

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg, IL
Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2020, 6:30PM

6:00PM - Preservice music

6:30PM - Ringing of bells, Children's processional

Opening hymn - "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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| 1. 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. | <i>[Refrain]</i>
Come and worship,
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Worship Christ, the newborn King. |
| 2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light. <i>[Ref]</i> | 3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen His natal star. <i>[Ref]</i> |
| 4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear. <i>[Ref]</i> | 5. All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One. <i>[Ref]</i> |

Kindergarten/Preschool Children

Teachers: Autumn and Claire McCormick

Song - "In a Little Stable"

Recitations: Isley Wallin, Camden Layton, Casen Logue, Collins Logue,
Harper Layton, Maurina Batson

Song - "Jesus Loves Me"

Song - "This Little Light of Mine"

Song - "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Weekday School Kids' Program - Room For Christmas

Written by Mark Burrows; adapted by Sheryl Vonderheide with assistance of Courtney Wittenberg, DeeDee Batson, Susie Allen, Mariah Tabbert

It's dress rehearsal night before the Christmas program and the director is sick, so it's up to the children to do the best they can....but it won't be easy. No one has learned their lines. The pageant feels like "just one more thing" during a busy time of year. Everyone has their own opinions about how to make this old story feel brand new. There's bossy angels and unruly sheep. Will the kids be able to pull this program off? Only time will tell.

Cast:

Angels - Samantha Hayes, Raegyn Wallin, Ellie Wittenberg

Mary - Amelia Batson

Joseph - Ross McCormick

Innkeepers - Kendra Hayes, Seth Rincker

Narrator - Kennedy Kull

Shepherds - Lily Dunn, Timmy Dunn, Jaxson Hoene, Lane Hoene, Noah Vonderheide, Karly Wetherell, Wyatt Wetherell, Edie Wittenberg

Sheep - Max Kull, Allison Manhart, Isabella Manhart, Lorelei McCormick, Bryce Rincker, Roxanna Shelton

Wisemen - Zachary Shelton, Tyler Vonderheide, Dylan Wetherell

Scene 1: Last rehearsal practice for Christmas Eve program

Song - "What Do We Do With Christmas?"

Song - "We Are the Sheep"

Song - "There Was Love"

Songs by Congregation

“What Child Is This?”

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!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
come, peasant king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

[Refrain]

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior’s birth. *[Ref]*
1. While shepherds kept their watching
o’er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *[Ref]*
3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *[Ref]*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

1. Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains. *[Refrain]*

[Refrain]
Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo!
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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav’nly song?
[Refrain]

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
[Refrain]

Scene 2: Night of Christmas Eve program

Song - “Room in My Heart”

Song - “The First Noel/Silent Night”

Thank you for coming tonight. Special thanks to all the behind-the-scenes help that setup chairs and TV’s in the social hall, ran the sound system, provided and passed out goody bags and programs, collected offerings (which will go to our Sunday school and weekday school supply fund).

During these trying times, please remember to share Jesus’ love and word with your friends, family and neighbors. If you know of somebody that would enjoy watching our program tonight but wasn’t able to come, please check out the church’s website at www.stpaul-strasburg.com or on the church’s YouTube channel. [St Paul’s Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois](#)

God’s Blessings to you all and Merry Christmas!!