

Welcome to  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS



# Christmas-Color it Joyful

Processional: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

LSB 379

## Responsive Reading

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The prophets spoke in days long before the Savior came to this earth in human form.

C: **They clearly told the world time and again what to look for in the promised Messiah.**

P: Inspired Moses wrote in Genesis that Jesus would be born of a woman when he said, "I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers."

C: **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Paul, "God sent his Son, born of a woman."**

P: Inspired Isaiah foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin when he said, "Therefore the Lord, himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son."

C: **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Matthew, "This is how the birth of Jesus came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit."**

P: Inspired Isaiah foretold that his name would be **God With Us** when he said, "The virgin will call his name Immanuel."

C: **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Matthew, "'And this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "And they will call his name Immanuel.'"**

P: Inspired Micah foretold the very place of Jesus' birth when he said, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

C: **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Luke, "The shepherds said one to another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'"**

P: The inspired Psalmist, Solomon, foretold the visit of the Magi when he said, "The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts."

C: **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Matthew, "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came."**

P: The inspired Jeremiah foretold the slaughter of Bethlehem's children when he said, "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more."

C: **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Matthew, "Herod was furious, and gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under."**

**P:** Inspired Hosea foretold that Mary and Joseph would flee to Egypt to protect the child Jesus when he said, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my Son."

**C:** **The fulfillment is clear in the words of St. Matthew, "So [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt."**

**P:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit for clearly painting the divine picture of salvation for all to see.

**C:** **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

### ***Part I: Sin-Color It Red***

**Introduction and Narration by the children**

**Children's Song: "Christmas is Here-Red"**

**Narration and Recitation by the children**

**Children's Song: "Infant Holy"**

**Prayer**

### ***Part II: Grace-Color It White***

**Children's Song: "Christmas Is Here-White"**

**Narration and Recitation by the children**

**Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Song: "Away in a Manger"**

**Narration by the children**

**Prayer**

### ***Part III: Life-Color It Green***

**Children's Song: "Christmas is Here-Green"**

**Narration and Recitation by the children**

**Prayer**

**Congregational Hymn: "Silent Night"**

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### ***Part IV: Riches-Color Them Gold***

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**Children's Song:** "Christmas is Here-Gold"

**Narration by the children**

**Responsive Reading:**

**P:** We thank God for the gift of spiritual knowledge.

**C:** "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God." *Jeremiah 24:7*

**P:** We thank God for the gift of a new heart.

**C:** "I will give them an undivided heart, and put a new spirit in them." *Ezekiel 11:19.*

**P:** We thank God for the gift of spiritual rest.

**C:** "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11:28.*

**P:** We thank God for the gift of eternal life.

**C:** "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hands." *John 10:28.*

**P:** We thank God for the gift of a crown of righteousness.

**C:** "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." *Revelation 2:10.*

**P:** This is all because of God's greatest gift:

**C:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16.*

**Children's Song:** "Come, Hear the Wonderful Tidings"

**Offering**

**Prayers**

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn:** "Joy to the World"

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