# **Zion Lutheran Church**

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2024

## Ringing of the Bells & Welcome

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O' Come, Little Children"

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.

The hay is His pillow, the manger His bed The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on His head Yet there where He lieth, so weak and so poor, Come shepherds and wisemen to kneel at His door.

He's born in a stable for you and for me.
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying meek and so mild,
And purer than angels the heavenly child.

See Mary and Joseph with love beaming eyes
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies.
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.



## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor:** We gather together in awe and wonder, remembering the night that our Savior was born. The heavens rang with praise, and the world beheld the long-awaited King.

**Congregation:** His name is Jesus—let our hearts proclaim His joy, His peace, and His love. O come, let us adore Him!

**Pastor:** He lived to bring us peace, and He died to set us free, that we may share His eternal love with the world.

**Congregation:** Let us be joy to the world, peace on the earth, and live in wonder of His grace, hope, and love. O come, let us adore Him!

**Leader:** We are called to be a light in the darkness, guiding the broken to the mercy seat, revealing His light in all we do.

**Congregation:** Let our lives reflect His light, that all would sing, O come, let us adore Him!

**Leader:** Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Prince of Peace—He is our everlasting hope.

**Congregation:** Let us be joy to the world. O come, let us adore Him!

OPENING SONG: Ring the Bells Kids of the Kingdom

# The Innkeeper's Daughter

## Scene 1: A Busy Inn in Bethlehem

An Innkeeper and his family prepare for visitors

SONG: Bethlehem Amigos

#### Scene 2: The Stable Outside the Inn

Sara, the innkeeper's daughter and David, a young shepherd boy make plans for their future

SONG: Baby Jesus Kids of the Kingdom

#### **OFFERING**

# OFFERING HYMN: "The First Noel"

The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up 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.

#### Chorus

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

#### Chorus

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took it rest, And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Chorus

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CONGREGATION: Jesus, Thank you for leaving heaven and coming to live with us. Thank you for loving us, healing us, and teaching us. But most of all, thank you for making a way for us to be with you forever by dying for us. O, Come let us adore you. Amen

#### Scene 3: Outside the Inn in Bethlehem

Sara encounters Mary and Joseph outside the inn and invites them to stay

SONG: It's Jesus Amigos

## Scene 4: A campfire in the hills of Judea

The Angels announce the birth of Jesus to the Shepherds

SONG: Angels from the Realms of Glory Millie Garton

SONG: Away in a Manger Kids of the Kingdom

# \*\*Please join in the singing of the first verse after the trumpet trio plays. \*\*

O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks 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, O night, O night when Christ was born.

#### Scene 5: The Stable Outside the Inn

The stable is full to welcome the newborn king

SONG: Let Us Be Amigos

# SENDING HYMN: "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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

#### **Closing & Distribution of Gifts**

After the Sunday School children receive their gifts, children in the congregation are invited to come forward to receive a gift. We pray this Zion tradition will be a blessing and a lasting memory for all children

# Thank you for coming to Zion's Christmas Eve Program.

## Cast

Max Cornelius Ben, the Innkeeper: Leah, the Innkeeper's wife: Presleigh Borgman Sara, the Innkeeper's daughter: Alexis Folkerts Kipton Lovitt David, a shepherd boy: Sadie Gronewold Mary: Brogan Ideus Joseph: **Shepherds:** Konnor Kolm Colt Rinne Aiden Hanshaw Carson Hanshaw **Angels:** Millie Garton Nora Glynn Wisemen: Hunter Grone Korbin Bushoom



Tavin Lieneman

#### **Sunday School Roster**

#### **Little Angels**

Beckham
Schmitter
Burke Meints
Dorothy
Freeman
Ellie Grummert
Eloise Blecha
Gus
Daubendick
Hank Bartlett
Maverick
Podany
Mavis Dorn
Micah Jensen
Palmer Parks

#### Pre-K

Baylor Scott
Brantley Glynn
Carrick Eickoff
Elianna Buss
Graham
Schlake
Henry
Behrends
Hudson Ideus

# <u>Kindergarten</u>

Ace Bartlett
Ava Remmers
Jaxson Lane
Kade Wiese
Marlowe Sutter
Rhett Harms
Rory Detert
Weylan
Gronewold

#### 1st Grade

Aceson Wendeln Allison Ideus Bennett Wiese Claire Freeman Coral Harms Emmalynn Blecha Haves Grone Jake Buhr Lane Gummert **Luna Meints** Mason Fast Paul Nelson **Tucker Parks** Vonn Behrens

#### 2nd Grade

Hudson Schlake Aiden Schlake Chesleigh Ideus Connor Jensen Beau Gronewold Logan Hippen Everett Meints Carson Behrends Lincoln Eickhoff Madison Detert

#### 3rd Grade

Emmit Buhr Blakely Peters Chloe Remmers Brooks Coffin

Shane Parde

Kali Oltman Lennon Hofstetter McKendrick Sutter Aubrey Wiese Emma Lane

Remington Fast

#### 4th Grade

Graydon Day
Gus Garton
Heston Grone
Emerson Ideus
McKenzleigh
Ideus
Luke Kolm
Layton
Lieneman
Everly Meints

#### 5th Grade

Maverick Fast

Austin Folkerts
Ellis Freeman
Devyn
Gronewold
Macy Oltman
Tanden Wiese
Caleb Kastanek
Mason Ideus
Brixton Coffin
Mason Hippen
Bryleigh Meints
Ava Meints
Jace Behrends
Debreigh
Wendeln

#### 6th Grade

Grayson
Borgman
Nolan Buhr
Cash Harwood
Micah
Hofstetter

#### 7th Grade

Korbin
Busboom
Alexis Folkerts
Millie Garton
Hunter Grone
Sadie
Gronewold
Nora Jurgens
Tavin Lieneman

## 8th Grade

Presleigh
Borgman
Maximus
Cornelius
Brogan Ideus
Konnor Kolm
Kipton Lovitt
Karlee Riha
Colt Rinne
Aiden Hanshaw
Carson
Hanshaw