Trinity Lutheran Church

Dec. 12, 2021 Third Sunday in Advent Children's Program

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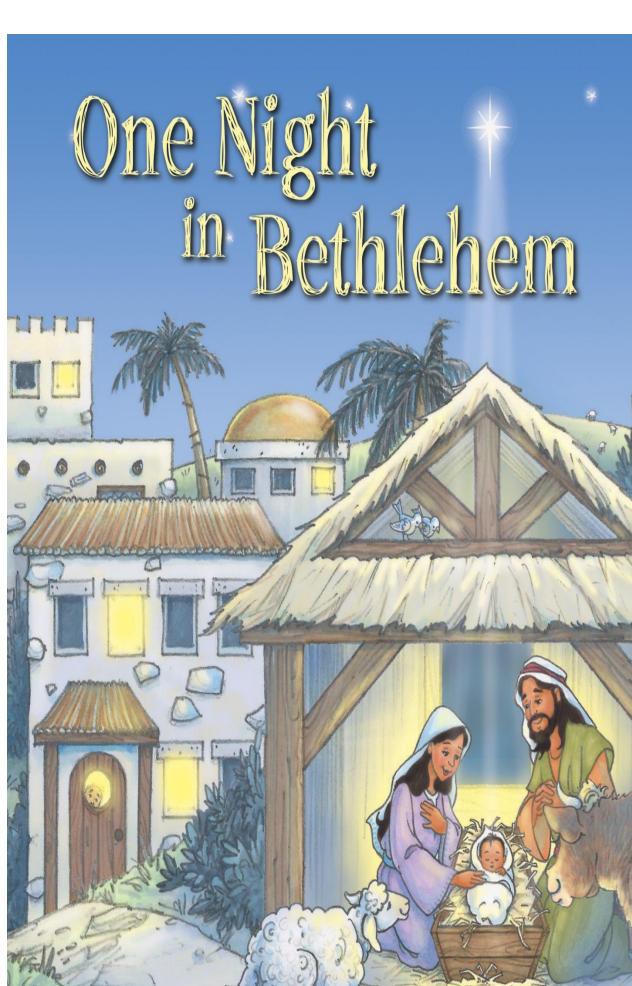
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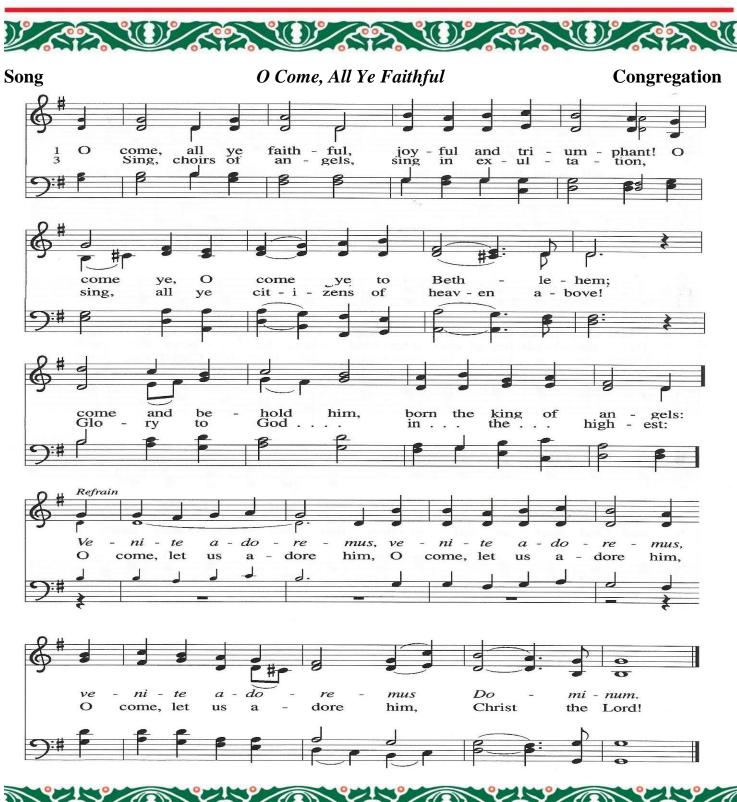
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THE SAVIOR-YES, THE MESSIAH, THE LORD-HAS BEEN BORN IN BETHLEHEM, THE CITY OF DAVID!

LUKE 2:11



LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

THE PROMISE OF JOY

Advent is a time for God's people to awaken their longings. Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In the darkness, we long to see the light.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning. In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning. In hardship, we long for an act of love.

Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning. In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

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Today we light three candles. The **first candle** radiates the **hope** given through Jesus Christ. The **second candle** calls us to embrace and extend Christ's **peace** to an unsettled world. The **third candle** extends the promise of **joy** to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true **joy** that sustains a weary people.

Please Join the Choir in singing:



Speakers:

The world needed a Savior. And this is how it happened,

God sent his Son to them. One night in Bethlehem.

"The Christmas Star"

Pastor Tim: "At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child" (Luke 2:1–5).

"Off They Go"

A fingerplay

Preschool thru 3rd Grade

Pastor Tim: "And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them" (Luke 2:6–7).

Speakers: That very night in Bethlehem And Mary smiled with Joseph, too.

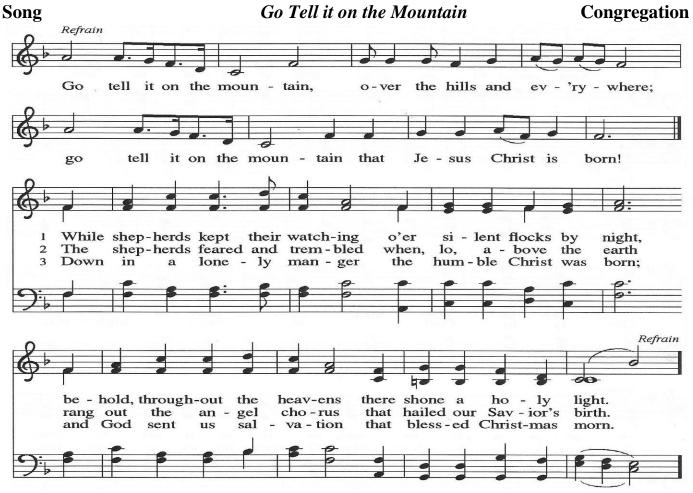
God sent his Son to earth. They praised God for Christ's birth.

"Away in a Manger"

Preschool thru 3rd Grade

A fingerplay

"Five Shepherds"



Speakers:

Some faithful shepherds watched their sheep. On that first Christmas night Then all at once an angel came And filled the sky with light.

Pastor Tim: "The angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:10–12).

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Grades 4 & up

Speakers:	God wanted people everywhere	To know that Christ was born.
	That's why he made a star to shine	On that first Christmas morn.

Congregation



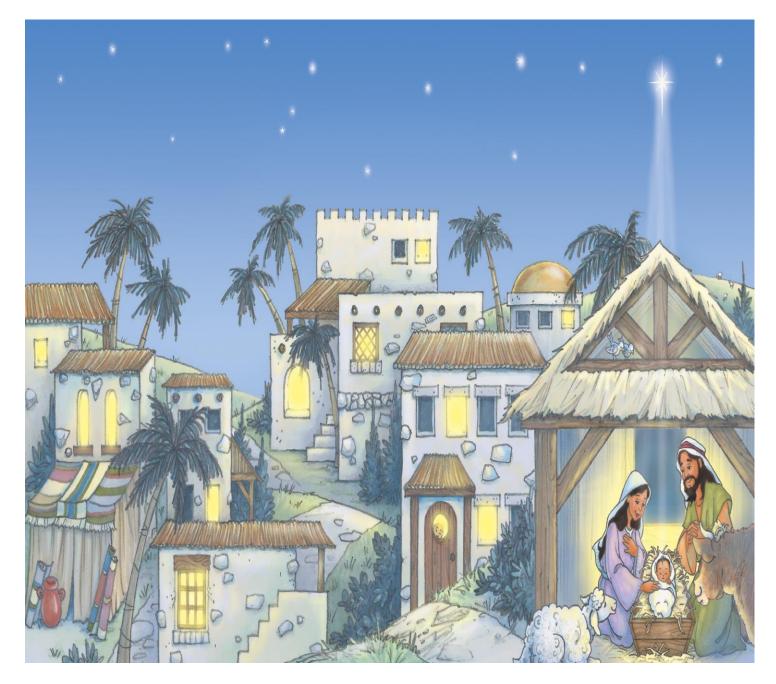
Pastor Tim: "The star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:9-11).

Speakers:Wise Men saw the star and said,
The special King that God has sent."Let's follow it and seeA King for you and me!"

"What Can I give Him?

Grades 4 & up

Song



Prayers of the Church

Pastor Tim Mason

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us pray:

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.

Blessing



Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.



The Flowers on the Altar are in celebration of Harold and Bonnie Pettis's 60th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations and Blessings!

**Please note that the offering will be collected in the back of the sanctuary as you exit.



Parents please meet your children in the Friendship Room.

Thank you to the Sunday School, Speakers Megan Sellner, Destiny Dittbenner, Jacob Fullmer, Paige Haala, the Trinity Choir, and Pastor Tim for bringing us this inspiring message in word and song.

Thank you to the Directors, Teachers, Parents, and Volunteers who have made this possible.

Christmas Cookies and Treats available in the Library

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 9:00am Worship		
Accompanist	Mary Mulry & Cindy Anderson	
Acolyte	Paige Haala	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Karen Voge & Sarah Lendt	
Ushers	Eric & Lee Wahlborg	
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer & Joleen Dittbenner	

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE A POINSETTIA for \$12.00 in honor of or in memory of a loved one(s), please sign up in the church office POINSETTIA TODAY! You are welcome to take your plant following the late Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th.





Please come to the Library for your Christmas goodies from our Cookie Walk! All proceeds go to people in need with supplemental funds by Thrivent. Thanks so much for your encouragement and participation!



Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to visit our

Live Nativity

Tonight from 5-7pm

