

The Many Shapes of CHRISTMAS

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St. Peter's Lutheran School
Preschool - 1st Grade
Christmas Service

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We are happy many family and friends have joined us this morning for the children's program. As this is still a church service, please refrain from taking a lot of pictures and videos. The service will be live streamed and put online for you to re-watch and share.

Procession - **Congregation Sings:**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" {Hymn 354}

Narrations



Triangle

Song and Narrations

Children and Congregation sings:

"O Christmas Tree"

Children:

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green unchanging.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green unchanging.

Your boughs, so green in summer time, Do brave the snow of winter time.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green unchanging.

Congregation:

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.

Like little stars, your candles bright Send to the world a wondrous light.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.

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A symbol of the Lord of Love Whom God to man sent from above.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.



Circle

Song and Narrations

Congregation: "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" {Hymn 350 vs 1}

**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 of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**



Star

Song and Narrations

Children and Congregation sings: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" {Hymn 333}

Children:
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Congregation:
**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!**



Rectangle

Song and Narrations

Congregation:

Luke 2:1-20

All: 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.

Men: 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.

Women: 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.

Men: 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!

Women: 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."

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

Children: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind."

Children Sing: "Angels We Have Heard on High" {Hymn 346 vs 1}

All: 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."

Men: 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.

Women: 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.

Children and Congregation sings: "Away in a Manger" {Hymn 341}

Children:
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.

Congregation:
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.

Children:
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.



Square
Song and Narration

Congregation sings: "Joy Has Dawned" {Hymn 352 verses 1-2}

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love - Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'able and helpless.

Narration and Song



Congregation sings: "Joy Has Dawned" {Hymn 352 verses 3-4}

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory.
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story;
Gold a king is born today; incense God is with us;
Myrrh his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.



Devotion "Christmas is About the Cross"
Jackson Lindemann

Gathering of our Offering
Adult Bells "The First Noel" by Sandra Eithum

Prayers

Lord's Prayer (sung)



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, as
we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-
liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the
pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

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Blessing

Recession - **Congregation sings:**

"Joy to the World" {Hymn 353}

All are invited to join the children in the commons for a Christmas treat



Sunday, Dec. 22
Tuesday, Dec. 24
Wednesday, Dec. 25
Tuesday, Dec. 31

2nd-8th Grade Christmas Service 2:00pm
Christmas Eve Worship 3:30 & 6:30pm
Christmas Day Worship 9:00am
New Year's Worship w/Communion 6:30pm

The special bulletin cover is given by the Morenzen family wishing you all a Merry Christmas & God's blessings throughout the New Year.