

It Wouldn't Be
Christmas
Without...



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

DECEMBER 15, 2019, 10:45 AM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2090 COMMERCE DRIVE
NORTH MANKATO, MN 56003



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“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

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Sunday School Children's Christmas Program

Sunday – 10:45 AM

DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of Your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with Your light; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

“IT WOULDN’T BE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT...”

PASTOR

NARRATION

PART I: MUSIC

“O, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

ELH #133

- All children:**
1. O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels:
O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

NARRATION

RECITATION – 8TH GRADE STUDENT ROMANS 5:12

“So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned.”

NARRATION

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- All children:**
3. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

- All children & Congregation:**
4. **Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee...be all glory giv’n,
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing,
O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

NARRATION

RECITATION – PRESCHOOL LUKE 2:14

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

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

ELH #116

- PreK – 1st Grade** 1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- PreK – 1st Grade & Congregation:** 3. **Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

NARRATION

ALL STUDENTS

It wouldn’t be Christmas without Music!

PART II: CANDLES

NARRATION

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT ISAIAH 9:2

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.”

RECITATION – 8TH GRADE STUDENT ISAIAH 9:6

“For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders. He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

NARRATION

RECITATION – 8TH GRADE STUDENT MICAH 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel. His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity.”

NARRATION

RECITATION – 4TH - 6TH GRADE LUKE 2:15-18

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.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them.

NARRATION

RECITATION – 2ND & 3RD GRADE LUKE 2:9-11

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! But 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: Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord.

NARRATION

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT JOHN 8:12

Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

NARRATION

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT MATTHEW 5:14-15

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”

RECITATION – 8TH GRADE STUDENT MATTHEW 5:16

“In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

NARRATION

ALL STUDENTS

It wouldn’t be Christmas without Candles!



“SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT”

ELH #140

All Children

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.

Small Group Choir

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

**All children &
Congregation:**

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.

PART III: A TREE

NARRATION

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT 1 PETER 2:24

The Apostle Peter writes, [Christ] himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed.

NARRATION

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

NARRATION

“O CHRISTMAS TREE”

V3 BY PAUL AGENTEN

- Congregation**
1. **O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
how lovely are your branches!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
how lovely are your branches!
In beauty green will always grow
through summer sun and winter snow.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
how lovely are your branches!**
- Congregation**
2. **O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
you are the tree most loved!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
you are the tree most loved!
How often you give us delight
in brightly shining Christmas light!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
you are the tree most loved!**
- Children**
3. **O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
you point us to the Savior!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
you point us to the Savior!
To Jesus Christ the Son of God,
Our Holy King and Mary’s Son.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
you point us to the Savior!**

ALL STUDENTS

It wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas Tree!

PART IV: PRESENTS

NARRATION

NARRATION ROMANS 6:23

The Bible says, For the wages of sin is death, but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23). And St. Paul also writes, “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

NARRATION

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT MATTHEW 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT MATTHEW 2:9-10

After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy.

RECITATION – 7TH GRADE STUDENT MATTHEW 2:11

After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

NARRATION

ALL STUDENTS

It wouldn't be Christmas without Presents!

“THE FIRST NOEL”

SING WE ALL NOEL, P10

Children

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Small Group

2. The wisemen looked and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Congregation & Children

4. **This star drew nigh to the north-west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

Congregation
& Children

5. Then enter'd in those wise men three.
Fell rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

THE OFFERING

PART V: CHRIST!

NARRATION

RECITATION – 8TH GRADE STUDENT LUKE 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. And everyone went to register, each to his own town. And 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. He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

RECITATION – K & 1ST GRADE LUKE 2:6-7

And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And 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.

“AWAY IN A MANGER”

ELH #119

PRE-K – 1ST grade

1. Away in a 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.
2. The cattle are lowing the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

RECITATION – 2ND & 3RD GRADE LUKE 2:8-9

There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified!

RECITATION – 2ND & 3RD GRADE LUKE 2:10-12

But 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: Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

RECITATION – PRE-K LUKE 2:13-14

Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”

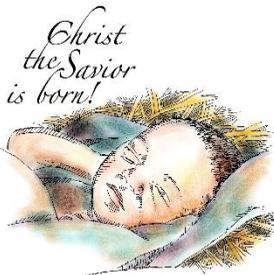
RECITATION – 4TH – 6TH GRADE LUKE 2:15-20

When 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.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And 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.

NARRATION

ALL STUDENTS

It wouldn’t be Christmas without Christ!



“THIS IS CHRISTMAS”

BY KUTLASS

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

ELH #138

Congregation

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry 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.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

SOLI DEO GLORIA! – TO GOD ALONE THE GLORY!

There are Treat Bags for the children as they leave the sanctuary.

Thank you to those who served in our service today:

Pre-service music: Adelyn Harstad, Leo Harstad, Maria Harstad, Enzo Lin, Gemma Lin, Nathaniel Lukasek, Philip Lukasek, Caleb Moldstad, Levi Moldstad, Mallory Novak, Lilli Olsen, Faith Peters, Grace Peters, Claire Woller;
The Sunday School Children; The Sunday School Teachers;
Sunday School Christmas Program Director: Courtney Agenten;
Narrators: Paul Agenten, Nicholas Lilienthal;
Music Director: Rachel Lowrey;
Piano Accompanist: Laura Harstad;
Soloists: Paul Agenten, Nicholas Lilienthal;
Guitar & Harmonica: Mike Madson; Trumpet: Paul Agenten;
Set Designer: Missy Vandermause;
Nativity Scene: Douglas Agenten;
Sunday School Superintendent: Paul Agenten;
Ushers: Chris Harstad, Dan Holz.

To God be the Glory!

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Announcements

This week's schedule, December 15 – 22:

Sunday:	8:15 AM	Divine Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program
Tuesday:	9:00 AM	Solid Grounds Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday:	4:00 PM	Catechism Class
	5:15 PM	Advent Supper served by group 6
	6:30 PM	Advent Divine Service
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday:	6:30 AM	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
Saturday:	10:00 AM	Peace Writers' Group
Sunday:	8:15 & 10:45 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	9:25 AM	NO Children's Bible Story Time
	9:30 AM	NO Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Important upcoming events:

December

December 24th

December 25th

December 31st

Group 1 – Refreshments

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - **4:30 & 6:30 PM**

Christmas Day Divine Service - **9:00 AM**

New Year's Eve Service w/Holy Communion - **6:30 PM**



Emma, Evelyn and Elliott Dueck, children of Josiah and Serena Dueck, were baptized on December 14th. Sponsors are Jordan & Laura Smith and Ben & Haley Lundsten. Witnesses are Elizabeth Lohrenz, family & friends. May God strengthen Emma, Evelyn and Elliott Dueck to live in their baptismal grace all the days of their lives.



Christmas letters from the pastor's families are on the table in the narthex (by the offering envelopes). Please stop and pick up yours today.



GROUP 6!! We are responsible for the Advent supper on December 18th. Please check your email and sign up to bring food, setup, serve, and/or clean up. We need lots of help. Any questions, please contact Michele Moldstad or Terri Fries. Thank you!



You are invited to sing with the choir this Christmas! Come to the rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on December 18th to learn the music for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We would love to have you join us!



Angel Tags on the Tree? — This Christmas season we've again decided to adopt families in need who are connected to our congregation and help purchase gifts for them. If you'd like to participate, please take one (or more) of the angel tags off the tree in the new addition by the coffee, buy the gift it lists and bring the wrapped gift and tag to the church office by Sunday, December 22nd. The gifts will be delivered to the families before Christmas.



ELS Winter Youth Retreat and Trip to Nickelodeon Universe – Our 7th grade to high school youth are invited to a Winter Youth Retreat at Heritage Lutheran in Apple Valley from January 3rd to 4th. The retreat will include an evening of fun, games, and Bible Study on Friday night with a trip to Nickelodeon Universe (NU) on Saturday. The cost is \$25 per student and covers a five-hour unlimited ride pass to NU as well as food and drinks while at Heritage. You can bring cash or write a check to Peace Lutheran Church (the church setting up the retreat) the day of. See the sign-up sheet in the entryway for more information. Youth must sign-up by December 27th to guarantee their spot.

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool thanks all who contributed to our fundraiser. We raised a total of \$980 with donations! We thank everyone also who was able to come to our Preschool Christmas last Friday evening. We thank Kristi Ringen for coordinating the fellowship afterward, with many volunteers. And, we thank our preschool families for supplying cookies for the event! If you would like to register your child for our Winter Semester, please call Joslyn at 385-7752 for a tour and information.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Bus Drivers Needed for MVL Routes – Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We're looking for MVL route drivers and substitute drivers for these great kids. Paid training! Full-time and part-time positions available. Interested individuals should contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at [507-995-5387](tel:507-995-5387).

MVL Christmas Concert - December 20 – The Freshmen Choir, A Capella Choir, Choraliers, and Symphonic Band are eagerly preparing pieces that celebrate our Savior's birth. Preconcert music will be provided by the band beginning at 6:45 P.M., with the concert beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the MVL gymnasium. All are invited!



12/15

8:15AM

Divine Service

10:45AM

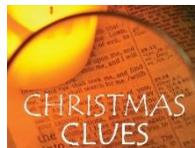
Sunday School Children's Christmas Program

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM

"CHRISTMAS CLUES"



12/18

5:15-6:15PM

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.

