

# WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

2021 Christmas Program





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Sunday, December 19, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN

### ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

**Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Refrain: Come and worship,  
Come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light: REFRAIN**

**Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star; REFRAIN**

**Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear: REFRAIN**

### THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congr.: **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING: Luke 1:68-75  
The Benedictus (Song of Zacharius)

Pastor: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,  
Congr.: **For He has visited and redeemed His people,**



Pastor: And has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
**Congr.: In the house of His servant David,**

Pastor: As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,  
**Congr.: Who have been since the world began,**

Pastor: That we should be saved from our enemies  
**Congr.: And from the hand of all who hate us,**

Pastor: To perform the mercy promised to our fathers  
**Congr.: And to remember His holy covenant,**

Pastor: The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:  
**Congr.: That He would grant unto us**

Pastor: That we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
**Congr.: Might serve Him without fear,**

Pastor: In holiness and righteousness before Him  
**Congr.: all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECT

**Congr.: Amen.**

**NOW ARE THE DAYS FULFILLED**

**Congregation**

**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.**

**Now are the days fulfilled,  
Lo, Jacob's Star is shining;  
The gloomy night has fled  
Where-in the world lay pining.**



**Now, Israel, look on Him  
Who long thy heart hath thrilled;  
Hear Zion's watchman cry:  
Now are the days fulfilled.**

**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.**

(L.H. 99)

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS: Luke 2:10-11  
Unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

## **PART I – THIS IS CHRIST THE KING!**

### **WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

**What Child is this, who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

### **CHORUS**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**CONGREGATION** And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. Luke 2:1-5



CHILDREN So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:6-7

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

**Children**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.



The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

**A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER**

**Congregation**

**A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:**

The virgin bears the Infant  
With virgin honor pure!  
Repeat the hymn again:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace on earth to men!"



The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky.  
Repeat the hymn again:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace on earth to men!"

While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
Ye oceans clap your hands.  
Repeat the hymn again:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace on earth to men!"

Since all He comes to ransom,  
By all be He adored,  
The Infant born in Bethl'm,  
The Savior and the Lord.  
Repeat the hymn again:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace on earth to men!"

(L.H. 76)

## **PART II Why Lies He in Such Mean Estate—**



**MEN** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Luke 2:8 - 9

**WOMEN** Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Luke 2:10 - 12

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

**Congregation**

Why lies He is such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear for sinners here,  
The silent Word is pleading.

**CHORUS**

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

**CONGREGATION:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

Luke 2:13-14



**LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE**

**Children**

Let us all with gladsome voice  
Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,  
His own Son hath given.

To this vale of tears He comes,  
Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes  
We may reign in gladness.

We are rich, for He was poor;  
Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore  
Here on earth and yonder.



(L.H. 97)



For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

## **PART III So Bring Him Incense, Gold & Myrrh**

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

**Congregation**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant king, to own Him.  
That King of Kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**



**CHORUS**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**MEN** So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:15-16

**WOMEN** Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. Luke 2:17-20

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”  
Revelation 7:12

**AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD**

**Congregation**

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee!**



**As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
Thereto bend the knee before  
Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat!**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasurers bring,  
Christ, to Thee our heavenly King!**

**Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**



**In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down.  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King!**

(L.H. 127)

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO THE  
CHRIST-CHILD  
*(received by placing them in the plate by the door)*



PRAYER  
LORD'S PRAYER  
BENEDICTION  
Congr.: Amen.

**TO THEE MY HEART I OFFER**

**My heart within is glowing, O Christ-child sweet and dear,  
I love Thee, Lord and Savior, Oh, be Thou ever near!  
I see Thee in a manger laid, Near cattle resting unafraid;  
I see Thy deep humility And lowly bow to Thee.**

**What bro't Thee to the manger, O Christ-child sweet and dear?  
Thy love for me, a stranger –  
Oh, be Thou ever near!  
O Lord, how great is this Thy love That  
reaches down from heav'n above,  
Thy love for us, by sin defiled,  
That made Thee, God, a child!**

**Let me be Thine forever, O Christ-child sweet and dear;  
Uphold me with Thy mercy, And be Thou ever near.  
From Thee I gladly all receive, And what is mine to Thee I give,  
My heart, my soul, and all I own. Let these be Thine alone.**

(L.H. 89)

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Program written by Pastor Barthels  
Program directed by Kathryn Barthels

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Children	
Kayla	Charlie
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Pastor – Theodore Barthels  
Organist and Accompanist – Denise Barthels

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## CALENDAR

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day: Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: Dec. 12 Worship – 20, Sunday school - 4 Bible class 5  
Dec. 15 midweek Advent worship cancelled due to bad weather

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1285.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$1510.00	Property Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$64250.00		
Received for Year:	\$57065.00		

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels,

December Cleaning: Hellickson

