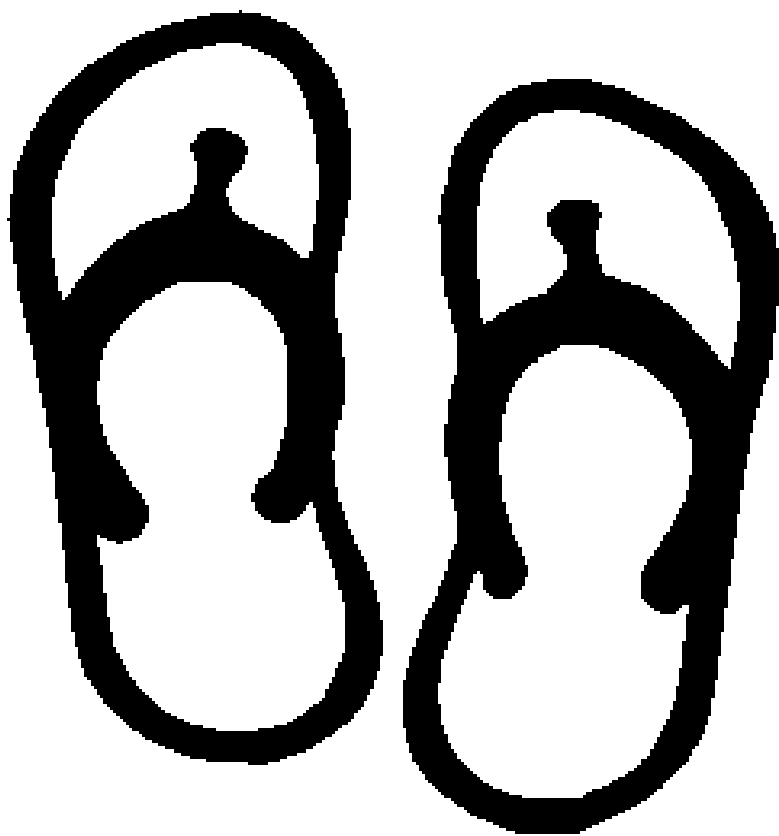


*Joseph's  
Shoes*



*St. John Sunday School presents:*

***“Joseph’s Shoes”***

*December 24, 2018*

*6:30 PM Service*

Joseph’s Shoes is a Gospel Narrative of the events leading up to, and including the birth of our Lord and Savior, as seen through the eyes of Joseph. An older Joseph (Caden Jander), as narrator, looks back and relays to us his own thoughts and emotions as well as those of Mary & Elizabeth, and the excitement of the story of the shepherds, the first Christian evangelists, who heard of the Christ child’s birth, witnessed it and spread the good news.

PRELUDE & RINGINF OF THE BELL

SCENE ONE - Joseph (Cason Jander) & Mary (Marlee Blain) in the Carpenter Shop and plans for the future

SCENE TWO - Mary and Angel Gabriel (Mackenzie Blain) at Mary’s house. Mary gets a Heavenly visit & News that will change her life forever

Congregation - “Sing of Mary Pure and Lowly” - Hymn 634 (WOV) 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

SCENE THREE - Joseph and an Angel (Mackenzie Blain) back in the Workshop faced some tough decisions

Congregation - “Oh, come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” - Hymn 34 (LBW)

SCENE FOUR - Mary visits Elizabeth (McKenna Coleman) her cousin, who is to be the mother of John the Baptist

SCENE FIVE - Joseph & Mary travel to Betlehem

Congregation - “Oh Betlehem, Oh Bethlehem” - Back Page - 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

SCENE FIVE continues - Joseph & Mary with 1<sup>st</sup> Innkeeper (Ethan Pothoff) as they experience “No Vacancy” problems

Congregation - “Oh Betlehem, Oh Bethlehem” - Back Page - 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

SCENE FIVE continues - Joseph & Mary with 2<sup>nd</sup> Innkeeper (Rayland Picard) More problems with Reservations at the Inn

Congregation - “Oh Bethlehem, Oh Bethlehem” - Back Page - 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse

SCENE FIVE continues - Joseph & Mary & Kind Couple (Jayden Pothoff) The Couple with a Full House Offer their Stable to the Weary Travelers

Congregation - “Oh Bethlehem, Oh Bethlehem” - Back Page - 4<sup>th</sup> Verse

SCENE SIX - Shepherds Camped in Valley in the Hills around Bethlehem (Haden Leist, Hudson Zengerle, Kyler Leist, Slade Kethan, Seeley Kethan, Jayce Egg, Brieson Egg)

Angels Appear and all Heaven breaks loose  
(Kendall Helms, Madyx Blain, Ella Jander, Morgan Zengerle, Charley Rose Nelson, Kinley Leist, Jayden Pothoff)

Congregation - “Angels We Have Heard on High” - Hymn 71 (LBW)

SCENE SEVEN - Joseph, Mary, and the Shepherds Share this Joyous Moment, surrounded by Angels from on High

Congregation - “Joy to the World” - Hymn 39 (LBW)

**Announcements and distribution of the Sunday School Christmas bags.**

**Additional Credits: The program was written and facilitated by St. John Lutheran Senior Sunday School class of 2004. Music was played by Bruce A. Weise. And of course thanks to all the teachers and students of St. John Lutheran Sunday School.**

**Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special event for those of us who worked with the production and those who attended. We hope that it may play some small part in preparing you for the JOY that is the REASON for the SEASON!**

# ***“Oh Bethlehem, Oh Bethlehem”***

## ***Verse 1***

Oh Bethlehem Oh Bethlehem, How far you seem to be.  
The dusty roads through the hills and fields, they travel endlessly  
A census to be taken, Ceasar Augustus told.  
Joseph and Mary traveled long, to reach your streets of old.

## ***Verse 2***

But little town of Bethlehem, they reach your streets at last.  
Thru out the town no bed is found, each door step that they passed.  
From door to door they travel, no one to give them room.  
It's not for them they're searching now, the baby's coming soon.

## ***Verse 3***

Good citizens of Bethlehem, do you not see what's done?  
Your doors and windows remain closed, hiding the light of sun.  
But in your small village, a light is soon to shine.  
If you would but reach out to help, for it is dawning time.

## ***Verse 4***

Someone should show some kindness, someone should lend a hand  
For love that knows no boundaries, will soon be in your land.  
Will you be known thru history, as a town filled with sin?  
Or will you open up your hearts, and welcome God's child in?