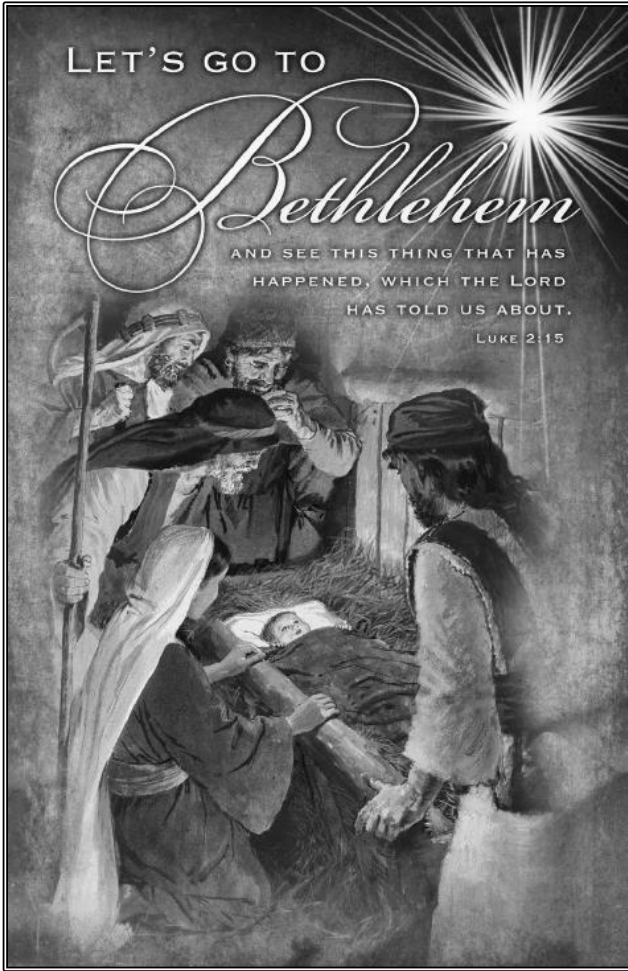


LET'S GO TO

# Bethlehem

AND SEE THIS THING THAT HAS  
HAPPENED, WHICH THE LORD  
HAS TOLD US ABOUT.

LUKE 2:15



Trinity  
Lutheran Church

White Lake, South Dakota

***Children's Christmas Service***  
***December 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.***

*Also viewable on the Trinity White Lake YouTube channel.*

## ♪ PROCESSIONAL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Congregation and Children - LSB 361

- 1 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.
- 2 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!
- 3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

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*Pastor and Children stand and face the Congregation.*

**Pastor:** We join our hearts and voices here,  
in words so pure and warm  
As we fix our sight, on that Christmas night,  
and the place where Christ was born.

**Children:** We may be meek, we may be young,  
but this we know is true,  
That a baby small, in a cattle stall,  
was born for me and you.

**Congregation:** Please tell us then what happened there  
that brings you so much joy.  
Through word and rhyme, take us back in time,  
to the birth of that baby Boy.

**Children:** We'll map the story out for you,  
we'll lead you all the way  
To where Bethlehem's Son, the Anointed One,  
slept on a bed of hay.

**Pastor & Congregation:** Then let's go on to Bethlehem  
and see this noble place,  
Where a heavenly birth, happened here on earth,  
through God's abundant grace.

**Children:** We'll follow the trail that takes us now  
to a story way back when  
So please listen well, as we start to tell,  
of our trip to Bethlehem.

🎵 **SONG: "Joy Has Dawned" \***

Trio: Aspen Lessman, Daytona Geyer, Jasmyne Lessman

**PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION and PRAYER**



## ***Part 1: FROM EVERYWHERE TO DAVID'S TOWN***

*(Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade, dressed as Israelites, moving from town to town.)*

### **Recitations and Scripture Readings by the children.**

#### **♪ SONG: "Once in Royal David's City"**

Congregation and Children - *LSB 376*

- 1 Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feels for all our sadness,  
And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by  
Shall we see Him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars His children, crowned,  
All in white, His praise will sound!

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## ***Part 2: FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM***

*(Joseph and Mary enter from the back of the Sanctuary.)*

## Recitations and Scripture Readings by the children.

### ♪ SONG: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Congregation and Children - LSB 366 vv. 1 and 4

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
  
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.

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### ***Part 3: FROM AN INN TO A STABLE***

*(Joseph and Mary around the manger.)*

## Recitations and Scripture Readings by the children.

### ♪ SONG: "Bethlehem Is Busy Today"

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- 1 Bethlehem is busy today, crowds of people here to stay,  
"Have you any room?" Joseph said,  
Innkeeper sadly shakes his head:  
"I regret on this occasion every single room is taken;  
I suggest you try elsewhere instead."
  
- 2 Down the street they go once more, knock upon another door,  
"Have you any rooms you could let?"  
Innkeeper says, "I do regret...  
In the present situation caused by Caesar's new taxation,  
Rooms are just impossible to get."

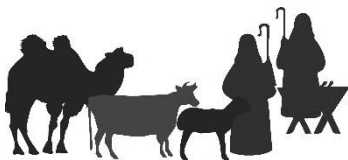
- 3 Wearily they go their way, there just is no room today;  
Only one more inn left to try,  
innkeeper sadly starts to sigh:  
"I would help if I were able ... wait a minute, there's a stable!  
Hardly five-star, but at least it's dry."  
And in that stable, on that morn,  
The Savior of the world was born.

### ***Part 4: FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH***

*(Lower grades, dressed as angels. Children hold up letters that spell B-E-T-H-L-E-H-E-M as they recite.)*

- Megan:** By the hills the shepherds keep  
Faithful watches o'er their sheep.
- Dayton:** Every heart is calm and still,  
All is quiet on the hill.
- Britton:** Then upon that peaceful night  
Bursts a flood of heavenly light.
- Blake:** Hark, the angel of the Lord  
Speaks to them the glorious word:
- Logan:** Lo, good tidings do I bring,  
Unto you is born a King.
- Karter:** Even Christ, so long foretold  
By the holy men of old.
- Karl:** Hasten now your King to find,  
Christ the Savior of mankind.
- Shae:** Every shepherd hastened then,  
To the inn at Bethlehem.
- Brant:** Mary and the Babe they found,  
With God's glory shining round.

### **Recitations and Scripture Readings by the children.**



♪ **SONG: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

Congregation and Children - *LSB* 380

- 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 the\_angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the\_incarinate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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**Recitations by the children.**

♪ **SONG: "Away in a Manger" medley**

Children - melodies from *LSB* 364, *LSB* 365 and "Christmas Lullaby"

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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## *Part 5: FROM THE FIELDS TO A MANGER*

### **Recitations and Scripture Readings by the children.**

#### **♪ SONG: "Silent Night"**

Congregation and Children - *LSB* 363 - Candles are lit during the song.

- 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 Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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## ***Part 6: FROM GOD'S THRONE TO MY HEART***

### **Recitations by the children.**

#### **♪ SONG: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"**

Children - lyrics from *LSB* 388

#### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*
  
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*
  
- 3 Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessèd Christmas morn. *Refrain 2x*

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### **PRAYERS**

### **BENEDICTION**



♪ **SONG: "Joy To the World"**  
Congregation and Children - *LSB* 387

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is 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.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 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.
  
- 4 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.

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## Trinity Teachers

The traditional “Sunday School” program is held on Wednesday nights during the Bible Study time. This allows younger students to attend their class while older students and adults attend Bible Study.

- David Bogenhagen – Release Time & Wednesday School
- Nancy Bogenhagen – Release Time & Wednesday School
- Laura Hall – Wednesday School
- Kim Lessman – Wednesday School
- Pastor Lessman – Release Time & Bible Study

## Upcoming Events at Trinity

All services are live-streamed on our Trinity White Lake YouTube channel. Bible Studies can also be attended online, via our Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page.

- *Wednesday, Dec. 23: No Release Time, Bible Study or Wednesday School – Christmas Break*
- Thursday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day Service at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 27: Sunday Service at 8:30 a.m.
- *Wednesday, Dec. 30: No Release Time, Bible Study or Wednesday School – Christmas Break*
- Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021: Sunday Service time switches to 10:30 a.m. for the duration of 2021.
- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021: Release Time at 3:30 p.m. Bible Study and Wednesday School at 5:30 p.m.

