

December 21, 2022

Children's Christmas Service

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EVERLASTING
Elohim
RIGHTEOUS KING
INCOMPARABLE
MIRACLE MAKER
Jehova Nissi
Light of the World JEHOVA JIREH KING OF KINGS
LORD OF LORDS EMMANUEL PRINCE OF PEACE PROTECTOR HEALER
Lion and the Lamb **JESUS** El Shadai REDEEMER
LOVE THE GREAT I AM *Shalom* SALVATION
Good Shepherd
ALPHA AND OMEGA
BEAUTIFUL WAY
HOLY HOLY HOLY TRUTH
ABBA FATHER LIFE
Yeshua HAMASHIACH
Powerful Adonai ALMIGHTY
Wonderful COUNSELOR
HIS NAME IS JESUS



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Processional:**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King!
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord: Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord: Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Group 3: Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,
Unto which must every knee bow in deep humility.

Ladies: Jesus! Name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told
Kneeling in her lowly cell - by the angel Gabriel.

Group 2: Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen here on earth
For the promise that it gave, “Jesus shall His people save.”

Men: Jesus! Only name that’s given under all the mighty heaven
Whereby all, to sin enslaved, burst their fetters and are saved.

Group 1: Jesus! Name of love divine, who would be a friend of mine,
Now tonight my story hear of the one who loves me dear!

All: Jesus! Name of wondrous love, human name of God above;
Pleading only this we too, flee, O God, in faith to you.

Song: Sung to the tune of “On Christmas Night”**“His Name Is Jesus”**

Dear Mary sweet, dear Mary mild The manger holds your little child.
Dear Mary sweet, dear Mary mild The manger holds your little child.
Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

Children: His name is Jesus! Gift of God’s love.

The Son who frees us, Hope from above.

His name is Jesus! Born one so small,

Light that still sees us; the Savior of all.

The angels singing with delight Of peace, good will to all this night.

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Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.

Children Refrain:

Children: O, shepherds tell us who lies there Within that stable dark and bare.
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Tell, tell us who is that baby boy? Tell, tell us of your wonderful joy.
Children Refrain:

N: His name is Jesus! Tonight we're going to take a close look at the name of Jesus. In fact, we're going to look at many names that either were given to Jesus or used for Him. There were names given Him by the angels, names that told of His work, names that showed His love for us, names that proved He was God, names of strength and names of humility, names of His office and names of His glory. Someone once counted about 40 names mentioned in the Bible that speak of Jesus. If anyone deserved many names, it was the special baby who came to be our Lord and Savior.

Part One: Waiting for Jesus

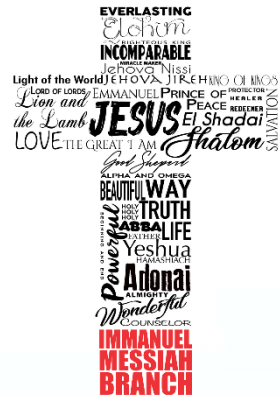
C At first we see this picture tall And there are names we know
They mean that Jesus came for all Because He loves us so.

IMMANUEL

Group 3: Matthew 1:22-23 "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.'"

N: The first name we see pictured is that of Immanuel. This name was given hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus. It was spoken by Isaiah in his prophecy about Jesus being born of the Virgin Mary. And just as the Scripture says, it means "God with us." Listen carefully to what Isaiah wrote:

Group 2: Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."



Hymn:

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel"

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel!
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

MESSIAH

Group 2: John 1:41 “(Andrew) first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated, the Christ).”

N: The second name we see pictured is Messiah. The name Messiah means “the Anointed One.” In Old Testament times when the kings and prophets were made ready for their offices, they were anointed by pouring oil on their heads. In Greek the word anointed is Christos. We know it better as Christ.

Children Song: “Come, Messiah”

O, come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph, and sorrows flee away. O come, Desire of nations, whom priest and prophet long foretold, And break the chains that bind us, redeem Your long lost fold. Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of grace. Come, Messiah! We long to see Your face. Come, Messiah, come! O come, dear Child of promise, for lowly shall Your cradle be; Though clothed in human likeness, we shall the Godhead see!

Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of grace. Come, Messiah! We long to see Your face. Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of grace. Come, Messiah! We long to see Your face. O come, Messiah, come! O come, Divine Messiah. O come, Divine Messiah. Come, Messiah, come!

BRANCH

Group 1: Isaiah 11:1 “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”

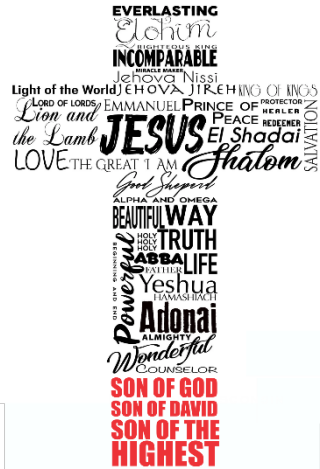
N: The third name we see pictured is also from the Old Testament. Those people waited thousands of years for their Savior to be born. During this time they gave the coming Messiah many different names. One of the most unique names is heard in the song “Behold a Branch Is Growing” based on the passage from Jeremiah 23. Jeremiah is speaking about growing a tree. He tells us that out of the root of King David (Jesus’ ancestor) a long awaited Branch would grow. That Branch would be Jesus.

C On picture two a name we see, repeated more than once. It tells us of God's family, with Jesus as His Son.

Group 2: Luke 3:22 “And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.’”

N: When Gabriel was speaking to Mary, he also gave Jesus another name, which we notice several times in the New Testament. It is certainly fitting to call Jesus the Son of God, for we know that although a human being named Mary was His mother, God the Father was His true Father. That makes Him rightfully God's only Son. Listen to what the angel Gabriel told Mary about the Baby she would carry.

Group 3: Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’”



Group 2: Matthew 1:1 “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.”

N: In the very first verse of the New Testament we see Jesus given the name Son of David. This tells us He was part of the family of David. It was correct to call Him by such a name, since David was Jesus' direct ancestor 28 generations earlier. When you read the first chapter of Matthew you can find the entire list of names all the way from Abraham right up to Jesus.

Group 3: Luke 1:32 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”

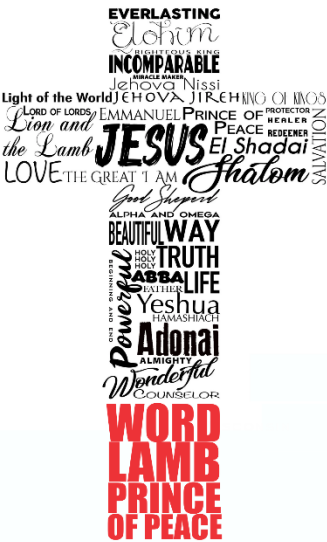
N: Here in the first chapter of Luke we see another mention of Jesus as a Son, only this time He's called the Son of the Highest. In other words Jesus is truly the Son of God. That makes Jesus true God as well as true Man.

Part Three: The Birth of Jesus

C The third picture shows us all a manger made of hay
And there within, a Baby small, was born on Christmas Day.

N: Let’s go back now to that night so long ago as we hear the beautiful story of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem.

Group 1: Luke 2:1-7 “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”



Children Song: “How Quietly”
How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me. How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild; this precious gift, this Holy Child.

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

Angels sing to God, our King, of peace to all on earth. Morning stars break through the darkness proclaiming the holy birth. How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me. How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild; this precious gift, this Holy Child.

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

side until morning is nigh. How quietly, how quietly the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

WORD

Group 1: Revelation 19:13 “He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God.”

N: The first name on our third picture seems to be a strange name for anyone. When John began to write in his book about Jesus, he started by calling Jesus simply Word. Would you want to be called “word”? Why was Jesus called that? To find that answer, we must first go all the way back to the creation story in Genesis. When we look carefully at the story, we find that every time God wished to create something He said some words like, “Let there be light.” John just wants to let us know that Jesus was there at the creation. He was the Word. Listen to how John writes about the Word in chapter one of his Gospel.

Group 3: John 1:1, 14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

LAMB

Group 2: Revelation 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

N: Did you know that Jesus was also called a Lamb? He got that name because lambs were often used for sacrifice in Old Testament times. (A sacrificial lamb was a symbol that the sins of the people were forgiven because they were laid on the shoulders of the lamb.) Does that sound like Jesus, too? He died once and the sins of each of us were laid on His shoulders.

Group 3: Isaiah 53:7 “He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”

N: Listen to what Jesus’ cousin, John, called Him one day as he saw Jesus coming toward him...

Group 1: John 1:29 “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

Children Song: “Hallelujah” adapted words

The angel came to the virgin mild And said she’d have the Savior child
This Son of God would rule the world like David His name will be great

The Christ, the Lord, the Lamb of God and the Great Reward The angel sang proclaiming Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah

Sheep were in the field that night When all around there was a light “Peace on earth and love and mercy mild” For unto you is born this day They filled the sky and sang out to pray And from their lips they drew the Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah

This baby born is Christ the Lord He is the eternal Word The wall of sin has been removed for all men To God the Lord on high be glory This little child is salvation’s story And from their lips they sang an Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah

This little child from heaven above Mary wrapped in strips of love In Him she saw great freedom from her sin The manger is His lowly bed The Child in death will bow His head While Mary breathes a quiet Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah

Come sing to the Word made flesh And spread His name to all the rest This Savior grants forgiveness, hope, and love And heaven’s doors have been opened again Sin, death, and hell was His to win And now we sing a triumphant Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah

PRINCE OF PEACE

Group 3: Isaiah 9:6 “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.”

N: The last of the names on our picture is also from the Old Testament. Jesus once said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.” What a beautiful thought spoken by the One who is known as the Prince of Peace!

Hymn: **“The People that in Darkness Sat**

To us a Child of Hope is born, To us a Son is given, And on His shoulder ever rests All power in earth and heaven. All power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord, The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored. The God by all adored.

Part Four: The Mission of Jesus

C The next bright picture’s lifted high for all of us to see
It speaks of One who soon would die Nailed to a horrid tree.

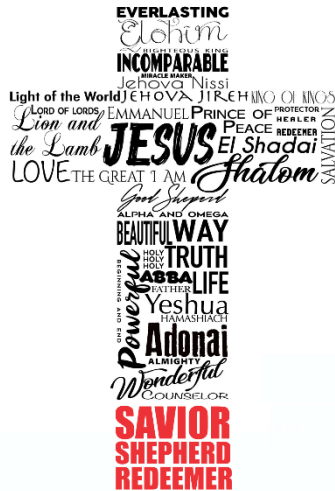
SAVIOR

Group 2: I John 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.”

N: Earlier we heard that the name Jesus means Savior. Now we find that there were many times when Jesus was also called by the name of Savior. In fact He is called that over 50 times. It’s an easy word to define. Very simply stated, it means that Jesus would save us all from the power of the devil. He is truly a wonderful Savior. He is a Savior that we all need. Remember the words we heard in the Christmas story earlier? Now let’s listen to the rest of the Christmas story:

Group 2: Luke 2:8-14 “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 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.’”

Group 3: Luke 2:15-20 “And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying



and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.”

SHEPHERD

Group 2: Matthew 2:6 “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.”

N: Not long ago we called Jesus a Lamb and now we are about to also call him a Shepherd. That’s right! There are several places where we speak of Jesus leading His flock (that’s us) just like a shepherd. He’s called the Good Shepherd. In Revelation Jesus is called both a Lamb and a Shepherd in the same verse.

Group 3: Revelation 7:17 “For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.”

Group 1: Psalm 23:1 “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.”

Group 3: John 10:14-16 “Jesus said, ‘I am the Good Shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.’”

Hymn:

“Silent Night”

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

REDEEMER

Group 1: Isaiah 60:16 “You shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

N: Tonight we gather to worship a baby who was born in a lowly stable in Bethlehem. We silently kneel before Him to worship Him and give Him thanks for the many blessings He has given to us. And of all these blessings, the best by far is the blessing of the forgiveness of our sins. After thirty-three years that Baby once lying in a manger would be nailed to a cross to take away everyone’s sins. This all happened because there once was a time when we belonged to the devil. He owned us, and he had big plans to take us with him into hell because we couldn’t pay the

price to free ourselves from the slavery of sin. But Jesus said He would set us free. He said He would pay the price. That price was high-it was His own blood. When someone pays the price to set someone else free, it is called “redeeming”. That’s why Jesus is our Redeemer. He bought us back. Now we belong to Him!

Group 3: Galatians 4:4-5 “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Group 2: Galatians 3:13 “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.’)”

Group 1: Job 19:25 ‘For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth.’”

Children Song: “There Is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Part Five: The Promises of Jesus

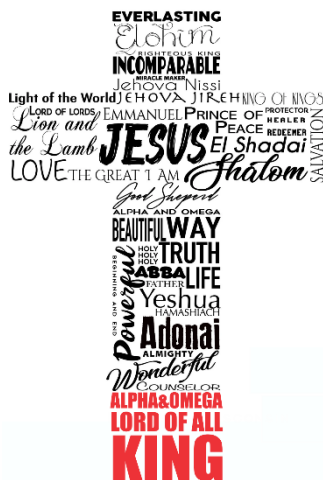
C The fifth and final picture shows us all the hope we find.

‘Cause joy in Jesus always grows beyond each Christmas time.

ALPHA & OMEGA

Group 2: Rev. 1:8 “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

N: At first we might be tempted to ask what this last picture has to do with Christmas. After all, isn’t this to be a celebration of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem? Isn’t it just supposed to be about Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels? Yes, indeed it is about them. But they too were very thankful that Jesus wasn’t born for just one night of celebration. Mary and Joseph and the shepherds saw the wonder of their first meeting with the baby Jesus,



but it was because of who Jesus was that they stood there in amazement. They saw before them a future of hope and joy and heaven and life everlasting. That Baby in the manger was never intended to remain a Baby forever. He was to be a Savior, a King, and a Lord, because He was God. The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. It's as if we would say the "A" and "Z". Jesus is the A and Z, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He was first before the creation of this universe, and He will be last to an endless eternity. Oh yes, the Son of God was around a long, long, long time before He opened His eyes as a Baby in Bethlehem, and He will be around forever.

Group 1: Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Hymn:

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom Heav'n taught singers Sang of old with one accord; Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word. Now He shines, the Long expected; Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

LORD OF ALL

N: The second group of words we see on our final picture is Lord of All. In Jesus' day it was not unusual to call someone "lord". Wealthy people, landowners, and those in high places were often called lord. But with Jesus it was different. When the Bible spoke of Jesus, it wasn't just referring to any lord who happened to be important at that time. Rather, it was referring to the Lord Jesus, a person of the Godhead. That's why we often find terms such as Lord of Lords, Lord of Glory and Lord of All used for Jesus.

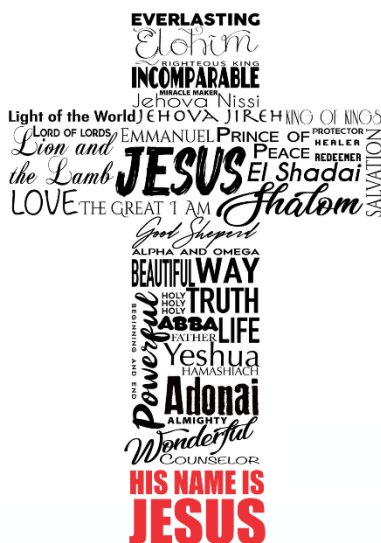
KING

Group 3: Matthew 2:1-2 "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to

Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.'

N: The last of the words tonight is very fitting. What was it that the wise men were searching for? Why did they travel to the capital city of Jerusalem? Why did they go directly to King Herod in hope of getting information? It was because they were looking for a king. And indeed they were right. For in that manger of Bethlehem, among the sheep and cows, the dust and dirt, bedded down in a used feed box and wrapped in strips of cloth lay not only a baby boy but the King of all the universe. Jesus is a King indeed! His kingdom is far greater than any earthly king could ever hope to command. He rules on the throne in heaven, and His loyal subjects do indeed bow down to Him and worship Him as their glorious King. What a joy to remember the coming of this King each Christmas. That's the thrill we feel when we bow before His manger bed and worship our newborn King.

Group 2: Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."



Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye 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!"

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 God-head see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Offering, Prayer

N: All these names for our Savior certainly make us reflect on the work and life of our Lord, but one name we have still to mention. It is the name told by the angel to Mary and Joseph.

Group All: Matthew 1:21 "...And you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Narrator: No name is dearer to the hearts of God's children than Jesus. The first song many of us ever sang was "Jesus Loves Me." Jesus is the New Testament name for Joshua, which means Savior. It was given by the angel Gabriel to Mary before Jesus was ever born. Let us read how Mary and Joseph obeyed Gabriel's command in Luke 2:21.

Group 3: Luke 2:21 "And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb."

Benediction and Announcements

Hymn:

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men 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.

✠ Announcements ✠

Thank You Thank you to all who participated in the service tonight. Thank you to the parents for working with their children and allowing them to be in our service. Thank you to Ms. Katie for helping the children memorize their Christmas service parts. We praise the Lord for all the gifts He has given His children.

Thank You Ms. Katie and I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gift this past Sunday. You all have been such a great blessing to each of us, and we thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve you and teach these children the Word of God. Thanks again for your kindness.

- ✝ **Dec. 25** 10:15am Christmas Day Service
- ✝ **Jan. 1** 10:15am WH Service no communion or Pastor Fossum, Education, Trustees, and Council Meetings
- ✝ **Jan 8** 8am Orlando Service 10:15am WH service with Pastor Fossum
- ✝ **Jan 15** 9:15am Bible Class 10:15 Communion service with Pastor Fossum Annual Voters' Meeting after church

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will not be here for Sunday, January 1. He will be coming the week later for the January 8 service at 8:00 a.m. in Orlando and the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, January 15 he will conduct Bible class at 9:15 a.m. followed by the communion service at 10:15 a.m. After church that Sunday there will be the Annual Voters' Meeting.

Pastor Fossum Below is Pastor Fossum's Christmas greeting to the congregation.

THANKFUL THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMAS

As we think the thoughts of Christmas –
The peace and joy that comes our way,
We travel first in heart and mind
To Savior Babe on manger hay.
There we join the pond'ring Mary,
Joseph and shepherds without fame:
"The Mighty One has done great things –
For US – and holy is His Name!"

But as the light of Christmas Day
Shines for all the world in ev'ry part,
We see its golden rays come forth
From each believer's happy heart.

So also you who share the Faith
In “God with us” – “Immanuel” –
Have shone that light of peace and joy
Of Gospel Truth you know so well.

I praise the LORD God this Christmas
And ask Him to bless all your days
With ev’ry good and perfect gift
As your New Year unfolds His way!

