What Child Is This?
December 24, 2017
St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Alma City

Processional Hymn: Oh, Come, Little Children
1. Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
   To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small.
   God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
   To be your Redeemer, your joy and delight.

2. He's born in a stable for you and for me;
   Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,
   In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
   And purer than angels, the heavenly child!

3. See Mary and Joseph with love-beaming eyes
   Are gazing upon the rude bed where he lies.
   The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love
   While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.

4. Children

OPENING SERVICE (Spoken)
P: O Lord, open my lips.
C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.
P: Hasten to save me, O God.
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
P: Unto us the Christ is born:
C: O come, let us worship him.

WELCOME and PRAYER

HYMN: #34 vv 1,2 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

1. THIS IS THE CHILD LONG FORETOLD

Narration
Recitations
A. Promised to Adam & Eve (Genesis 3:15)
B. From the house of David (2 Sam 7:12-14)

HYMN: #23 vv 1,2 - Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

2. THIS CHILD IS GOD'S SON,
   BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER FROM ETERNITY

Narration
A. Prophecy (Proverbs 8:22-30)
B. Fulfillment (John 1:1-3,14)
P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
C: and the Word was God.
P: He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made;
C: without him nothing was made that has been made.
P: The Word became flesh
C: and made his dwelling among us.
P: We have seen his glory,
C: the glory of the One and Only,
P: who came from the Father,
C: full of grace and truth.

HYMN: #41 vv 1,2 - Let All Together Praise Our God

3. THIS CHILD WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Narration
A. Prophecy (Isaiah 7:14)
B. Fulfillment (Luke 1:26-38)

HYMN: #28 vv 1,2 - Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

4. THIS CHILD IS THE SON OF MAN, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Narration
Recitations
A. Prophecy (Isaiah 9:6)
B. Fulfillment (Luke 2:1-7)

SONG - Away In A Manger
5. THIS CHILD WAS TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM (MICAH 5:2)
Narration
Recitation

HYMN: #60 - Silent Night! Holy Night!
  Verse 1 - Children
  Verses 2-3 - Congregation

6. THIS CHILD WAS WELCOMED BY ANGELS (LUKE 2:8-14)
Reading (Luke 2:8-14)

HYMN: #63 – Angels We Have Heard On High

7. THIS CHILD WAS WORSHIPED BY THE SHEPHERDS
Narration
Recitation

CHOIR: Baby In A Manger

8. THIS CHILD IS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
Responsive Reading
  A. Prophecy (Psalm 110)
P: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand
C: until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
P: The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;
C: you will rule in the midst of your enemies.
P: Your troops will be willing on your day of battle.
C: Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you
  will receive the dew of your youth.
P: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:
C: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."
P: The Lord is at your right hand;
C: he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.
P: He will judge the nations,
C: heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.
P: He will drink from a brook beside the way;
C: therefore he will lift up his head.

B. Fulfillment (Acts 2:29-36)

HYMN: #42 - Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising
  Verse 1 – children
  Verses 2 & 5 - Congregation

SERMONETTE Micah 5:2 - What Child Is This?

OFFERINGS

CHRISTMAS PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #67 - What Child Is This

Announcements
We thank the teachers and students of our Sunday School and also
the choir for bringing us the glorious news of our newborn Savior in
word and song during tonight's Christmas service. We also thank
our organist, LeAnn Marzinske.

We hope that you will join us for our joint Christmas Day service
tomorrow at Trinity at 9:00 am. That service will not be the same as
this evening's service.

There will be no Sunday School classes next Sunday.

St. John’s will have a joint New Year’s Eve service at 7:30 pm. Holy
Communion will be offered in this service.

Your 2018 offering envelopes are available in the basement of
church.

Pastor, Carol and their family would like to wish all of you a joyous
Christmas and a Christ-filled New Year!
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