



Jesse  
Tree

# *Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree*

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
Children's Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 13, 2020  
7:00 p.m.*

## **The Processional Hymn: Joy to the World**

*LSB 387*

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 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.

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.

## **The Invocation**

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

**All: Amen.**

## **Responsive Reading**

Vicar: The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,

**People: Points us the way to Jesus.**

Vicar: From Eden down to Calvary,

**People: Our loving Savior frees us.**

Vicar: The promise is for you and me

**People: And points the way to Jesus.**

## **Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*LSB 357: 1, 4-5, 7*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

# The Message Presented by the Children

## **Reading – Kadence Ward:**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from His roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, but with righteousness He shall judge the poor. . . . In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.

*Isaiah 11:1–4, 10*

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,  
and His name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of His government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. *Isaiah 9:6–7*

## **Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied**

***LSB 342:1–2***

What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,  
A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:  
The fruit of God's design.

## **Reading – Jackson Merchant:**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. . . .

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” *Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15*

## **Ember Ward:**

Now Eve and Adam were the first,  
And through their sin, the world was cursed.  
But by God’s love, these two were blessed,  
And through their fruit, we, too, find rest.



## **Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

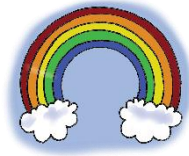
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*When Eve and Adam took that bite,  
God promised to make all things right.*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

## **Reading – Hailey Haxton:**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. *Genesis 9:8–13*

## **Cadence Davis:**

The world was sinful, mean, and bad.  
The people made God very sad.  
The waters made the world anew—  
Like Noah’s fam’ly, me, and you!



## **Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*God cleansed the world from evil sin;  
Another promise would begin.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

## **Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied**

***LSB 342:3–4***

As banner of God’s love unfurled,  
Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world  
Would rally to the cross.

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel’s flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven’s door.

### **Reading – Toni Sendelbach:**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” *Genesis 12:1–3*

### **Sara Lundmark:**

To Abraham and Sarah now,  
The Lord would give a special vow.  
Their home would be the Promised Land  
With children numbered as the sand.



### **Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*God promised Abraham a son;  
His line would bring the Chosen One.*

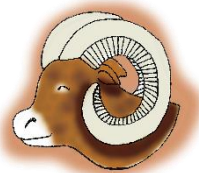
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### **Reading – Toni Sendelbach:**

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. *Genesis 22:6–8*

### **Lexi Merchant:**

God’s promise of a son came true!  
This joy—through Isaac—Sarah knew.  
This boy—this gift—for Abraham  
Was saved by God, who sent a ram.



## **Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*Through Abr’am’s line came sacrifice;  
But it was God who paid the price!*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

## **Hymn: What Child Is This**

**LSB 370:1**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

## **Reading – Tori Sendelbach:**

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. *Genesis 28:10–14*



**Caden Hartman, Dennis Gorman III, Robert Huntley Jr., & Ember Ward:**

Now Jacob always liked to scheme!  
But far from home, he had a dream.  
Though Jacob had to hide and flee,  
He'd have a mighty fam'ly tree!



**Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*When Jacob's planning fell apart,  
God granted him a brand-new start.*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Reading – Tori Sendelbach:**

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. *Ruth 1:15–16*

**Avery Davis:**

At first, Ruth didn't know the Word.  
But through her marriage, she had heard  
About the Lord, the one true God,  
And in His ways, through life, she trod.



**Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*God helped Ruth follow faithfully;  
She's now part of Christ's family!*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**LSB 361:1–2**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to all the earth!

**Reading – Hailey Haxton:**

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons. . . . And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. *1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13*

### **Jamie Huntley:**

This David, shepherd, lowly boy,  
Was blessed by God to sing with joy!  
He ruled, he conquered—he still sinned—  
But God still loved him to the end.



### **Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*Though Jesse’s son was frail and small,  
His offspring would be King of all!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

### **Reading – Cadence Davis:**

And Solomon sent word to Hiram, “You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side. There is neither adversary nor misfortune. And so I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to David my father, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for My name.’” *1 Kings 5:2–5*

### **Sam Burge:**

King Solomon had wisdom, fame,  
A giant kingdom, wealth to claim.  
So people traveled far to see  
The gifts God gave abundantly!



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God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*The temple of King Solomon  
Prepared God’s people for His Son.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

## **Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

**LSB 367:1, 4**

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

*Refrain:*

Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

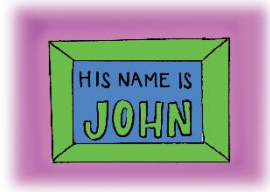
Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

## **Reading – Lexi Merchant:**

And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. *Luke 1:11–16*

**Robert Huntley:**

Messenger to Zechariah:  
Time was near for the Messiah.  
His son, John, would spread the story  
Of God’s coming grace and glory!



**Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*Though dear Elizabeth was old,  
Her boy—a prophet—was foretold.*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Reading – Jackson Merchant:**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

**Ethan Phelps:**

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make His paths straight.’”

**Reading – Jackson Merchant:**

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.  
*Matthew 3:1–6*

**Ethan Phelps:**

John the Baptist by the river  
Told of Jesus, true life-giver.  
What a story! What a blessing!  
What a joy to be confessing!



## **Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*And God gave John the pow’r to say:  
“The Lord is near; prepare the way!”*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

## **Hymn: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

**LSB 374:1, 3**

Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined,  
To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place,  
Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race  
Who have found His favor.

Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined  
But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth,  
Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth;  
Hail the King of glory!

## **Reading – Jamie Huntley:**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

*Luke 1:26–33*

**Avery Davis:**

Young maiden Mary, mild and meek,  
Would bear the child that prophets seek.  
God’s loving favor came to rest  
On Mary so that all are blessed.



**Sam Burge:**

Now Joseph, righteous, kind, and just,  
Would look to God with awe and trust.  
For he would raise the Chosen One—  
Our Savior, Lord, God’s only Son!



**Sara Lundmark:**

Since Adam, Eve, and through the years—  
Through sin and triumph, joy and tears—  
God kept His Word, His family;  
The Christ has come for you, for me!



**Children Sing: O Jesse Tree**

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*The virgin Mary, servant blessed,  
Would raise a Son unlike the rest.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*Joseph the carpenter was true;  
He cared for Jesus—Mary too!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*The promise of the Jesse Tree:  
Our Savior came for you and me!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Responsive Reading

Vicar: The Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—

**People: Points us the way to Jesus.**

Vicar: From Eden down to Calvary,

**People: Our loving Savior frees us.**

Vicar: The promise is for you and me

**People: And points the way to Jesus.**

## Prayer

Pastor: We pray:

**All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—the Son of Adam, of Jesse, of David. You promised a Messiah through a special family tree. Thank You for making us all sons and daughters in Your family through our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.**

## Benediction

Pastor: Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.



**Recessional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**LSB 379**

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:

*Refrain:*

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

Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*





*We invite you & your child to join us for  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes  
Sunday Mornings at 9:15 - 10:15 am*

**Sunday School Superintendents**

Hadley Jerman & Stephanie Burge

**Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers**

Teach downstairs in Pre-K room;  
Jackie Mullen, Joel & Kaitlin Bacon, Vickie Zubialde

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

Mary Cheatwood

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

Leah Haxton

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

John Zubialde & David Seewald

**Adult Bible Classes**

Pastor Nehrenz teaches in the Fellowship Hall  
Bob Lee teaches in the small Triangle Room  
Vicar Jordan Peiser teaches upstairs in the Walther Room