

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH
* SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS...

* THE CHRISTMAS
* STORY TOLD BY THE
* FRIENDLY BEASTS



DECEMBER 11, 2022
AT 9:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

BE STILL AND KNOW

ACS 1083

PRAYER

O God of freedom, there are so many other things that we cling to and that demand our focus. We fear the disruption of change and hold fast to the very things that cause us grief. Yet your promise assures us that we will find all that we need in you. Be with us and all your people in this season and guide us that we may set aside all that distracts us from you. In the name of the Holy One who was, is, and is to come. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's name forever. Amen

As we consider our lives before God, we offer our confession...

God of new life, second chances, and growth from a stump, we come before you in humble recognition of our sin. We seek victory ahead of peace, short-term solutions to the long arc of justice, and prosperity over shared daily bread. Forgive us and return us to you, that our lives will reflect your will in the world.

From out of the abundant grace and mercy of God, your sins are forgiven. Be ready to receive Jesus when he comes to you and live in the hope of God's relentless love. AMEN

PROCESSIONAL SONG

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

ELW 283

Congregation Sings

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: Refrain

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: Refrain

The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! Refrain

NARRATOR

CAM LEW

SONG

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: VERSE 1

FIRST READING

LUKE 2:1-5

ISABEL KRAULIK

In those days an order went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered in their hometowns. This was the first registration... all people went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph needed to travel from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the family of David. So, Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

SONG

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: VERSE 2

GRADES 3&4

THE DONKEY'S REFLECTION

GIFT OF CARRYING MARY TO BETHLEHEM

INGA OHE

JOSEPH: WESLEY SHEA
MARY: WINNIE FEYDER

SONG

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ELW 279

Verse 1: Grades 3 & 4

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.

Verse 4: Congregation

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;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

SECOND READING:

LUKE 2:6-7

HATTIE LOVING

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SONG

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: VERSE 3

GRADES PRE-K & K

THE COW'S REFLECTION

GIFT OF THE MANGER

ELLIANA ANDERSON

BABY JESUS: CAROLINE SIETTEN

SONG

AWAY IN THE MANGER

ELW 277

Verse 1: Pre-K – 2nd grade, Verse 2 : All Children Verse 3: Congregation

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

THIRD READING:

LUKE 2:8-14

ALLIE MONNOT, ALI SCHMIDT, CORA PIEPHO

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them... "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in Bethlehem a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those who God favors"

SONG

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: VERSE 3

GRADES 1&2

THE SHEEP'S REFLECTION

GIFT OF A WOOL BLANKET

EVIE HEIN

SONG

ANGEL'S WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

ELW 289

Refrain & Verses 1-2: Children, Verse 3: Congregation

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain

FOURTH READING

LUKE 2:15-19

MAYLIN DEMPSEY, MAXIM KOMARENKO

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another: Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us" So, the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they told Mary and Joseph what the angels had told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

SOLO

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: VERSE 4

ANNIKA MCCUTCHEON, MAIRI DOOM

THE DOVE'S REFLECTION

GIFT OF A LULLABY

AYLA KLUIS

SONG

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

ELW 281

Verse 1: Children, Verse 2-3: Congregation

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.

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.

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!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

NOISY OFFERING | OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

SENDING MUSIC