

# THE PROMISED MESSIAH

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

St. Matthew's Lutheran School

Christmas 2020

## INTRODUCTION/DEVOTION (Pastor Schmidt)

### 3K/4K Recitation

Jesus our King  
Came to be  
A little baby  
For you and me

The shepherds hurry on their way  
To see the baby on the hay  
They call to everyone they see,  
“The Savior came for you and me!”

### 3K/4K Song: “Little Children, Can You Tell”

Little children, can you tell,  
Do you know the story well,  
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,  
Why the angels sing for joy  
On the Christmas morning?

Yes, we know the story well;  
Listen now and hear us tell,  
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,  
Why the angels sing for joy  
On the Christmas morning.

For a little Babe that day  
Cradled in a manger lay,  
Born on earth our Lord to be:  
This the wondr'ing angels see  
On the Christmas morning.

## **LESSON ONE (First Grade)**

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

### **First Grade Song: “God Loves Me Dearly”**

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.  
Therefore I'll say again; God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;  
He sent forth Jesus, and set me free.  
Therefore I'll say again; God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.  
Therefore I'll say again; God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

## **LESSON TWO (Second Grade)**

Genesis 22:15-18 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

### **Second Grade Song: “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” (CW 28 st. 1, 3, 4)**

Let the earth now praise the Lord.  
Who has truly kept his word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

Abram's promised great reward,  
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord —  
Him of twofold race behold —  
Truly came, as long foretold.

Welcome, O my Savior, now!  
Joyful Lord, to you I bow.  
Come into my heart, I pray;  
Oh, prepare yourself a way.

### **LESSON THREE (Third Grade)**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

#### **Third Grade Song: "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" (CW 52)**

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before your grace, Then life and health come in its place.  
When sin departs before your grace, Then life and health come in its place.  
Angels and saints with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.

From out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night.  
From out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. Amen."

### **LESSON FOUR (5K)**

Micah 5 verse 2: 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.

#### **5K Song: "Once in Royal David's City" (CW 52 st, 1)**

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

## **LESSON FIVE (Seventh Grade)**

Luke 1:26-33, 38: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

### **Seventh Grade Song: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" (CW 24 st. 1, 2, 3)**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,  
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:  
A blessed virgin mother you shall be.  
Your son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name."  
Most highly favored maiden. Gloria!

## **LESSON SIX (Fifth Grade)**

Luke 2:1-7 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria). And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there,

the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### **Fifth Grade Song: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the child is Lord of all, Christ the child is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow;  
Christ the child is born for you, Christ the child is born for you.

### **LESSON SEVEN (Eighth Grade)**

Luke 2:8-20 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 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, “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 in cloths and lying in a manger.”

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.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 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. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## **Eighth Grade Song: “While by the Sheep”**

While by the sheep we watched at night,  
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain: How great our joy! Great our joy!  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!  
Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say,  
In Bethlehem a child today. Refrain.

This gift of God we’ll cherish well —  
Jesus, our Lord, Immanuel. Refrain.

## **LESSON EIGHT (Sixth Grade)**

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **“We Three Kings”**

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar —  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain — Following yonder star.

Refrain: O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Glorious now, behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies. Refrain.

### **LESSON NINE (Fourth Grade)**

John 1:1-5, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Fourth Grade Song: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" (CW55 st. 1, 2, 4)**

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.

Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,  
Only begotten Son of God the Father. Refrain.

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. Refrain.

### **PRAYER (Pastor Schmidt)**

### **BLESSING (Pastor Schmidt)**

*The students, faculty, and staff of St. Matthew's wish you all a most Blessed Christmas and New Year!*