

A Children's Christmas Service

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church—LCMS
West Bloomfield, WI
December 24, 2018 @ 5:00 PM



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

“This is how you should pray.” Matthew 6:9

“A Christmas Prayer” A Children’s Christmas Service

Please note: Because this is a worship service in reverence to our newborn Savior Jesus, please refrain from any flash photography or applause while the children are doing their Christmas program. Thank You!!!

AS WE GATHER—“A Christmas Prayer”

Christmas is a time of prayer. We read of Zachariah and Mary’s prayers, and certainly Joseph and the shepherds likewise offered their prayers to God for the marvel they had witnessed. No doubt the most well-known of all the prayers in the Bible was the prayer that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount – the Lord’s Prayer. The wonder of the Lord’s Prayer is that it can fit any situation in life. This children’s Christmas worship service is based on that prayer.

ORDER OF SERVICE: *as printed in the bulletin*

Pre-Service Music

**Eddie Taggatz, Taelyn Lund, Addison Timm, Judah Sorenson,
Martin Taggatz, Jordan Zastrow**

Processional Hymn: “Oh, Come Little Children”

1. Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small.
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.

2. He’s born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright-gleaming starlight to see
In swaddling-clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels –the Heavenly Child.

3. See, Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where he lies;
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While Angels sing loud alleluias above.

4. Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they.
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Christmas is a time of prayer. For generations throughout the Old Testament, God's people prayed for the Messiah to rescue them. At the time of Jesus' birth we see the prayers of Zechariah and Mary. And today we still offer our prayers of thanks to our loving God whose mercy has given us new life through the Baby in the Bethlehem manger. Today we join in worship as we visit that Bethlehem scene through the words of the prayer Jesus himself taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

P: May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

C: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

P: Give ear to me and hear my prayer.

C: Show the wonder of your great love.

P: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.

C: May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

P: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

C: To all who call on him in truth.

P: Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

C: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Song: Children "Light One Candle" Grades 1-3

PART 1: Our Father who art in Heaven

Recitation: Jordan Zastrow, Cooper Kester, Tucker Lund, Eddie Taggatz, Darrian Lund, Mariah Baehman, Ethan Marquette

"In a Little Stable" Pre, K – 3

Part 2: Hallowed be Thy Name

Recitation: Jayden McCoy, Davianna Lund, Olivia Schneider, Rylan Konen, Alivia Zastrow

Part 3: Thy Kingdom Come

"Baby Jesus" (Tune of "Are You Sleeping?") Preschool

Recitation: Taelyn Lund, Lilly Wendt, Esther Mundschau, Aiden Marquette, Alyson Baehnman

Congregation Hymn: “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” (LSB 380)

Part 4: Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven

Recitation: Jordan Zastrow, Ethan Marquette, Sophia McCoy, Jayden McCoy, Alivia Zastrow, Cooper Kester, Olivia Schneider, Davianna Lund, Mariah Baehnman

Part 5: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Recitation: Taelyn Lund, Esther Mundschau, Alyson Baehnman, Lilly Wendt, Sophia McCoy, Aiden Marquette, Judah Sorenson, Martin Taggatz, Riley Lambert, Dellana Lund

Congregation Hymn: “Silent Night” (LSB 363)

Recitation: Thomas Robbert, Grant Baehnman, Dellana Lund, Lauren Wendt, Mason Doe, Pre, K, 1 & 2, Miriam Wentzel, Addison Timm, Kabella Robbert

“See the Baby Jesus” Preschool – Kindergarten

**Part 6: Forgive Us Our Trespases as We Forgive Those Who Trespass
Against Us**

Recitation: Cooper Kester, Jayden McCoy, Jordan Zastrow, Ethan Marquette, Nik Doe, Gracyn Konen

Congregation Hymn: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

All: “From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now will say and sing:

Women: “To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child, of lowly birth, shall be the joy of all the earth.

Men: “This is the Christ, our God and Lord, who in all need shall aid
afford; He will Himself your Savior be from all your sins to set you
free.

Children: Welcome to earth, thou noble Guest, through whom the sinful world

is blest! Thou com'st to share my misery; what thanks shall I return to Thee?

All: Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee.

Part 7: Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil

Recitation: Davianna Lund, Lilly Wendt, Esther Mundschau, Taelyn Lund, Aiden Marquette, Rylan Konen, Eddie Taggatz, Darrian Lund, Tucker Lund, Thomas Robbert, Berkeley Robbert

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” Grades 4-8

Offering

Prayers of the Church (PLEASE STAND)

Pastor: Let us pray for God's great mercy, asking that He would hear our petitions and grant them according to His gracious will. As we recall the first Christmas, Lord, we thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to never forget the magnitude and importance of His sacrifice for us in coming to earth to be our Savior, our Brother, and our Friend. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we remember Mary and Joseph, we thank You for the gift of family. Give us hearts to fully appreciate the gifts we receive through them and seek to be those who cherish and nourish our family associations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we echo the song of the angels, we thank You for the gifts of poetry and music and for all of the writers and composers who have enriched our celebration with their devotion and creativity. Give us eagerness to ever seek to bring You all that is the best and most beautiful in our worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we think of the shepherds to whom the angel brought the greatest of news, we thank You for those who serve in the various vocations of life, including those whose daily work often goes unnoticed. We commend to Your special care, Lord, those in the military, our first responders and medical personnel, and all whose labor on our behalf is specially challenging or hazardous. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we consider those who were at the inn surrounding Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, we pray for all situations and conditions of people, especially those on our hearts at this time... Be with them and bless them according to their needs, Lord, and give us opportunities to be of comfort and assistance in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we pray, gracious God, we remember our dear ones who have completed their earthly lives and now are in Your eternal keeping. As the brightness of the light of Christ shines on them, may we follow their footsteps in ways of peace and love throughout our lives as we live to Your glory. Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

People: 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.

Part 8: For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever and Ever

“Glory, Hallelujah” All Children

**Recitation: Rylan Konen, Lauren Wendt, Kabella Robbert, Riley Lambert,
Martin Taggatz, Judah Sorenson, Jayden McCoy**

Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers*

6:24–26

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Go Tell It On The Mountain” (LSB 388)

refrain *Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

1 (Children) While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain.

2 (ALL) **The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth. Refrain.**

3 (Congregation) **Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessèd Christmas morn. Refrain.**

+ *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!!!* +

Officiant: Pastor John M. Taggatz

Elder: Jerry Strey

Ushers:

Organist: Ila Robbert

Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

Acolyte: Cooper Kester

Join Us for Holiday Worship at Christ Lutheran Church!

Christmas Day Worship 10:00 am

**This Christmas Eve Service will be aired on AM 800 on Christmas Day at
12:30 PM**

**2019 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes. Please note some numbers
have changed so please write your name on your envelopes to avoid any
confusion.**

This Christmas Season, the poinsettias are placed in Church:

- In memory of Roger, Art, Linda and La Van Radichel.....Given by Ann Radichel family
- In memory of Eris Hartzke & Norma Howard..... Given by Tom and Diane Hartzke
- In memory of Ed Pflug.....Given by Joanne Pflug and family
- In memory of Robert Brazil.....Given by Marian Brazil and family
- In memory of Dennis Robbert.....Given by from John & JoAnn Robbert
- In memory of Ida Ebert.....Given by Vera Frederick
- In memory of Mike Bruesewitz.....Given by Joh & Joann Robbert, Matt Bruesewitz, Jeremy, Crystal, Brook, Rylei & Kolten Bruesewitz
- In honor of Jesus' Birthday.....Given by Myron and Lydia Wacker.
- In memory of Mark & Tammy Highlander.....Given by Delma and Joan Behm
- In memory of Laura Boelter.....Given by Wally Boelter & family
- In memory of Werner & Clarice Kempf.....Given by Bob & Rose Cartwright & family
- In loving memory of Cody Mitchell Loehrke.....Given by David & Charlene Loehrke, Ryan & Stacey Marquette & family, Brad & Cassie Konen & family
- In memory of Carl & Bernice Boelter.....Given by Tom & Susanne Utecht
- In memory of Chad Boelter.....Given by Stan & Pattie Boelter & family

8th Grade

Cooper Kester
Jordan Zastrow
Ethan Marquette
Jayden McCoy

7th Grade

Tucker Lund
Lilly Wendt

6th Grade

Esther Mundschau
Davianna Lund
Aiden Marquette

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Davianna Lund
Aiden Marquette

5th Grade

Alyson Baehnman
Sophia McCoy
Alivia Zastrow
Olivia Schneider
Rylan Konen

4th Grade

Edward Taggatz
Taelyn Lund
Mariah Baehnman

3rd Grade

Berkley Robbert
Riley Lambert
Martin Taggatz
Judah Sorenson,
Thomas Robbert
Lauren Wendt
Darrian Lund
Kabella Robbert

2nd Grade

Mason Doe
Addison Timm
Miriam Wentzel
Dellana Lund
Grant Baehnman

1st Grade

Nik Doe
Gracyn Konen

4K

Cullen Willis

3K

Ava Henslin
Eleanor Taggatz
Benjamin Martin