

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg, IL
Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2021, 6:30PM

6:00PM - Preservice music

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

Pastor Whybrew - Welcome

Opening hymn – "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.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. [Ref]

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. [Ref]

3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Ref]

Kindergarten/Preschool Children

Teacher: Autumn McCormick

Song – "In A Little Stable"

Song – "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" (Christmas version)

Recitations: Camden Layton, Harper Layton, Everest Clark, Isley Wallin, Maura Batson,
Collins Logue

Song – "Happy Christmas Bells"- with bells

Song – "We Wish you a Merry Christmas"

Weekday School Kids' Program – Keep Christ In Christmas

Written by Alicia Kessler with assistance of Mary Tabbert, Rachel Kessler, Courtney Wittenberg, Dee Dee Batson, Susie Allen

Cast:

Co-Directors – Kennedy Kull, Zach Shelton

Angels – Kendra Hayes, Mia Batson, Edie Wittenberg, Isabella Manhart, Lorelei McCormick, Karly Wetherell, Allison Manhart

Mary - Kennedy Kull

Joseph – Zach Shelton

Caesar Augustus – Ross McCormick

Shepherds – Tyler Vonderheide, Dylan Wetherell, Seth Rincker

Sheep – Casen Logue, Walter Kessler, Roxy Shelton

Wisemen – Wyatt Wetherell, Bryce Rincker, Max Kull

Scene 1: Favorite Memories of Christmas

Song – “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year”

Song – “O Tannenbaum”

Song – “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

Small Group Song – “Jesus, Born in Bethlehem”

(Kennedy Kull, Edie Wittenberg, Karly Wetherell, Kendra Hayes)

Offering will be taken while the congregation sings the next two hymns.

Ushers will come down both sides of the pews and chairs in the social hall to collect the offerings. Please just drop your offering in the basket as they come by. The offering tonight will go towards the Sunday School fund.

Congregational Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary. And, gathered all above.
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

3. How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in. Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us. Our Lord Immanuel!

Congregational Hymn "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!

Scene 2: The Very Best Gift of All

Song – "Away in a Manger"

Song – "We Three Kings"

Closing Remarks

Congregational Hymn "Silent Night"

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. Amen

Thank you for coming tonight. Special thanks to all who helped with the service in any way.

During these trying times, please remember to share Jesus' love and word with your friends, family, and neighbors. Remember to always Keep Christ in Christmas.

Please join us tomorrow, here at St. Paul's, for our joint Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 AM.

God's Blessings to you all and Merry Christmas!