

## Children's Program Cast

**Program Director:** Karin Henson

**Teachers:** Laura Marchetti, Jessica Parvin, Keely Gelso

**Martin Luther:** Tom Weber

**Katie Luther:** Olivia Dunaway

**Seminarian 1:** Liam Phillips

**Seminarian 2:** Dylan Dunaway

**Martin Luther Jr.:** Luke Phillips

**Hans Luther:** Colton Weber

**Angel Representative:** Hannah Mitchell

**Shepherd Representative:** Reid Baldi

**Mary:** Bailey North

**Joseph:** Jaxon Lymon

**Shepherds and Angels:** Beau Blakey, Talula Chamness, Ford Crummel, Walker Grimes, Jacob Ladley, Sammy Lymon, Ridge Mitroka, Colette Molitor, Logan Muller, Taylor Schuster, Liam Steinmetz, Harper Wilson, Eisley Arvanis, Reid Baldi, Mila Emery, Azjhiana Fowler, Eli Griffin, Jaxon Lymon, Hannah Mitchell, Bailey North, Everett Orso, Abbie Parvin, Emi Richard, James Simpkins, Phillip Daugherty, Anniston Hoppers

## UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY, DIVINE SERVICE** December 24, 10:15 AM

**CHRIST'S MASS MIDNIGHT SERVICE** December 24, 7:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS MATINS** December 25, 8:00 AM

**SUNDAY CHRIST'S MASS DAY SERVICE** December 25, 9:00 AM

## **"From Heaven Above"**

Children's Christmas Program 2017



Luther and Katie were married in 1525. They lived in a building called the Black Cloister, which had been abandoned by the Augustinian friars when it closed. They had six children. The date is 1534 just before Christmas. Luther, Katie, their five children, Aunt Lena, and a few guests are seated at the dinner table.



## **“From Heaven Above”**

Children’s Christmas Program 2017

**We thank you Lord God heavenly Father for all these benefits through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Forever and ever. Amen.**

With the meal finished and the final prayer said, Katie begins to clean up the table, while the table talk continues.

The Preschool children enter singing (CCSC #18)

### **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 wond’ring angels see  
On the Christmas morning.

Luther: Christmas is a most joyous time in which we celebrate the birth of our Savior. I’ve written a new song, as a special treat for us to sing.



Luther: Come here, Martin (Jr.). Repeat after me:

Martin Jr.: From Heaven above to earth I come.

To bring good news to everyone!

Glad tidings of great joy I bring.

To all the world and gladly sing. (#37, stanza 1)

Luther: Now everyone together

**From Heaven above to earth I come.**

**To bring good news to everyone!**

**Glad tidings of great joy I bring.**

**To all the world and gladly sing.**

#### **The Reading of Luke 2:1-7**

Luther: This message from Gabriel brought great joy to the blessed virgin Mary. However, the joy of a Savior was not to be kept a secret. God sent a multitude of angels on that first Christmas night to announce the birth.

Luther: Imagine how angels from heaven might sing these next 2 stanzas. **(Sarah and Sadie sing from the balcony)**

#2: To you this night is born a child

Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;

This newborn child of lowly birth

Shall be the joy of all the earth.

#3: This is the Christ, God's Son most high,

Who hears your sad and bitter cry;

He will himself your Savior be

And from all sin will set you free.

#### **The Reading of Luke 2:8-12**

##### **All Children: Silent Night, s.1**

Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Preschool Girl: <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

All Preschool Girls: **"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

##### **Pre-K Children: Angels we have heard on High**

Sweetly Singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply,

Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo;

Preschool Boy: <sup>15</sup>So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another,

All Preschool Boys: **"Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."**

#### **The Reading of Luke 2:16-18**

Luther: Now everyone here sing the next 3 stanzas with us. They are printed in your program.

Congregation and children:

#6: How glad we'll be to find it so!

Then with the shepherds let us go

To see what God for us has done

In sending us his own dear Son.

#7: Look, look, dear friends, look over there!

What lies within that manger bare?

Who is that lovely little one?

The baby Jesus, God's dear Son.

LW#38, st.1: Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,

Through whom this sinful world is blest!

You turned not from our needs away!

How can our thanks such love repay?

#### **A Reading from First John 4:7-11**



Luther: Though we can never repay our Lord for His love, we can receive His gift of forgiveness by believing in His Son. In faith, we can use our lips to sing His praise. We can love one another.

Children:

**Oh, How Joyfully, Oh, How Merrily** (CCSC #23)

Christmas comes with its grace divine!

Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming:

Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmastime!

Oh, How Joyfully, Oh, How Merrily

Christmas comes with its peace divine!

Peace on earth is reigning, Christ our peace regaining:

Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmastime!

Oh, How Joyfully, Oh, How Merrily

Christmas comes with its life divine!

Angels high in glory Chant the Christmas story:

Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmastime!

**A Reading from Galatians 4:4-5**

**A Reading from John 20:31**

Martin Jr. and Luther

**Pre-K Children:**

O dearest Jesus, holy child (LW#38, stanza 5)

Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,

A holy shrine, within my heart,

That you and I need never part.

Luther: It gives me such great joy to sit around this table with my family and friends as we meditate upon the wondrous birth of God's own son.

(Children begin processing out.)

**Children: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!** (LW #53, st 1)

Let earth receive her King;

Let every 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.