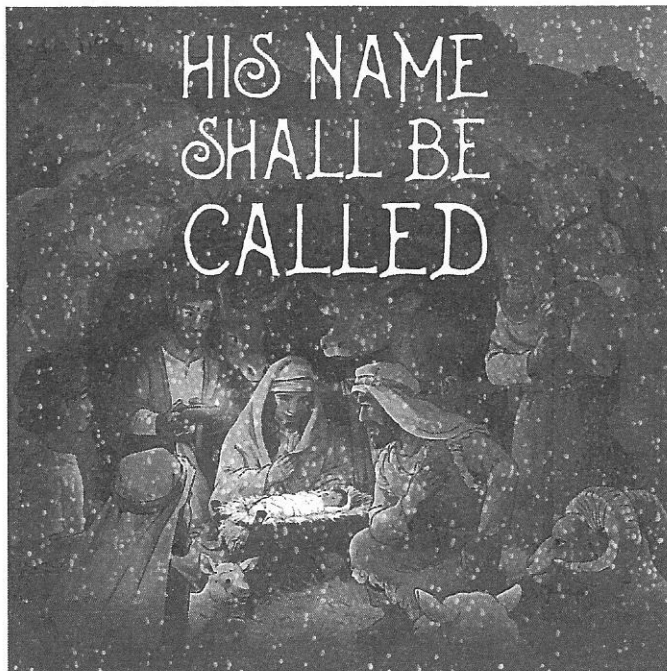


St. Paul's Lutheran Church



*Children's Christmas Eve Program
December 24, 2024*

Processional hymn – Behold, A Branch is Growing

TLH 645

1 Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little Flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

4 This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True Man, yet very God;
From sin and death He saves us
And lightness ev'ry load.

2 Isaiah hath foretold It
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold It,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This Child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.

5 O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of Glory.
Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray.
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.

3 The shepherds heard the story,
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of Glory,
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found Him,
As angel heralds said.

Pastor Kene Whybrew – Welcome, Invocation and Opening Sentences (please stand)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: For unto us a child is born!

Congregation: Unto us a son is given.

Pastor: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God,

Congregation: The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Readers: Bryce Rincker & Max Kull

Preschool/Kindergarten Children

Barrett Beltz, Breck Beltz, Hudson Bloemer, Gentry Fender, Paige Layton, Auggie McIlwain, Ryan Oller, Beau Tabbert, Blakely Tabbert, Suttyn Wallin

Song: Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star

Action Rhyme: Happy, Happy, Happy

Song: Mary Had a Baby

Hymn – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

1 Oh, come, Oh, 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.

2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain

3 Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

4 Oh, 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

Speakers: Maura Batson, Collins Logue, Harper Layton, Everest Clark, Isley Wallin, Casen Logue, Camden Layton, Walter Kessler, Crosby Ashmore

Song: Isn't He

Chimers: Max Kull, Alli Manhart, Izzy Manhart, Lorelei McCormick, Bryce Rincker, Roxy Shelton

Speakers: Roxy Shelton, Alli Manhart, Izzy Manhart

Song: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Duets: Harper Layton & Isley Wallin, Maura Batson & Collins Logue

Reading of Luke 2: Natalie Hayes, Samantha Hayes, Kendra Hayes

Preschool/Kindergarten cast:

Mary – Blakely; Joseph – Barrett; angels – Paige & Suttyn; shepherds – Breck & Hudson; sheep – Beau; wisemen – Gentry, Auggie, & Ryan

Hymn – Silent Night (please stand)

LSB 363

- 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.
- 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia, Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
- 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Reader: Lorelei McCormick

Song: Sing We All Noel

Readers: Bryce Rincker & Max Kull

Pastor Kene Whybrew – Closing & Benediction

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

(Children are dismissed to their classrooms and can be picked up there.)

Thank you for coming tonight! Also, thank you to everyone who helped and assisted in anyway in making this program possible:

Christmas program directors – Dee Dee Batson & Susie Allen;

Music Director – Sheryl Vonderheide;

Preschool/Kindergarten teachers– Autumn McCormick & Kim Storm;

Preschool/Kindergarten helpers – Claire McCormick & Shelby Beltz

Organist – Muriel Merriman

Technical Support – Gary Wirth & Mike Pfeiffer

Behind-the-scenes – Sue Bowers, Neva Hagen, Dalton Storm

Candy – Trent & Troy Uphoff

Greeters – Pastor & Doreen Whybrew

Offerings collected tonight will be used to support all educational programs within the church.

Please join us at 9 a.m. tomorrow at Grace Lutheran Church, Strasburg, for a joint Christmas Day worship service.

God's Blessings to all and Merry Christmas!

Remembering our missing angels, rejoicing in heaven this Christmas.

