

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
***GLLC Children's Christmas Service***

# What Child Is This?

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Evening Prayer 7 PM

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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!** We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

**Hearing**, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

**Attendance Registration** cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.



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**What Child Is This?**  
**A Christmas Program for Young Children**

**The Prelude**

**Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

LSB 379, sts. 1-3

*(Congregation sings as children enter)*

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels: *Refrain*

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

- 2 Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest: *Refrain*

**The Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Responsive Reading**

- P** What Child is this? A babe is born.  
**C** **An infant in a stall forlorn.**  
**P** Who can this Son of promise be?  
**C** **We marvel at the mystery.**  
**P** What Child is this? He came as King.  
**C** **The nations shout; His praises ring.**  
**P** What Child is this? He came to die.  
**C** **Forgiven, we can live on high.**  
**P** What Child is this? He came in love.  
**C** **One day, He'll bring us home above.**  
**P** What Child is this? Oh, go and tell.  
**C** **Christ Jesus is Immanuel!**

## Christmas Homily by Pastor Appel

### Offering

*(Tonight's gifts will go to support the ministry of Grace Lutheran Learning Center)*

## THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

### The Christmas Gospel: Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

### Action Rhyme by the Children: Oh, Who Is This?

#### Congregational Hymn: What Child Is This

LSB 370

1. 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?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

### The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to 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, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### Children's Song: In a Little Stable, sts. 1-2

### **The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:8-14**

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and 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 among those with whom he is pleased!"

### **Children's Song: In a Little Stable, sts. 3-4**

### **The Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **Hymn: Away in a Manger**

*LSB 364*

Children

1. 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.

**Congregation**

2. **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.**
3. **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.**

**Action Rhyme by the Children: What Child Is This?**

1. 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 the\_angelic host proclaim,  
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” *Refrain*
2. 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 Godhead see,  
 Hail the\_incarinate Deity!  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
 Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*
- Refrain* Hark! The herald angels sing,  
 “Glory to the newborn King!”
3. Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all He brings,  
 Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
 Mild He lays His glory by,  
 Born that man no more may die,  
 Born to raise the sons of earth,  
 Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

### A Christmas Prayer

- P** Father in heaven, You sent Your Son to earth to be our Savior. You sent the angels down to tell the Good News. You sent the shepherds out to tell the Good News. Now You send us to tell the good News. Help us to share the message of Your love throughout the world. In Jesus’ name we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

### The Lord’s Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be Thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth**  
**as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

LSB 387

- 1 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.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows 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.
  
- 4 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**  
**POSTLUDE**



We give thanks to God that you have been with us tonight to hear the children tell the story of God's dear love for you through Jesus' birth. We warmly invite you to continue to hear more about God's love for you in Jesus with us here at Grace. Every Sunday, we meet for **Sunday school and adult Bible class at 8:45 AM.** Our Sunday morning **Divine Service begins at 10 AM.** During the month of December, we have other special opportunities to celebrate God's gift of Jesus at Christmas:

**Monday, December 24 at 7 PM**  
Christmas Eve Children's Program  
Candlelight Service

**Tuesday, December 25 at 9 AM**  
Christmas Day Festival Worship  
with Holy Communion

If you do not have a church home or if you would like to learn more about what we believe at Grace Lutheran Church, please contact **Pastor Appel (237-2108** or [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com)).

God's blessings to you and your family as you celebrate the Christ child's birth this year!

***"O Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!"***