



Christ Child Concert

December 11, 2024

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Christ - the True Light that gives light to every man

May the lessons and songs this evening remind you of the real joy we as Christians know as we celebrate the approaching birth of the True Light, our Savior from sin.

Bells Grades 5-6

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
by Martha Lynn Thompson

Please stand

Greeting & Prayer

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Pour out your blessing, dear Father in heaven, on your faithful people, that with joy we may celebrate your Son's birth. Shine on us with the brightness of your Son who overcame the darkness of sin and death through the brilliant light of the cross. Fill us with the fullness of your Spirit who, in Word and Sacrament, enlightens our minds and purifies our hearts. Move us to carry the message of your holy love to our families and friends, to Fond du Lac, and to all the world - and finally bring us to the fullness of joy in heaven. We pray through Jesus Christ our infant King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Opening Hymn:

Stanza 1 - Soloist

Stanzas 2 & 3 - Congregation/Choirs

"Dawning Light of Our Salvation" | **CW 311**

Inspiration

“When Will the Little King Come?”

by Ruth Elain Schram

Refrain: When will the little King come? When will we see God’s Son? We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy, when our Emmanuel comes.

Will He come like a breath of spring while the flowers are blossoming? Will He come on a summer day while the children are at play?

Will He come when the air grows cold while the leaves turn to red and gold? Will He come on a winter night while the stars are shining bright? *Refrain (twice)*

“What A Glorious Night”

by Casey Brown, Jonathan Smith, Ben McDonald and David Frey

The shepherds came to see the baby
Stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night, Oh what a glorious night!

*Refrain: I hear the angels singing hallelujah, let the earth receive her king!
I know that love has come, sing it out!
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds wondered, They couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight All were amazed When they heard how
God came down on this glorious night, God came down on this glorious night! *Refrain*

Glorious, glorious! What a Glorious night!
Glorious, glorious! What a Glorious night! *Refrain*

All is calm now, all is quiet. A Star shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem The king is sleeping
Oh What a Glorious Night!
Oh What a Glorious Night!

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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.

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. There will be no limit to his authority and no end to the peace he brings. He will rule on David’s throne and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from now on, into eternity. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.

Bells Grade 7(8)

“Adeste Fideles”

by Mitchell Eithun

Congregational Hymn

“My Soul in Stillness Waits” | CW 325

Stanzas 1 & 2 - Soloist

Stanzas 3 & 4 - Congregation/Choirs

Adult Choir

“Were You There on That Christmas Night”

accompanied by **Adult Bells**

by Natalie Sleeth

Were you there, were you there on that Christmas night when the world was filled with a holy light? Were you there to behold, when the wonder foretold came to earth?

Did you see, did you see how they hailed Him King with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring? Did you see how they bowed as they praised Him aloud at His birth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight? Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang all-through the night?

Did you know, did you know it was God’s own Son, the salvation of the world begun?
Did you know it was love, that was sent from above to the earth?

“A Holy, Silent Night”

by Lloyd Larson

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn, a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born! O night divine! O night, O night, O night divine!

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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light see the radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

'Twas a holy, silent night.

Luke 2: 4-7

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. 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.

Congregational Hymn

"A Glory Fills the Midnight Sky" | CW 357
stanzas 1-2

Adult Bells

"The First Noel"
by Sandra Eithum

Gathering of our Offering - Our gifts of love

Please stand

Prayers

M: Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the Christmas gift of faith that confesses the glory of your eternal Son, who humbled himself to save us. Give us the courage to speak and live that confession in all of our callings. Use us as your instruments, that many more may joyfully confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord." As we look forward to Christmas, may we receive your daily gifts with thanksgiving, and show our gratitude by loving and gentle behavior toward each other and toward all whom we meet. In the Christ Child's name we pray and join together: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed...**

Romans 15: 4-7, 12-13

Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God.

And again Isaiah says: There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope. Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please be seated

Bells Grade 8(7)

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"
by Sondra Tucker

Congregational Hymn

"Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" | CW 313
stanzas 1-4

Joint Choirs

"Sing Gloria, Sing Noel!"
by Joel Raney

Tiny baby was born this day. See him lying there in the hay. Stars are shining up in the sky, Mary's singing a lullaby. **Sing gloria, sing noel.**

Late at night when the world's asleep. Shepherds tend to their flocks of sheep. Saw an angel and heard his voice, went to Bethlehem to rejoice. **Sing gloria, sing noel.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! **Sing gloria, sing noel.**

See the wisemen on their way. To the manger now, don't delay. Choirs of angels join to sing, hear the bells of heaven ring. **Sing gloria, sing noel.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo. **Sing noel.**

"Royal David's City"

by Joel Raney

Sing a song of hope, sing a song of peace. Gloria. Sing a song of love. Sing a song of Christmas joy; hallelujah, Christ is born.

Theme: Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.

Theme repeated. Mary was that mother mild. Jesus Christ, her little child.
In royal David's city.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Congregational Hymn

"He Whose Praise the Shepherds Sounded" | **CW 351**
stanzas 1-4

We thank the choirs and leaders this evening

Pastor:	Rev. Peter Lindemann
Organist:	Brent Nolte
Directors:	Heidi Zabel, David Koepsell
Accompanists:	Amy Meyer, Erin Achey
Narrators:	Randy Westphal & Shawn Meyer
First Soloist:	Ryan Demmon
Second Soloist:	Joy Schwark
Flute:	Chloe Boehringer
Sound/Lights:	Carl Manske
Video:	Jessica Lieurance



Holiday Services and Concerts

Dec. 13	Joyful Witness Concert 7:30pm @ St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac
Dec. 14	Joyful Witness Concert (repeat) 2:00pm @ St. Paul's NFDL
Dec. 15	St. Peter's School PreK-1st Christmas Service 10:30am
Dec. 19	WLA's Christmas Concert 7:00pm @ Winnebago Luth. Academy
Dec. 20	WLA's Christmas Concert (repeat) 1:00pm @ WLA
Dec. 22	St. Peter's School 2nd-8th Christmas Service 2:00pm
Dec. 24	St. Peter's Christmas Eve Services 3:30 & 6:30pm
Dec. 25	St. Peter's Christmas Day Service 9:00am
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service with Communion 6:30pm

The special bulletin cover is given by the Hanson & Toerpe families, in memory of Hollie Hanson, wishing you a blessed holiday.