

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM 2024**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 387**      “Joy to the World”      Congregation

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Perry Schefelker

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Three Advent candles are lit.*

Reader:      Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**PART 1: LIGHTING THE STAGE**

**GETTING EXCITED ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

Narrators and live Christmas trees

**SONG**

“This Little Gospel Light of Mine”

All Sunday School Students

## PART 2: LIGHT UP THE NIGHT: TELLING THE STORY

### CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS

Narrators, Mary, Joseph, Angels,  
Shepherds and Animals

### GOSPEL READING Luke 2: vs. 1-7

Gospel Reader

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.<sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)<sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

### SONG "Away in the Manger"

Sunday School Students

### SONG "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Sunday School Kids -Refrain

Congregation-Stanzas

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

**Cong: While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light**

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

**Cong: The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth**

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

**Cong: Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born  
And brought us all salvation That blessed Christmas morn**

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

### GOSPEL READING Luke 2: vs. 8-20

Gospel Reader

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the

angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### **PART 3: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF THE STAR**

#### **LED BY A STAR**

Narrators, and the Three Kings

#### **SONG**

"We Three Kings"

Congregation

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star. Refrain:**

**Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. [Refrain]**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]**

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]**

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2: 1-2 & 9-12

Gospel Reader

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **PART 4: THE TRUE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS**

### **SHINE YOUR LIGHT**

Narrators, Sunday School, Kids and Congregation

### **SONG**

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Congregation

**Lord the light of your love is shining.  
In the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

### **CHORUS**

**Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land with the Fathers Glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow river flow Flood the nation with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word. Lord and let there be light.**

**Lord I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance,  
By your blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

**As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from Glory to Glory,  
Nearer here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me**

### **CLOSING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor Perry Schefelker

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Perry Schefelker

### **SONG**

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

Sunday School Kids

The Christian Education Board and Sunday School teachers cannot say thank you enough for all the help and support we have received this year for Sunday School. If you were a substitute teacher, gave donations, purchased items, donated food, or volunteered to help in any way you are greatly appreciated!

A big thank you especially to anyone who helped with costumes, set making, script advice, planning etc. for the Christmas Program. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for providing the Birthday Party for Jesus after Play practice, the Elders for the kids treats, Pastor Perry and Pastor Tony for their expert advice, and for our Church Secretary Nancy and Technology experts Eric and Dale and trainees who make it all look so good!

And finally thank you Grandparents and Parents for taking that precious time to bring your kids with those sweet faces and personalities to learn about Jesus, the TRUE Light of the World! It takes a Congregation and friends of Blessed Savior to make a great year! So please thank anyone we have missed, because we know there are some!

***Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to all!***

