



JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 13, 2019 - 6:30 PM

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Divine Service – 6:30 PM

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PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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

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.

PASTOR SINGS *"LITTLE CHILDREN, CAN YOU TELL"* SING WE ALL NOEL, P. 30

Little children, can you tell, Do you know the story well,
Every girl and every boy, Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning?

CHILDREN SING

*Yes, we know the story well, Listen now, and hear us tell,
Every girl and every boy, Why the angels sing for joy
On the Christmas morning.*

Henry A. Lewis, 1892

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 shoulders and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

CHILDREN SING *"O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN"* SING WE ALL NOEL, P. 43

*O come, little children, O 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.*

Christian V. Schmid, 1768-1854
Tr. unknown
Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800

PASTOR

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³And everyone went to register, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

⁶And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

CHILDREN SING “STILL, STILL, STILL”

ADAPTED FROM AUSTRIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Still, still, still. He came at God's own will
The virgin mother's arms enfolding
Warm and safe God's Son is holding
Still, still, still. He came at God's own will.*

*Peace, peace, peace. He gives everlasting peace.
He died on a cross to be our Savior
Rose from the dead, our great Redeemer
Peace, peace, peace. He gives everlasting peace.*

PASTOR

⁸There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: ¹¹Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

CHILDREN SING *“WHILE BY MY SHEEP”*

LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE YOU

*While by my sheep I watched at night Glad tidings brought an angel bright.**How great my joy, great my joy. Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!**Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!**There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem, a child today.**How great my joy! Great my joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!**Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav’n on high!*

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PASTOR

¹³Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying,

CHILDREN SAY

¹⁴*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”*

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**

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Now let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

CHILDREN SING "AWAY IN THE MANGER"

ELH 119

*Away in the manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

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 His great love,

My voice to sing His praise.

PASTOR

Any preschool alumni or youth are invited to come up and sing the next song.

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 throng,
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 Calvary, 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.**

Preschool: *“Glory to God” the angels sing, Praises to Christ the newborn King;
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“Peace be on earth, good will to men, good will to men.”*

Congregation, Preschool & Youth Refrain:

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“Glory to God” the angels sing, Praises to Christ the newborn King;
“Peace be on earth, good will to men, good will to men.”*

SERMON – LUKE 2:8-12

CHRISTMAS JOY

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THE OFFERING

The members of Peace Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

(II Corinthians 9:8)

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.

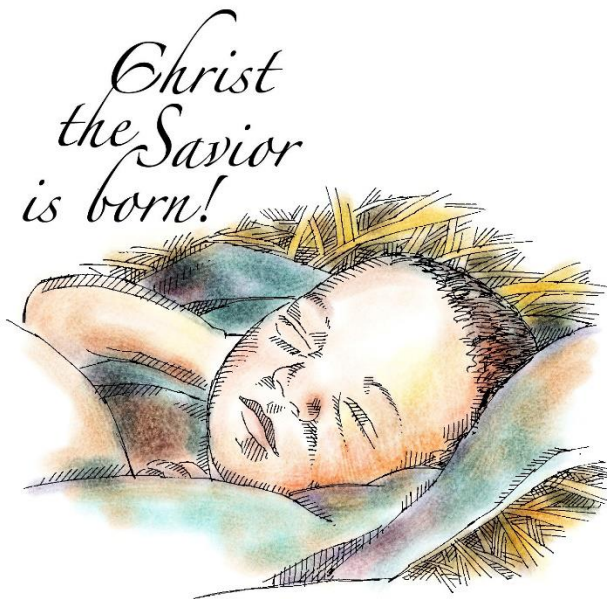
THE CLOSING HYMN #140 “SILENT NIGHT”

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

The Preschool Children;
Joseph – Colten Evers, *Mary* – Adelyn Harstad, *Angel* – Cheyenne Klockziem;
Joslyn Moldstad & Tammi Emmons;
Guitar: Mike Madson; Pianist: Brittany Cordes;
The ushers; Cover artwork: Don Moldstad.

To God be the Glory!

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12/13 6:30PM **Preschool Children's Christmas Program**

12/15 8:15AM Divine Service
 10:45AM **Sunday School Children's Christmas Program**

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS – WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM
"CHRISTMAS CLUES"



12/18 5:15PM Advent Supper
 6:30PM Micah 5:2-5 that answer Where?



CHRISTMAS EVE
 DIVINE SERVICE
 4:30 & 6:30PM



CHRISTMAS DAY
 DIVINE SERVICE
 9:00AM



NEW YEAR'S EVE
 DIVINE SERVICE
 WITH HOLY COMMUNION
 6:30PM

Please note: there will be TWO candlelight worship services on Christmas Eve this year.

To watch our services live, go to: www.peacemankato.com/live-streaming. The service will start automatically when it is live (Sunday – 8:15AM, special services – at time of service). For recorded services, go to www.vimeo.com/peacemankato and choose which service you wish to watch.