

Ring Out the Good News!

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHILDREN'S SERVICE

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"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10

Opening Song – Grades 1-8 *"Ring Out the Good News"*

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Invocation

P: Let us prepare our hearts and voices for the message of hope, peace and forgiveness that we find in the manger.

Sing **Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.**

P: Mankind has long been a prisoner, bound in the shackles of sin and locked behind the bars of hell. Today we worship this Savior who brings us the hope of eternal salvation.

Sing **He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

P: Yet what of the millions of unbelievers today on other continents, in other countries, as well as in our own neighborhoods, whose eyes are still blinded from God's gracious mercy and unending love?

Sing **He comes from thickest films of vice to clear the mental ray
And on the eyeballs of the blind to pour celestial day.**

P: But we live in a world of hurt and pain. Illness, sadness, loneliness, worry, sorrow, and death follow us everywhere. They enter our homes, our schools, and our workplaces. Can this Savior bring any ray of hope to the hurting?

Sing **He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace t'enrich the humble poor.**

P: Then let us lift up our voices in songs of praise and unleash the peal of bells throughout the earth in strains of joy and gladness. Let us shout from every mountaintop the message that a Savior has come to rescue everyone from sin and death and Satan. Let us ring out the Good News that brings each of us the hope of heaven.

Sing: **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.**

Prayer

PART ONE: *FIRST SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS*

Recitation – Grades 1 & 2

Narration

Recitation – Grades 6-8

Congregational Song

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

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**Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and lamb before him bow, for he is in the manger now;
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

Narration

Recitation – Grades 6-8

Musical Selection – Sr. Choir

“Peace Came to Earth”

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Narration

Recitation – Grades 6-8



PART TWO: *WAITING TO HEAR THE NEWS*

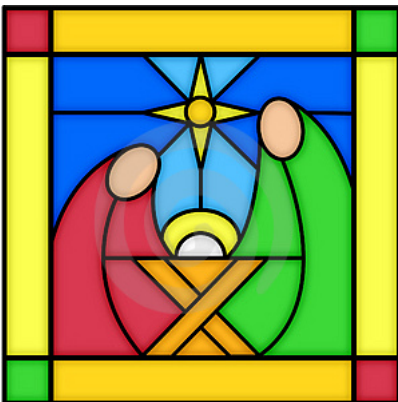
Recitation – Grades 1-5

Narration

Musical Selection – Grades 1-8

“In the Manger”

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PART THREE: *DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?*

Recitation – Grades 1-2

Narration

Recitation – Grades 1-8 Luke 2:1-7

Musical Selection – Jr. Choir and Grades 1-8

“Lullaby Noel”

“The First Noel” traditional English Christmas Carol
Additional Words and Music by Mary Donnelly.

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Offering



PART FOUR: *THIS NEWS JUST IN*

Recitation – Grades 1-2

Narration

Recitation – Grades 3-8 Luke 2:8-20

Narration

Congregational Song:

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

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Refrain: Children sing the first time

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**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 everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**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 everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**



**PART FIVE:
LET'S RING OUT THE NEWS!**

Recitation – Grades 1-2

Narration

Narration

Recitation – Grades 6-8

Narration

Musical Selection – Grades 1-8

“God Gave the World (The Perfect Gift)”

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Prayers and Benediction

Narration and Recitation – Grades 6-8

All Children: We've got to ring out the Good News! We've got to sing out the Good News! We've got to bring out the Good News!

Recessional – Children and Congregation

“Joy to the World”

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**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 all 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 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.**

**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.**