

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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December 17, 2023 - Children's Program
The Perfect Christmas by Ellen S. Bunell

PRELUDE "Go Tell it on the Mountain" - Bell and Chime Solo - CaylieJo Perea

FLOWER DEDICATION - Today's altar flowers are provided by Tracy and Mike Paulson in honor of their 16th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 15.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN -

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
"Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere,
"Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light."

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate God's gifts in this joyous season.

Every good and perfect gift is from above.

Come, let us worship the Light that Shines in the darkness.

O Come, let us adore Him!

Come and rejoice. The true light, which gives light to everyone, has come into the world.

From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

Come, let us adore Him.

Christ our Lord, our good and perfect gift sent from above.

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us"

CLC Choir and David Marohl on Flute

Let us pray together

Holy and life-giving God, shine upon us as we hear your Word. Fill us with the same joy and awe as those who first met Jesus. Bless the children who lead our worship and proclaim the Good News of your extravagant love for all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHIME CALL TO WORSHIP - Monroe Paulson, CaylieJo Perea and Miriam Hilley

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM "The Perfect Christmas"

Adapted from "The Light Before Christmas" By Ellen S. Bunell, 2015 Johnstown, PA



Act 1: THIS LITTLE LIGHT NEEDS AN ELECTRICIAN

Praise Band: “An Angel Went from God. . .” from the Annunciation from Holden Evening Prayer

Children’s Song: “This Little Light of Mine”

ACT 2: SHEPHERDS PARTIED IN THE FIELDS NEARBY

HYMN - “The Friendly Beasts”- Praise Band

Jesus our brother kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable of wood
And the friendly beasts around him stood
Jesus our brother kind and good

"Heehaw" said the donkey all shaggy and brown
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town
I carried him safely to Bethlehem town
"Heehaw" said the donkey all shaggy and brown

"Moo" said the cow all white and red
I gave him my manger for a bed
I gave him my hay to pillow his head
"Moo" said the cow all white and red

“Baa” Said the sheep with the curly horn
I gave Him my wool for a blanket warm.
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.”
“Baa” Said the sheep with the curly horn

Children’s Song: “Happy Birthday” to Baby Jesus

ACT 3: GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND iPhone Pro

Praise Band and Children’s Song: “What Can We Give to the King?”

Congregational Song: #267 “Joy to the World” (page 6)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING - *If you missed dropping your offering off in the plate when you arrived, there will be another plate by the ushers to leave your offering as you depart. Thank you for your support.*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dearest Jesus, thank you for the endless gifts of blessings you give us each day. Thank you especially for the gift of salvation that you secured for us on the cross where you died for our sins. Send us now with the same eagerness the shepherds had, to tell the Good News to our families, friends, and neighbors, so that all may share in your good gifts. In your name, we pray.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give to you His peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #289 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (page 7)

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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Serving you today in
Christ's love:

Ushers

9:00am
Team Janovitz
Maddie Riedel



Calendar - Week of Dec. 17, 2023

Sun December 17, 2023

9:00 am Worship - Children's Program

Tues December 19, 2023

10:00 am C3 - FR
6:00 pm Quartet Bell Practice - S
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - FH
6:30 pm Bell Practice - S

Wed December 20, 2023

6:00 pm Confirmation Class - NK
7:00 pm Choir Practice - FR

Thurs December 21, 2023

6:00 pm Boy Scouts Christmas party- FH
6:00 pm Boy Scout Committee meeting - FH
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Sun December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve

No Sunday Morning Service

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

The Perfect Christmas

Adapted from “The Light Before Christmas” by Ellen S Bunell, 2015 Johnstown, PA

Cast of Characters

Narrators:

Clara Cornwell, Madisyn Howard, Katerina Arnold-Schuett,
Kalysta Arnold-Schuett, Sylvie Anderson, Taya Paulson

Director:

Delle Gest

Pastor:

Noah Little

Kid in the Congregation:

Jameson Bergeron

Mary:

Avery Snortum

Joseph:

Logan Gaffney

Talking Cow:

Marshall Paulson

Enthusiastic Kiddo:

Merritt Paulson

Shepherds:

Caleb Grinde, Kellan Anderson, Emmett Cornwell, Keegan Little

Special Angels:

Caydence Anderson, Wynn Anderson

Other Angels

Lydia Pederson, Hannah Grinde, Millie Furseth

Farm Animals:

Owen Hackl, Lily Polachek, Emma Polacheck,
Turner Paulson, Penelope Howard

Magi:

Wyatt Hackl, Chase Riedel, Lincoln Howard, Nolan Snortum

Star:

Adah Pedersen

Special thank you to the chimers

Congregational Song: #267 "Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in providing gifts for the Giving Tree. We collected 41 gifts for families and the elderly in our community. Also thank you for supporting the Toys For Tots program.

Thanksgiving Meal

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Outreach. We donated 15 meals to seniors through the Community Center, donated non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helped the Moravian Church provide a meal to 85 people in need in our community.

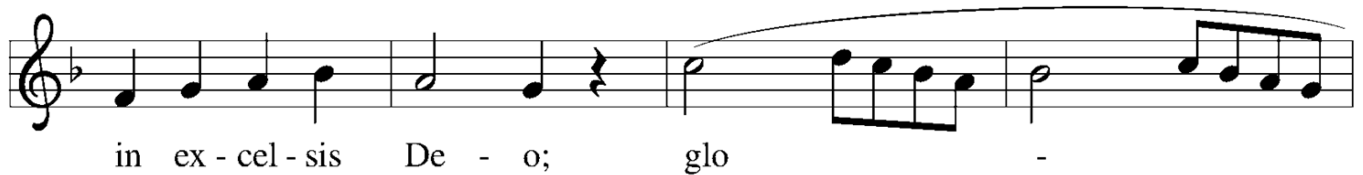
CLOSING HYMN #289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

Bake Sale

The Youth Group will be sponsoring a Bake Sale December 17 after the Children's Christmas Pageant.

For Sale

Lefse, and Herring for sale, contact: The Office 608-846-4718 or David Erickson 608-513-9137.

Quilt Sale

The Quilters are having a quilt sale December 17th as a fund raiser. The Quilters are looking to raise money for quilting material and other supplies. They would also like to raise funds to ship the quilts to those in need, wherever they may be.

Blood Drive

We will be hosting this year's blood drive Wednesday, December 27th, from noon - 5pm at Manthe Paulson Farm's shop (4083 Manthe Road). Appointments preferred.

Feel free to contact Tracy Paulson at tmanthe@yahoo.com or 608-279-9650 to set up an appointment.

We will be looking for volunteers and possibly food donations again as well.

Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (three services)

No Sunday Morning Service

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

December 31st (one service)

9:00 am

Thank You Helpers!

Thank you to our teachers who are so dedicated to our children every Sunday, and are prepared with enthusiasm and heart. Thank you to our classroom aids and other helpers who volunteer every week! A special note of thanks goes out to the Praise Band who provided a fun accompaniment today, and who create a lively Song Time every Sunday with words up on a screen, instruments and lots of energy. Thank you to Anne Emerson who volunteered to help with our pageant this year. Thank you to the parents of our Sunday School students who faithfully bring their children every Sunday. None of this would be possible without your help and cooperation. God Bless You and Merry Christmas!



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