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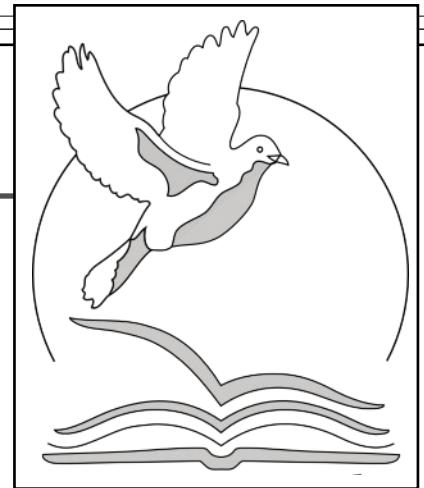
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The scene opens with the actors sitting in the “pews” such that they can talk with each other. The “pastor” is up front at the altar/pulpit (if it is a student, he/she can perhaps wear an acolyte robe). Each actor may have a hymnal and bulletin. Whenever the others are talking, the pastor freezes. All actors other than the pastor speak in stage whispers unless otherwise indicated.



Cast of Characters:

Joe
Danny
Pastor

Peter
Liz

Annie
Rachel

Warning: You are about to see people interrupting the pastor and talking during church. This is a skit with trained actors. Don't try this at church.

Danny: I think that we are doing something different today with the Hymn of Praise.

Liz: What's that?

Danny: The Hymn of Praise?

Liz: No! What do we do that's different?

Danny: Oh, I think we are going to use the “This is the Feast” song instead of the “Glory to God in the Highest.”

Joe: So, could someone remind *me* what the Hymn of Praise is again?

Annie: Sure. Do you remember the “Glory to God” part, after the Kyrie?

Joe: I think so.

Rachel: Well, that is the Hymn of Praise.

Peter: So, a “hymn” is a song or something.

Liz: Yep, that's it.

Peter: What does “praise” mean again?

Rachel: We praise Jesus when we tell him how wonderful he is.

Annie: Shh! The song is about to start.

All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Danny: So what is the feast of victory for our God? I don't get it.

Joe: Well, a feast is like a party with lots of food.

Liz: It's always about food for you, isn't it Joe?

Joe: I can't help it, I'm growing!

Annie: Yes, Joe is right, actually. A feast is a gigantic meal, kind of like Thanksgiving.

Rachel: Isn't victory when you win something?

Peter: Yeah, or when you've conquered someone.

Joe: Hey, maybe this is talking about Jesus beating the Sin Army again!

Danny: Maybe. It makes sense that if you have won something big, you would want to have a big party.

Liz: So, God has won something and is having a party with lots of food. But, it says "This is the feast." What is "this?"

Joe (smiling): A church.

Liz (glaring at Joe): You had better be glad this is a church or...

Rachel: Hey, hey. Everyone calm down.

Peter: Maybe the song is talking about Communion. It's the only time we get food during worship.

Annie: Communion is not just food!

Peter: I know that, but maybe the victory is Jesus rising from the dead after taking away our sins.

And Communion is about Jesus. So, maybe that's what the feast is.

Joe: But, Communion is only a little bit of food, not a whole feast.

Danny: Let's listen to the next part. Maybe it will help us understand.

* © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, officially entitled "Worthy is Christ" written by John W. Arthur 1922-1980

All: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Liz: Okay, that didn't really help me. What does "slain" even mean?

Joe: I know that one. "Slain" means killed.

Rachel: So, Christ, which is another name for Jesus, was killed. That makes sense. Jesus died on the cross and forgave us all of our sins.

Danny: And that's what makes us God's children, or "people of God".

Annie: But, what is that part about Jesus being a lamb? Jesus became a human, not an animal.

Liz: That's true, but the Bible calls Jesus the Lamb of God a lot.

All: Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Danny: Wow, that's a lot of things for Jesus!

Annie: Well, Jesus is God, and we talked about how everything in the whole universe belongs to God, right?

Liz: Right. But, I think this is talking about something a little different. It sounds kind of like all of those things are the awesome things that Jesus has.

Joe: That let him beat the Sin Army!

Liz (rolling her eyes): Sort of. I think that his victory is over sin and death. Remember, because Jesus took away our sins, we will live forever with God.

Rachel: Wow, Jesus deserves every thanks and praise we can give him. That's awesome.

All: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Peter: So, now is the Hymn of Praise telling us to sing? We are already singing!

Annie: Maybe we are telling other people to sing with us. I don't know.

Pastor (whispering loudly): Hey! This song is from the Book of Revelation. Why don't you have your teacher help you look it up in Sunday school?

Rachel (whispering loudly back): Okay, thanks!

All: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Danny: So this is about Jesus being a king and ruling over everything, right?

Liz: That sounds right.

Peter: The thought of Jesus being in charge makes me feel pretty good.

Joe: Maybe we can have a feast after church to celebrate!

(Scene closes)