

Happy Birthday, Jesus!



**St. John's Sunday School Christmas Service
December 18, 2022**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

PROCESSIONAL

“Join Us Now to Greet the Savior” Congregation

Join us now to greet the Savior!
Come and praise the Lord! Alleluia!
Celebrate His gracious favor!
Come and praise the Lord! Alleluia!
For the joyous Gospel story
Praise the Lord! Praise Him! Alleluia!
Till He comes again in glory,
Come and praise the Lord! Alleluia!

RECITATION Children

SONG *“It’s Jesus’ Birthday”* Children

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 47

Mr. Wachholz/Congregation

(Refrain)

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

Clap your hands, all you ‘nations;

Shout to God with ‘cries of joy.

How awesome is the ‘LORD Most High,

The great King over ‘all the earth!

God reigns over the ‘nations;

God is seated on his ‘holy throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid ‘shouts of joy,

The LORD amid the sounding of ‘trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing ‘praises;

Sing praises to our King, sing ‘praises.

For God is the King of ‘all the earth;

Sing to him a ‘psalm of praise.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son
And to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

(Congregations stands)

INVOCATION

Pastor: God's love once again permits us to hear the old but ever new story of Christmas.

Congregation: It is the story of the birthday of the promised Savior, Jesus, who is God's Christmas Gift of love to all the world.

P: On that first Christmas night so long ago, the angels and the shepherds worshiped Him as He lay cradled in a manger.

C: Today we who by faith know Him as our Savior once again kneel in spirit at the same manger.

P: May God the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and sanctify our lips as we come before His presence with thanksgiving and sing praises to His holy name.

C: We pray that this Christ Child, our King, of whom we sing and speak, may grant us a truly blessed Christmas.

P: Let all the people say 'Amen!'

C: Amen!

(Congregation sits)

HYMN "A Glad and Happy Birthday" Congregation

A glad and happy birthday We wish you Dearest Friend. You came a tiny baby To save us and defend Our lives against all evil And make us fit for heav'n. All glory, honor, praise now be To You who set us free!

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY (read by Pastor)

O God, our heavenly Father, who calls to our remembrance the birthday of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, give us grace to keep this festival with pure faith and holy love. Help us to join our voices with those who sang glory to God in the highest, and move us to tell others the good news of the coming of the Savior; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE OFFERING

“The Little Drummer Boy”.....Molly Utke

THE INVITATION

- RECITATION Grades 1-6
- SONG *“Happy Birthday, Jesus”* PreK-K
- RECITATION PreK-K

Dear Baby Jesus,
 Happy Birthday to you.
 God sent you to save us,
 God’s promise came true.

THE ANTICIPATION

- SONG *“Get Ready”* Children
- RECITATIONS Grades 1-6
- LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES
- RECITATION Grades 3-6
- “Light the Advent Candle” V1*Children
- Chorus Children

RECITATION Grades 3-6

“Light the Advent Candle” V2 Congregation

Light the Advent candle, two:
Look and see who’s there for you:
Christ Child in a stable born,
Gift of love that Christmas morn.

Chorus Children

RECITATION Grades 3-6

“Light the Advent Candle” V3 Congregation

Light the Advent candle, three.
Humble shepherds bow the knee,
Fill with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night.

Chorus Children

RECITATION Grades 3-6

“Light the Advent Candle” V4 Congregation

Light the Advent candle, four.
Think of joy forevermore;
Angels singing “Peace on earth”
At the blessed Savior’s birth.

Chorus Children/Congregation

Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Congregation:

**All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets your people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore
And Holy Spirit forevermore.**

THE CELEBRATION

RESPONSIVE RECITATION SS Teachers/Children

Party Decorations

RECITATION Grades 1-6

SONG *“O Christmas Tree”* V1 Children, V2-3 Congregation

2. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You set my heart a singing. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, you set my heart a singing. Like little stars, your candles bright Send to the world a wondrous light, O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You set my heart a singing.
3. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You have a wondrous message. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You have a wondrous message. You do proclaim the Savior’s birth, Good will to men and peace on earth. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You have a wondrous message

Party Activities

RECITATION Grades 3-6

SONG *“In Those Days Caesar Augustus”* Luke 2:1-7. Children

HYMN 55 *“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”* Congregation

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, Born the King of angels. Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n, Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:8-14 Congregation/Children

Men: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Women: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

Children: “Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped cloths and lying in a manger.”

All: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

**SONG “The Birthday of a King” V1, Children
V2&Repeat Chorus, Congregation**

2. ‘Twas a humble birth-place, but oh, how much God gave to us that day, From the manger bed what a path has led, what a perfect holy way. Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light, ‘twas the birthday of a King.

(Repeat chorus) Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light, ‘twas the birthday of a King.

LUKE 2:15-20Congregation/Children

Men: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Children: “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Women: So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a manger.

Men: When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, And all who heard it were

amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Women: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

All: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Congregation:

**All who claim this Savior,
Who came so long ago,
Must bear the blessed tidings,
That all the world may know.**

HYMN

***“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”*Opening Refrain/V1 Children
V2-3 Congregation**

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth.
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.
- 3. Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born; And
God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. Go, tell
it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev’rywhere; Go, tell
it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

The Rest of Jesus’ Life

- RECITATIONS Grades 1-6**
- SONG “Little Baby Jesus” Children**
- RECITATIONS Grades 1-6**
- SONG “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” Children**

Congregation:

**Little Baby Jesus, King to be,
Master of the earth, the sky and sea;**

**Little Baby Jesus, born to be
The Savior of the world for you and me.**

The Gifts

RECITATIONS Grades 1-6

SONG “What Can I Give Jesus”Children

RECITATIONGrades 3-6

HYMN “Take My Life and Let It Be” Congregation

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King. Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

The Cake

“Happy Birthday” (traditional)Congregation/Children

RECITATIONSGrades 3-6

**Congregation: THANK YOU, JESUS, FOR COMING TO EARTH TO
SAVE US FROM OUR SIN!**

HYMN “Joy to the World” Congregation

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hill 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.

(Congregation stands.)

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER (read by Pastor)

Dear Heavenly Father, we are able to celebrate only because of what you have done for us. It was your plan to send your only Son Jesus to earth to set us free! Our celebration of His birthday is only the beginning. It was your plan that He would live a perfect life for us, suffer and die in our place, and then claim His victory by rising on Easter morning, all so that we might enjoy an eternity in your heavenly mansions. We thank and praise you for all you have done on our behalf. Now help us spread the good news of a Savior born in Bethlehem to those near to us and to those far away. Through your Holy Spirit, keep us secure in our faith until we see our Savior face to face. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

(Congregation sits.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) **Congregation**

(Melody: Away in a Manger; with violin)

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name! Your kingdom among us, your will done the same By mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone: Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day; As we forgive others, our sins take away; In times of temptation, to lead us be near; From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o’er all things you reign. And yours is the power; all things you maintain. To you be the glory, resounding again From all of creation, forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School invites the congregation to the lower level for Jesus’ birthday cake, coffee & milk. A freewill offering will be taken and given to the SS mission project, Mi Amigo Jesus for Hispanic Family Outreach.

RECESSIONAL “There’s A Song in the Air” Congregation

1. There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky! There’s a mother’s deep prayer And a baby’s low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.
2. There’s a tumult of joy O’er the wonderful birth, For the virgin’s sweet boy Is the Lord of the earth. Ay! The star rains its fire and the beautiful sing, For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.
3. In the light of that star Lie the ages impearled; And the song from afar Has swept over the world. Every hearth is aflame and the beautiful sing In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.
4. We rejoice in the light, And we echo the song That comes down through the night From the heavenly throng. Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Trenton, Wesley, Xzander, Preston, & Natasha Jahr
Molly Utke
Annalyse VanTreeck
Anna Wachholz
Wally, Jaxon, & Grant Wolsdorf



Happy Birthday,
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YOU ARE INVITED TO JESUS' BIRTHDAY CAKE & ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP following the 10 a.m. St. John's Sunday School Christmas service on Sunday, December 18. The service theme is "Happy Birthday, Jesus," so help us continue the celebration in the lower level. Freewill offering will go to the Sunday School's Kids C.A.R.E. mission project, Mi Amigo Jesus--Hispanic Family Outreach.



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Announcements

This Week: December 18-24, 2022

Advent 4

Come Lord Jesus-As Immanuel

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Service SJ
	11:00 a.m.	Jesus' Birthday Fellowship SJ Lower Level
	4:00 p.m.	CALA Christmas Service SJ
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion with Communion
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at St. John's
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at St. John's
Thursday	6:00p.m.	NO Griefshare at St. John's
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Emmanuel Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Christmas Eve Worship

Next Sunday: December 25, 2022

Theme: CHRISTMAS DAY "A Savior Born To Dwell Among Us"

8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service at Emmanuel with Communion
8:30 a.m.	No Adult Bible Study at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	No Adult Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service at St. John's with Communion

Attendance

	St. John's	Emmanuel
12-7	20	12
12-10	10	-
12-11	104	48



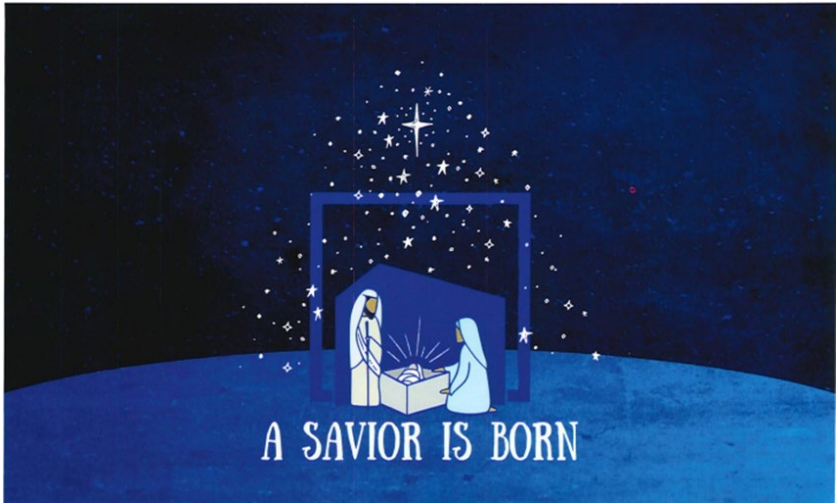
FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS after Emmanuel Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. Members and guests are all invited to join us in the Parish Hall. If you have extra cookies bring a plate to share.

St. Johns Montello is looking to hire an aide for the Little Lambs classroom and Eagles Nest wrap around care! Hours would be 12:00-6:00 p.m. on a Monday thru Friday basis. The after-care hours may vary from day to day but would never go past 6:00 p.m. Duties would include managing nap time, playtime, snack time, cleanup, and doing activities with the children. This position does involve the ability to work from the floor. Base pay will be based upon qualifications. Please call Barb Stelter or the school office (608-297-2866) to setup an interview. We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

FREE Christmas trees for anyone interested.

Call or text Mark Emond 608-697-1600

Leave a message and he will return your call.



Sunday: Emmanuel 8:00 a.m. and St. John's 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: St. John's 4:30 p.m.

See our special Christmas Service schedule below.

God bless you this Christmas season!



Come, Lord Jesus!

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Wed. 11/30	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Wed. 12/7	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Sun 12/11	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Piano Recital at St. John's
Wed. 12/14	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Sat. 12/17	11 a.m.	Little Lambs Christmas Service at St. John's
Sun 12/18	10 :00 a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Service at St. John's
	4:00 p.m.	CALA Christmas Service at St. John's
Fri. 12/23	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Service at Emmanuel
Sat 12/24	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service at St. John's
Sun 12/25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service at Emmanuel
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service at St. John's

Help us stay in touch!

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