

## Christmas Day

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** We warmly welcome our visitors and are pleased to have you spend Christmas morning with us. May the joy and peace that Jesus brings be yours today and always.

**Organ Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay  
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power when we had gone astray  
O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.

From God, our heavenly Father, a bless`ed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:

The shepherds at these tidings rejoic`ed much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the blessed Babe to find:

(A Medley of Messianic Prophecies)

P: *Turning to the serpent God said:*

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

C: **“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”** (1 John 3:8b)

P: *To Abram God said:*

“...Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

C: **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”**

Genesis 12:1-3

P: *To King David God said:*

“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for My name,

C: **and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son...”** 2 Samuel 7:12-14

Now are the days fulfilled, God's Son is manifested,  
Now His great majesty In human flesh is vested.  
Behold the mighty God, By whom all wrath is stilled,  
The woman's promised Seed - Now are the days fulfilled.

P: *The book of Matthew describes itself as:*

C: **“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:”** Matthew 1:1

P: “...the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called

**C: the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end.”**

Luke 1:30-33

P: “O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

**C: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.”** Psalm 130:8

P: “...when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

**C: to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”** Galatians 4:4-5

Now are the days fulfilled, Lo, Jacob's Star is shining;  
The gloomy night has fled Wherein the world lay pining.  
Now, Israel, look on Him Who long thy heart hath thrilled;  
Hear Zion's watchmen cry: Now are the days fulfilled.

P: *The prophet Isaiah foretold it:*

**C: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with Child and will give birth to a Son, and will call him Immanuel.”** Isaiah 7:14

P: “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

**C: So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”** Luke 1:34-35

P: “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of you shall come forth to Me

**C: The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, from everlasting.”** Micah 5:2

P: Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea,

**C: to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,**

P: because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife,

**C: who was with Child.** Luke 2:4-5

P: And so it was that God's promise was fulfilled, and the Salvation of evil mankind was born into the world.

Now are the days fulfilled, The child of God rejoices;  
No bondage of the Law, No curses that it voices,  
Can fill our hearts with fear; On Christ our hope we build.  
Behold the Prince of Peace--Now are the days fulfilled.

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 1:18-25

**Hymn** 712 *What Child is This?*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:1-14

**Youth Choir** *The Shepherd's Nowell*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:14-20

**Hymn** 715 *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

**The Sermon** Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

## **The Fruit of the Spirit is: Gentleness**

Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, Before His highest throne;  
Today He opens heaven again And gives us His own Son.

He serves that I a lord may be; A great exchange indeed!  
Could Jesus' love do more for me To help me in my need?

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Choir** "'*Song of the Christ Child*'" & "*Hallelujah! Joy to the World!*"

**Hymn** 103 *To Shepherds as They Watched by Night*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction**

**Hymn** 706 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**Youth Choir** *The Shepherd's Nowell*

Little lambs lay sleeping, shepherds watch are keeping;  
Suddenly a starry host appeared in the sky.  
Alleluias singing, gladsome tidings bringing;  
On this night the Savior Jesus is born!

Have no fear, but hurry to the manger lowly;  
There you'll find the newborn King asleep on the hay.  
Bow down before Him, worship and adore Him;  
On this night the Savior Jesus is born.

**Song of the Christ Child**

See the babe a-lyin' there, Our infant Lord, sweet child so fair;  
He sleeps, a stranger born to be the Fount of Love eternally.  
Sing we gloria, sing we gloria, sing we alleluia, Christ is born!

Shepherds come from fields afar, Their travels lit by yonder star.  
They know from angels' prophesy The Son of man they soon shall see.  
Sing we gloria, sing we gloria, sing we alleluia, Christ is born!

Wise men, too, have come to seek, In wondrous quest and spirit meek,  
Their Prince of Peace, the King of kings,  
The God of whom all heaven sings.  
Sing we gloria, sing we gloria, sing we alleluia, Christ is born!

See the babe a-lyin' there, Our infant Lord, sweet child so fair;  
He sleeps, a stranger born to be Our loving God, eternally.  
Sing we gloria, sing we gloria, sing we alleluia, Christ is born today.  
Sing we gloria, sing we gloria, sing we alleluia, Christ is born!  
Sing we gloria!

**Choir** **Hallelujah! Joy to the World!**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their sons employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

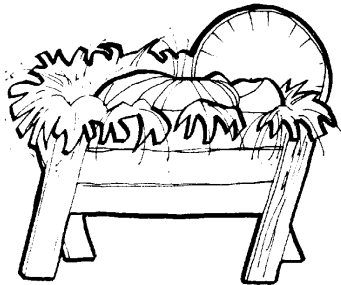
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

And he shall reign forever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of Lord,  
Forever, and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

And he shall reign forever and ever. Joy to the world! Joy to the world!  
Forever, and ever! Forever, and ever!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



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