running,  
Shepherds dear,  
shepherds dear?  
See the baby Jesus,  
see the baby Jesus,  
He is here,  
He is here.

Are you praising,  
are you praising,  
Shepherds dear,  
shepherds dear?  
You have found the Savior,  
you have found the Savior,  
Go in cheer,  
go in cheer.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 2:15-20*

**Class Recitation by Grades 3-4:**

*When did God’s great plan unfold?  
With the words that Gabriel told.  
Thus began God’s saving story  
That would show God’s awesome glory.*

**HYMN: Children and Congregation**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**  
*Christian Worship #63 st. 1-2*

**Children:**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Congregation:**

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav’nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Part 4: WHY DID JESUS COME INTO THE WORLD?**

*Jesus asked, “Did not the Christ have to suffer these things  
and then enter his glory?” Luke 24:26*

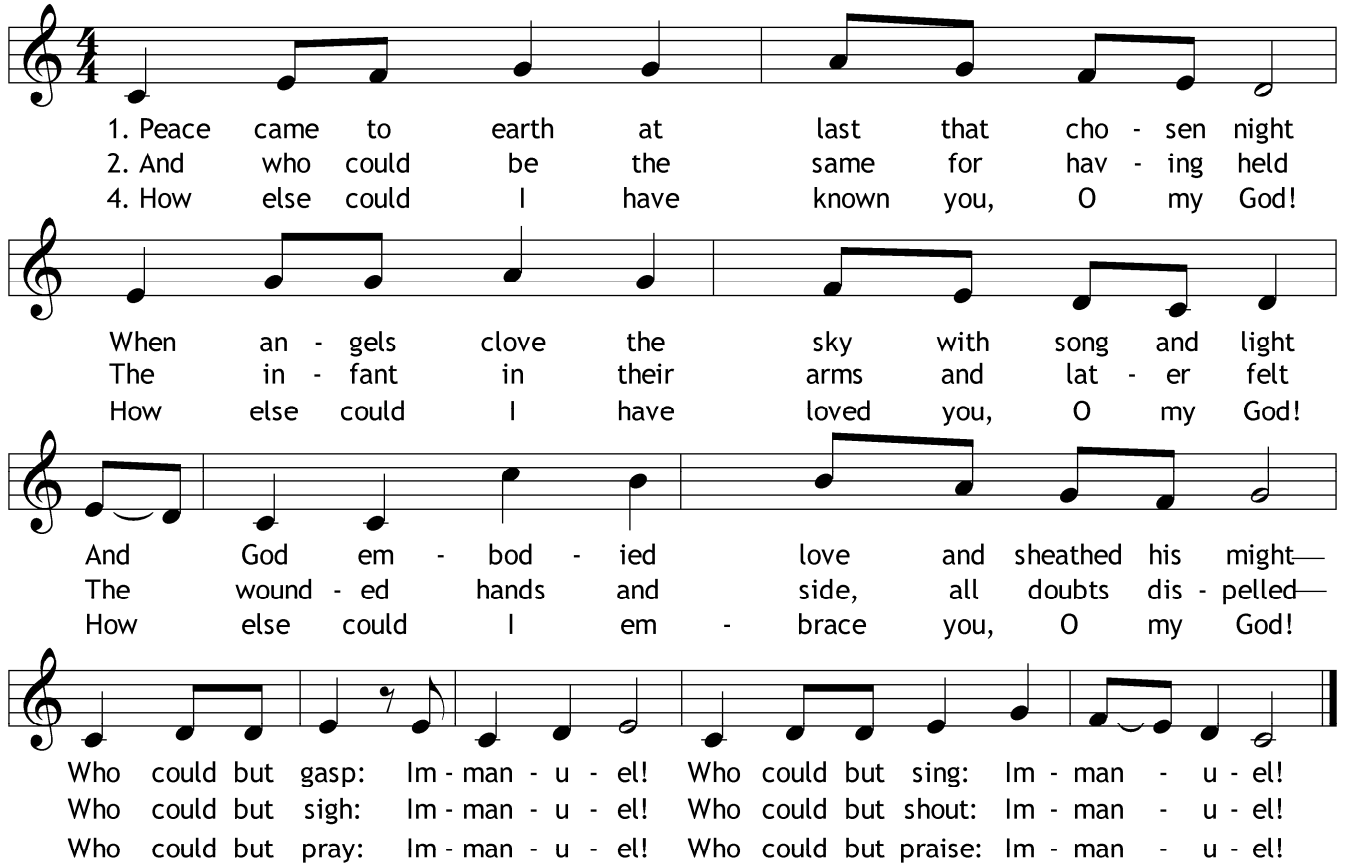
**Narrator:** Brandon Walshaw

**Recitations:**

- Hailey Grcevich: *Matthew 6:28*
- Toby Grcevich: *Matthew 8:26*
- Naomi Kassulke: *Matthew 9:28*
- Bella Prigge: *Matthew 14:31*
- Colby Heinz: *Matthew 15:34*
- Jay Chandekar: *Mark 5:30*
- Emma Miller: *Mark 14:37*
- Connor Farley: *Luke 2:49*
- Emily Rudd: *John 20:15*
- Zach Miller: *Matthew 27:46*

**Class Recitation by Grades 5-6:**

*You ask why all this came to be  
In Bethlehem’s nativity?  
God sent his holy, sinless Son  
That he might rescue everyone.*



1. Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
2. And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
4. How else could I have known you, O my God!

When an - gels clove the sky with song and light  
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt  
How else could I have loved you, O my God!

And God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might—  
The wound - ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled—  
How else could I em - brace you, O my God!

Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

### Part 5: WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH JESUS?

*Pilate asked, "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?"  
Matthew 27:22*

**Narrator:** Owen Heiman

**Recitations:**

Carson Heinz: *Acts 16:31*

Elsa Wiechmann: *Ephesians 6:24*

Jacob Cole: *John 10:27*

Sam Kassulke: *Matthew 28:19-20*

Children: What will we do with Jesus?

**ALL:** We will believe him, love him, listen to him, follow him, and tell others about him.

**Recitation by Children:**

*What shall we do, then, with this Babe  
Who lies on yonder manger hay?  
We love him, share him, and adore,  
Both here on earth and evermore!*

*Refrain:*

Ring out, ring out the Good News and sing out, sing out the Good News  
 Then bring out, bring out the Good News this glorious Christmas time.  
 Come, strike, strike every bell 'cause there's something, something to tell  
 As you sing out, sing out the Good News this glorious Christmas time.

We'll chime in with angel chorus, turning each page one by one.  
 Glad tidings ringing for us, new life has just begun. *Refrain*

**OFFERING**

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!*

**OFFERING MUSIC:**

***Listen to the Angels***  
*By Mark Hayes*  
*Piano: Caleb Prigge*

*Please stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we are thankful that you fulfilled all of your ancient promises and sent us a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Your Son left the glory of heaven and became flesh of our flesh. He became our brother so that through him we might become your children. We marvel at his grace, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich. We are indeed rich, for we have peace with you and access to your throne in every need.

Dear Savior, give us a simple, childlike faith that sees your glory even in your lowliness. Help us all to rejoice in your birth. In sincere faith we join the song of the angels and share the delight of the shepherds. May the truth, love, and redemption that you have brought dwell in our hearts and lives. Like Mary may we keep all these things and ponder them in our hearts. And since you came for all people, help us share the good news of great joy we have in you.

As you have shown us your glory, so one day bring us into your glory in heaven, where we will take our places among the saints and angels. There we will forever praise and glorify you for the grace and mercy you have shown to us poor sinners. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of your name.

C: Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: Congregation**

**What Child Is This?**  
*Christian Worship #67*

**POSTLUDE**

***O, How Joyfully! with Joy to the World***  
*By Cindy Berry*

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Thank you for joining us for worship. We pray that God will continue to strengthen you in your faith through his Word, during this blessed season and beyond. If you are a guest with us today and do not have a church home, we would consider it a special privilege to share God's Word with you on a regular basis. Please take a guest packet from the table near the exit to learn more about Grace and the ministries God has allowed us to undertake.