



## **JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

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**WELCOME TO PEACE!** – The purpose of our congregation is **to worship** God, who gives life through Word and Sacrament; **to serve** one another in love and fellowship; and **to proclaim** forgiveness and salvation to all through Jesus Christ alone.

### PARENT’S ROOM

**A room is available** if your little one needs a moment. It is the first room on the right as you walk into the church building. Sound and video are piped into the room to enable you to hear and see the service. Changing tables are in both restrooms.

### FACILITIES

**Restrooms** are located down the hall and on the right side.



**An induction loop is provided** for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to “T.”

### BEFORE WORSHIP

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BOOK OF LUKE 2:1-20 (KJV)

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #133 *"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"*

### THE INVOCATION

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

**C:** Amen.

### CHILDREN SING *"NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE"*

SING WE ALL NOEL, P. 27

*Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!*

### PASTOR

The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus long ago when he described the majesty of the Savior that was to come.

### CHILDREN SAY

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

### CHILDREN SING *"THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT"*

TLH #106

*The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.*

*To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is given,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All power in earth and heaven.  
All power in earth and heaven.*

## PASTOR

We hear the Christmas story as found in the Holy Bible from Luke 2.

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup>(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup>To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

<sup>6</sup>And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**CHILDREN SING** *“THY LITTLE ONES, DEAR LORD, ARE WE”* SING WE ALL NOEL, P. 38

*Thy little ones, dear Lord, are we,  
And come Thy lowly bed to see;  
Enlighten every soul and mind,  
That we the way to Thee may find.*

## PASTOR

<sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**CHILDREN SING** *“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”* ELH 125

*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 in the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

## PASTOR

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

## CHILDREN SAY

<sup>14</sup>*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*

## PASTOR

<sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup>And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**CHILDREN SING** *“JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME”* SING WE ALL NOEL, P. 13

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

*Let earth receive her King;*

*Let every heart prepare Him room.*

*And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,*

*And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.*

## CHILDREN SAY

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16*

## PASTOR

Yes, God so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to save us. We poor sinners need Jesus’ holy life, loving death on the cross and His powerful resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins. Whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise one day!

Now, what can you bring to show you love Jesus, our Savior?

## CHILDREN SAY

*I bring my eyes to read God's Word; I bring my ears to hear it.*

*I bring my body to the Lord, Where lives His Holy Spirit.*

*I bring my hands to do His will, My feet to walk His ways.*

*My tongue to tell of God's own love, My voice to sing His praise.*

## CHILDREN SING "GLORY TO GOD"

COMPOSER: GEORGE KESSEL, 1924

**Youth & Congregation:**      **Low in a humble manger Jesus, the Christ Child, lay,  
Watched by the virgin mother, there on the fragrant hay,  
Keeping her loving vigil, far from the worldly throngs,  
When through the night came ringing, glorious angel songs.**

**Preschool:**      *"Glory to God" the angels sing; Praises to Christ, the newborn King;  
"Peace be on earth, good will to men", Hear we the angels sing again!  
"Glory to God" the angels sing, Praises to Christ, the newborn King;  
"Peace be on earth, good will to men, good will to men."*

**Youth & Congregation:**      **Little the loving mother, dreamed of their meaning then,  
How He should die on Calv'ry, die for the sins of men.  
But down the weary ages, out from that manger bed  
Streams all the light of heaven, soon o'er the world to spread.**

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"Glory to God" the angels sing, Praises to Christ, the newborn King;  
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**Congregation, Preschool & Youth Refrain:**

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## SERMON – MATTHEW 1:21

## THE CHRISTMAS CANDY CANE

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

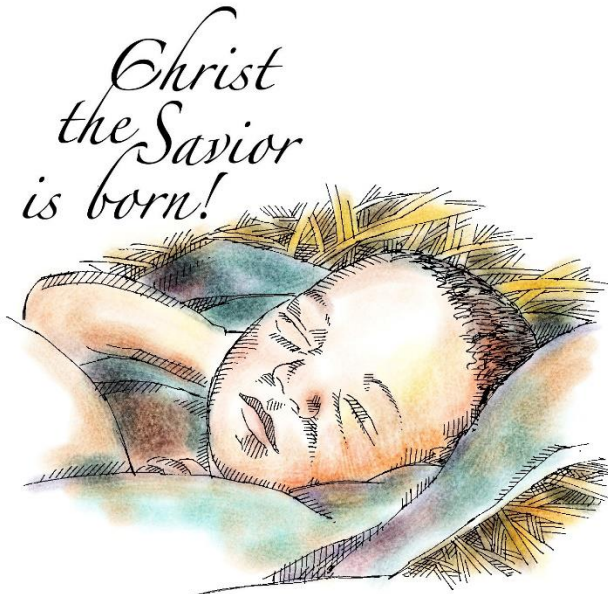
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

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

**C:** Amen.

## THE CLOSING HYMN #140 "SILENT NIGHT"



# *A special* **THANK YOU** *to:*

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**To God be the Glory!**

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## **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Please sign up to attend our services at [www.peacemankato.com](http://www.peacemankato.com)



*Christmas Eve*  
Divine Services  
3:00pm  
4:30pm  
6:00pm



*Christmas Day*  
Divine Services  
8:30am  
10:00am



*New Year's Eve*  
Divine Service  
with Holy Communion  
6:00pm

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