

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM/
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

December 24, 2021

American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska, 402-662-3125

Rev. Jonathan Jensen, Transitional Minister

Sarah Harder, Accompanist

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WREATH LIGHTING

P: We have watched; we have waited..... in hope..... for peace..... in joy.... with love..... Now our redemption draws near!

Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Glory to God in the highest!

C: Alleluia! Amen!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

LBW 54, vv 1-2

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

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An offering is received

OFFERING HYMN: **"What Child Is This"**

#40(LBW)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

All: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others.

With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD SHINES FOREVER

The pastor takes a large candle and lights it from the Christ candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world.

P: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's own Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

The pastor then gives light to the acolytes; they in turn give light to the first worshiper in each pew who passes it on. The lighted candle is never tilted but is always held upright when giving light to another. When all candles are lit, the pastor leads a prayer.

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"

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.

2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

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BENEDICTION

The pastor will extinguish his candle and then all will extinguish their candles.

CLOSING HYMN: "Joy to the World"

#39(LBW), vv. 2,4

POSTLUDE

WELCOME: We warmly welcome you to this evening's celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. May God's blessings go with you throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Introduction

The Meaning of the Christmas Tree

"O Christmas Tree" All Sunday School/BeLoved children

The Prophets Tell of God's Salvation

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

(Children will sing verse 1, the congregation will join in on verse 2)

Jesus is Born

"Bells are Ringing" Preschool

Jesus is Born

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Congregation, vv 1-2

The Announcement of Jesus' Birth

"We Three Kings" Wise Men

A Sign is Given

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Angels

The Shepherds See God's Salvation

"Away in the Manger" *"Who Loves Little Baby Jesus?"*
Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades

The Reason for His Coming

"His Best for Me" All Sunday School/BeLoved Children

A Crossless Christmas Means Nothing

"Joy to the World", v.1 Congregation

Closing Comments

Joseph.....	Taven Borchert
Mary.....	Aubrie Hill
Angels.....	Second-Fifth Grade Girls
Shepherds...	Third Grade Boys
Wise Men.....	Fourth Grade Boys
Narrators.....	Sixth & Seventh Grade
Accompanist.....	Pat Jobman

2021 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Pre-Kindergarten: Kinley Crocker, Tyler Harms, Ayva Johnson, Avery Keedy, Fynleigh Kunza, Owen Robertson, Waylon Schultz, Kash Schwandt, Madelyne Tremain, Sawyer Wilgers, Loryn Antons, Decker Bohling, Kailor Fritch, Logan Hippen, Declan Milburn

Kindergarten: Sarah Heideman, Brooklynn Meints, Leia Tyo, Emery Weyers, Azalea Zeilinger

First Grade: Colten Brethouwer, Kinsley Engler, Peyton Keedy, Wyatt Schultz, Blaire Shields, Ava Stege

Second Grade: Cam Antons, Taylee Brethouwer, Kate Fritzen, Abby Harms, Jaxon Hill, Mason Hippen, Lily Lewien, Lainie Lovitt, Lily Robertson, Alexis Rule, Allen Sasse, Colt Schwandt, Ellie Snyder, Sofia Snyder, Alivia Wehrbein, Brekyn Weyers, Kinley Whitlinger

Third Grade: Sunday Bowhay, Sutton Creek, Rylynn Fritch, Marlie Fritzen, Hunter Keedy, Michael Schwandt, Westley Tremain, Kason Virden

Fourth Grade: Braxten Eagleburger, Dalton Heideman, Owen Wehrbein

Fifth Grade: Kadence Engler, Madyson Hill

Sixth Grade: Payton Heideman, Austen Johnson, Colter Steinacher, Grady Weyers

Seventh Grade: Tana Antons, Justice Currie, Ruthie Fritzen, Cashton Steinacher, Kenzi Wingate

Eighth Grade: Aubrie Hill, Taven Borchert

PARISH EDUCATION CHAIRMAN: Linda Searcey

BELOVED COORDINATOR: Brenda Hippen

BELOVED/SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS:

Denise Blaker, Norm Flesner, Sandy Flesner, Carol Frerichs, Denise Fritzen, MaryAnn Harms, Brenda Hippen, Delores Huls, Jolene Huls, Pastor Jon Jensen, Pat Jobman, Danelle Lenner, Velda Lenner, Jeff Kleine, Sandy Mahler, Melissa McKernan, Sara Miley, Karen Mortensen, Betty Norton, Jill Sasse, DeeAnn Schmidt, DaLena Schultz, Nick Schultz, Linda Searcey, Michelle Snyder, Gina Tremain, Janice Uecker, Steph Whitlinger, Carlyne Wolken, Jane Young

Drivers: LeeAnn Baker, Virgil Jobman, Duane Lenner