



Gifts From the Manger

Children's Christmas Service

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3 PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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A Children's Christmas Service

by Karen Maio

Service Notes: *To help keep the focus of our service on the Savior born on the first Christmas, please refrain from taking photographs during the children's service. If videotaping, please do so from the back of the gym. Thank you!*

~Pre-Service Music: Mt. Olive Christian Day School Band, Mathias Barents

~Processional Hymn (Congregation & Children): *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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

*2. God of... God,... Light... of... Light,...
Lo! He comes forth... from the Virgin's womb.
Our very God, begotten not created,
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*4. 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;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

~Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

~Welcome (Mr. Born)

~Song (All Children): *It's Christmastime*

~Preschool Recitation

~Preschool Hymn: *Away in a Manger*

“God gives us the gift of the WORD made flesh.”

~8th Grade Narration

~6th Grade Recitation: Luke 1:30-38

~6th Grade Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

~8th Grade Narration

~5th Grade Recitation: John 1:1-3, 10-14

~5th Grade Hymns: *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord
Savior of the Nations, Come*

“God gives us the gift of a King.”

~8th Grade Narration

~3rd Grade Recitation: Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6, 7

~8th Grade Narration

~1st Grade Recitation: Luke 2:1-7

~1st Grade Hymn: *What Child Is This?*

“God gives us the gift of JOY.”

~8th Grade Narration

~2nd Grade Recitation: Luke 2:8-12

~2nd Grade Hymn: *Once In Royal David's City*

~8th Grade Narration

~2nd Grade Recitation: Isaiah 35:10

~8th Grade Narration

~Congregation Hymn (Stand): *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

*1. Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
Lo! He from whom joy streameth,
Poor in the manger lies;
Yet not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies!
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!*

*2. Giv'n from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
O cheer my wearied spirit:
O pure and holy Child,
Through all Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!*

*3. Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death over us hath reigned
Through sin and vanity;
The Son for us obtained
Eternal joy on high.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!*

“God gives us the gift of LOVE.”

~8th Grade Narration

~Kindergarten Recitation: Romans 6:23, John 3:16

~8th Grade Narration

~Kindergarten Recitation: Luke 2:13, 14

~Kindergarten Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

“God gives us the gift of HOPE.”

~8th Grade Narration

~3rd Grade Recitation: Titus 3:7, 1 Peter 1:3, 4

~3rd Grade Hymn: *I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes*

“God gives us the gift of LIGHT.”

~8th Grade Narration

~4th Grade Recitation: John 8:12, John 1:4-9

~4th Grade Hymn: *The People That in Darkness Sat*

“God gives us the gift of LIFE.”

~8th Grade Narration

~7th Grade Recitation: Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:2-4, Galatians 2:20

“God gives us the gift of PEACE.”

~8th Grade Narration

~7th Grade Recitation: Luke 2:14, John 14:27

~8th Grade Narration

~7th Grade Recitation: Romans 5:1

~7th & 8th Grade Hymn: *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

~Prayer

~Offering: (Bells)

~Responsive Prayer: (Pastor & Congregation)

P: Dear Lord Jesus, you came into this sin-sick world to be our Savior from sin.

C: We thank you for your gift of love as the Word made flesh.

P: You show us that you are the true and only way to salvation and how we are now a new creation in you.

C: We thank you for your gifts of light and life.

P: We rejoice with the angels that we can come before you in prayer and gladly proclaim the news of our Savior's birth.

C: We thank you for your gifts of peace and joy.

P: Reign in our hearts, Lord Jesus, both now and in eternity.

C: We thank you for your gift of hope from the newborn King.

~Hymn (Children & Congregation): "Glory to God the Angels Sing"

**Glory to God the angels sing Praises to Christ, the newborn king
Peace be on earth good will to men
Here we the angels sing again, Glory to God the Angels
sing, Praises to Christ the newborn King
Peace be on earth good will to men,
Good will to men.**

~Blessing

~Announcements

~Recessional Hymn (Congregation & Children): *Joy to the World*

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.**

If you are able, we would appreciate help folding and stacking chairs
at the close of the service.

The Faculty and Staff of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School wish all of you a Merry
Christmas & a Blessed New Year!



Officiant: Pastor John Petersen / Pianist: John Baumann
Band Director: Jim Siewert / Bell Choir Director: Donna Fosburgh

Parents of students in Kindergarten thru 5th grade: please pick up your children in their classrooms immediately after the service.

Join us for these special worship services:

Wednesday, **December 19** (Midweek Advent)

5:00 - 6:15 PM – Pizza served by the Church Council

6:30 PM – Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, **December 24** (Christmas Eve)

Office Closed

4:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Tuesday, **December 25** (Christmas Day)

Office Closed

10:00 AM – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Monday, **December 31** (New Year's Eve)

Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service w/Individual
Absolution and Holy Communion

Tuesday, **January 1** (New Year's Day)

Office Closed – No Service

