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Away in a Manger

6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 11 & 10:45 a.m. Sun., Dec. 12, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT/ AWAY IN A MANGER SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

(6 p.m. Sat. Dec. 11, & 10:45 a.m. Sun., Dec. 12, 2021)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Accompanist: Kay Wagner

Ushers: 6:00 p.m.: Dallas Schulz 10:45 a.m.: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Responsive Reading *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 27:1, 7, 11a, 14*

P: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

C: and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

P: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

P: Hear O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

P: Teach me Your way O LORD.

C: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

P: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

All: Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—*Three Advent candles are lit.*

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution—*Psalm 25:6–7*

P: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

(A time of silence is observed.)

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have wandered from You. Our wonderings have at times turned into doubts that drew us away from You.

C: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A Note from the DCE Intern—Grace Wolfgram

The Children's Christmas Program

The Processional Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" LSB 357 vs 1, 4,6,7

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

4. O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Reading: Luke 2:1, 3-5, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 2:6-7

Luke 2:1, 3-5

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

³And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to be registered with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 2:6-7

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Sunday School Bells and Choir

“Away in a Manger”

LSB: 364

Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Luke 2:8-14

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the field nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Sunday School Bells and Choir

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” verse 1

Reading: Luke 2:15-18

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¹⁵When the angels left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶So they hurried

off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, lying in a manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Reading: Luke 2:19-20, Isaiah 9:6

Luke 2:19–20

¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Isaiah 9:6

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sunday School Choir “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

LSB 388

(Congregation and kids sings all the verses)

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

*While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. (Refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth *(Refrain)*

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation that blessed Christmas morn *(Refrain)*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Psalm 50:14—Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

Offering (6:00 p.m. Silent Night) (10:45 a.m. Duet by Chaney and Ethan Neff)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who created us, the + Son who saved us and shall return to welcome us home, and the Holy Spirit who creates and nourishes the faith that Jesus is the Lord—be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

Away in a Manger Cast and Crew

Readers:	Harrison Knowles, Layla Stevenson, Ezekiel Gunn, Emilee DeVries
Mary:	Adelyn Zediker
Joseph:	Dominick Stevenson
Angels:	Lincoln Beller, Maxwell Knowles
Shepherds:	Ezekiel Gunn, Sophia and Ryder Huff
Sheep:	Nevaeh Hsu, Andrew Hsu, Elliot Knowles, Haden Seibold
Bell Manager:	Olivia Wagner
CD Player/Bells:	Jadyn Langholdt
Set Design:	Beau Wagner, Christian Hsu, Eliza Gunn, Tim Draube
Costumes:	Nicki Knowles, Jami Langholdt
Director:	Brandi Beller

[St. Paul's Lutheran Church \(Missouri Synod\)](#)

Worship Services: Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.)
Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Youth & Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Special Holiday Services

Advent Midweek 3 Service

12:15 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 15
(Meal following the 6 p.m. service)

Christmas Eve Services

6 and 11 p.m. Friday, December 24

Christmas Day Service

9 a.m. Saturday, December 25

New Year's Eve:

6 p.m. Friday, December 31st