

# ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

◆Bethany ◆Immanuel ◆Lunder ◆Silver Lake ◆Winnebago

2022 Sunday School Christmas Program

## *"Noel, the First"*



Advent 3

December 11, 2022



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2022**

## COME, BABY JESUS!

We joyfully welcome all who join us this morning as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth and anticipate our Lord's promised and glorious return. A special welcome to all guests and visitors. John the Baptist prepared us for a baby, now we must prepare the world for a King.

## COME, LORD AND KING!

### Sunday School Christmas Program

# "Noel, the First"

#### Prelude

#### Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer

Pastor Bill

#### Special

*"Joy to the World"*

Chimes

#### Special Music

*"Silent Night"*

Cooper Schmidt

#### 3 & 4 Year Olds Program

### Christmas Acrostic

**Raegan:** C is for Christmas, the best day of the year!

**Henrik:** H is for the Hope that Jesus' birth brought to the world.

**Brinley:** R is for Ringing Bells, glad and free.

**Sadie:** I is for Immanuel, another name for Jesus.

**Kaylene:** S is for Star, that shined for everyone to see.

**Navey:** T is for the Three Wise Men, that brought Jesus gifts.

**Harper:** M is for Manger, where baby Jesus slept.

**Gemma:** A is for Angels, that told others Jesus was born.

**Brianna:** S is for Savior, the Christmas King.

# "Noel, the First"

## Opening Welcome

### Scene 1

**Song**

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

**Bell Choir & Choir**

### Scene 2

### Scene 3

### Scene 4

**Song**

*"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**Choir**

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### Scene 5

**Song**

*"Joy to the World"*

**Bell Choir & Choir**

### Scene 6

**Song**

*"Away in Manger"*  
*"Silent Night"*  
*"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

**Bell Choir & Choir**  
**Chimes**

### Scene 7

### Scene 8

## The Reading of the Nativity

### Scene 8 continued

**Song**

*"Go Tell It On The Mountain"*

**Choir**

### Scene 9

**Closing/Offering**

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

Pastor Bill



# *"Noel, the First"*

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Opening Welcome	Gavin Anderson
	Axel Weinkauff
Miss Gloria	Kenlie Greenfield
Noelle	Emily Charlson
Lucy	Molly Sandquist
Joy	Kaeden Dagestad
Micah	Joseph Charlson
Hope	Calvin Rognes
Faith	Haydn Dettermann
Zeke	Joseph Martinson
Gabe	Braylen Storby
Nativity Readers	Millie Kester
	Piper Schmidt
	Jenna Solomonson
Mary	Rilee Langfald
Joseph	Cruz Flugum
Wiseman #1	Cooper Schmidt
Wiseman #2	Carter Egesdal
Wiseman #3	Weston Pilgrim
Shepherd #1	Kennedy Buhmann
Shepherd #2	Brinley Storby
Shepherd #3	Madison Martinson
Donkey	Sutton Storby
Sheep #1	Brantley Dagestad
Sheep #2	Thane Sandquist
Stagehands/Costumes	Karli Langfald
	Ava Moen
	Brynn Rognes

## **CHRISTMAS BELL CHOIR** K-3<sup>RD</sup> Grades

Sydney Anderson, Kennedy Buhmann, Saylor Buhmann, Amy Charlson, Brantley Dagestad, Liam Determann, Carter Egesdal, Chloe Fedders, Kingsten Flugum, Gage Greenfield, Jack Hansen, Atley Henely, Jude Kester, Madison Martinson, Weston Pilgrim, Thane Sandquist, Cooper Schmidt, Gaugely Schmidt, Olivia Singelstad, Brinley Storby, Sutton Storby, Tinsley Storby

## THANK YOUS

A Big **Thank You** to the crew of dedicated workers who put this program together. They work hard each week to get the program to come together.

A Great Big **Thank you** to the John Johnson Family for providing the apples that were handed out after the Program today. The apples were given in memory of Gib & Anita Grunhuvd. This treat is very much appreciated!

A Big **Thank you** to Dennis & Sandi Peterson for the rest of the treats found in the Sunday School Bags today.

There are many “behind the scenes” activities that take place to make our program successful each year.

We would also like to thank Vicki for livestreaming the program this year. We are grateful for her, as well as Harlan for setting up our sound system—you should see the spark in the kids’ eyes when they get in front of the microphone!

Many thanks to the Charlson and Greenfield families who set up our stage and the backdrop. The excitement builds noticeably when Bethlehem and the stable actually appear in our sanctuary!

Thanks to Sandy Lindflott, we always know where to be and when to be there—she does the program bulletin, the information in the newsletters and bulletins.

Many thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their invaluable help in scheduling, costumes, props, and decorating. Thank you to our high school girls for helping with the younger students.

Special thanks go to all the parents for working with your kids on their scripts, the songs, and the schedule adjustments during this busy time of year. It’s an honor to work with your kids. Thank you for your ongoing love, support, and snacks throughout the year!

May the Joy and Wonder of Jesus in a manger and in our lives stay with you throughout this Christmas season and forever.

Peace in Christ Jesus, Winnebago Sunday School Staff

**2022 – 2023 WINNEBAGO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Preschool:** Gemma Anderson, Kaylene Charlson, Brianna Fox, Sadie Hansen, Navey Henely, Harper Langfald, Brinley Miller, Henrik Nyhus, Raegan Singelstad, Brecken Storby,

**Kindergarten:** Saylor Buhmann, Liam Determann,  
Chloe Fedders, Gage Greenfield, Atley Henely,  
Tinsley Storby

**First Grade:** Sydney Anderson, Amy Charlson, Kingsten Flugum, Jack Hansen, Jude Kester, Gaugely Schmidt,  
Olivia Singelstad

**Second Grade:** Brantley Dagestad, Thane Sandquist,  
Brinley Storby, Sutton Storby

**Third Grade:** Kennedy Buhmann, Carter Egesdal,  
Madison Martinson, Weston, Pilgrim, Cooper Schmidt

**Fourth Grade:** Piper Schmidt, Jenna Solomonson

**Fifth Grade:** Gavin Anderson, Cruz Flugum, Millie Kester,  
Rilee Langfald, Joe Martinson, Braylen Storby,  
Alex Weinkauf

**Sixth Grade:** Emily Charlson, Kaeden Dagestad,  
Haydn Determann, Molly Sandquist

**Seventh Grade:** Kenlie Greenfield

**Eighth Grade:** Casey Bryan, Joseph Charlson, Calvin Rognes

**High School:** Ellie Hanna, Wyatt Hanna, Alex Isebrand,  
Lexi Isebrand, Karli Langfald, Sydnee Lindeman,  
Ava Moen, Brynn Rognes

**2022-2023 Sunday School Staff:** Heather Buhmann,  
Robin Charlson, Heidi Fedders, Allison Greenfield,  
Tina Henely, Samantha Unger, Lindsay Langfald,  
Sandy Lindflott, Rebecca Martinson, Harlan Nyhus,  
Callie Schmidt, Kristin Schmidt, Casey Singelstad

# MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

Last week John the Baptist was full of religious fervor, certain in his convictions, and bold in his proclamation about the role of the coming Messiah: “Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire” (Matthew 3:10).

But there was no fire. There was no chopping down of anything or anyone. Jesus had arrived and his ministry had begun, but he did *not* come bearing the ax or winnowing fork that John had predicted. Instead, he began healing the sick, casting out demons, and spending a lot of time with the very people many thought were part of the problem. John asks on behalf of his community, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” (Matt. 11:3).

John’s hope (and ours) is not in vain. But this Messiah’s redemption will not come in the way we expect. This Messiah is not a victor in a battle scene or a political coup. Instead, this Messiah is one who shows that greatness and strength are actually found in gentleness and service. It isn’t through fire that God saves the world; it is through God’s own sacrificial love. And the road to this love is not a victory parade, but the one that leads us humbly to a cleansing bath and a laden table.

To those who trust in wealth and power to set things right, what we do each Sunday must sound silly: gathering around old stories, singing and praying, sharing a little meal. How could any of this change *anything*? But for us wilderness wanderers, it is water in the desert. It is the very presence of God in our midst. Thanks be to God!