



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024, 9AM

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONOVER, NC**

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

PART 1: JESUS IS MESSIAH

The Christmas story begins with Isaiah's prophecy: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

We stand.

PROCESSIONAL "Oh, Come, Little Children"

**Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
To Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall.
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,
Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.**

**Oh, see in the manger, in hallowed light
A star throws its beam on this holiest sight.
In clean, swaddling clothes lies the heavenly Child,
More lovely than angels, this Baby so mild.**

**Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw;
The shepherds are kneeling before him with awe.
And Mary and Joseph smile on him with love,
While angels are singing sweet songs from above.**

We sit.

PART 2: EMMANUEL

God made a promise at the time Adam and Eve ate the fruit that God had told them not to. This was shortly after creation, but people would have to wait for thousands of years for God's promise to be revealed.

THE SONG "Once in Royal David's City"

**Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord or all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

PART 3: JESUS IS LORD

This Baby was one special baby! In fact, His birth announcement was like nothing anyone had ever seen before, and no one has ever had a birth announcement like it since. Not even kings and queens.

THE SONG “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

**Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word. (repeat)**

PART 4: JESUS IS KING OF KINGS

Suddenly the sky filled with angels, enough to light up the entire night sky. The shepherds had never seen anything so bright and dazzling like that before.

Preschool & Kindergarten recitations and songs

We stand.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P In the silence of this moment, let us prepare to confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may live in peace.**

P By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We live now in His peace and joy.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Silent Comes the Joy”

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**Silent comes the joy without proud announcement,
Like the hint of dawn is whispered to the night.
So then, without warning, morning breaks victorious.
Extravagant and glorious – heralding the day.**

**Silent comes the joy delivered to a manger,
In the quiet night of stable, and the world...
A world in need of angels and visions of life's meaning,
To reinstate the dreaming that sin had torn away.**

**Silent comes the joy like a spring erupting,
Unseen in the desert then carving out a stream,
Coursing down the mountain, soon a torrent swelling,
Jubilantly telling the power of the unseen.**

“O Come and Join the Dance”

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**O come and join the dance that all began so long ago,
When Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem.
Through all the years of darkness still the dance goes on and on,**

O, take my hand and come and join the song.

Refrain:

**Rejoice Rejoice! Rejoice Rejoice! O lift your voice and sing,
And open up your heart to welcome Him.**

**Rejoice Rejoice! Rejoice Rejoice! And welcome now your King,
For Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem.**

**Come shed your heavy load and dance your worries all away,
For Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem.**

**He came to break the power of sin and turn your night to day,
O, take my hand and come and join the song. (refrain)**

**Let laughter ring and angels sing and joy be all around,
For Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem.**

**And if you seek with all your heart He surely can be found,
O, take my hand and come and join the song. (refrain)**

1st grade – 7th grade song: “His Name Is Jesus”

PART 5: JESUS IS SAVIOR

This amazing news of love and salvation should not be kept to ourselves. We want to tell everyone we know and even those we don't know about this special gift of redeeming love!

THE SONG

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherd kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain**

**The shepherd feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus**

That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain
Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn! refrain

His name is what? (children say, "Jesus!")
Everyone... what is our Savior's name?
(congregation and children say, "Jesus!")

We stand.

THE BENEDICTION

THE SONG "Joy to the World"

Kids alone: 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!

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

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!