



CROWN OF LIFE | LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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Christmas Eve

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WELCOME

HYMN

Christian Worship 62

Joy to the World

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song

Congregation: Sing to the Lord all the earth.

P: Sing to the Lord, praise his name.

C: Proclaim his salvation day after day

P: declare his glory among the nations,

C: his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name

C: bring an offering and come in to his courts.

All: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let all that is in them sing to the LORD.

Micah: Hello, I'm Micah, an Old Testament prophet. Prophets were important people. We told people the word of God. But one of the most important things we did is tell people about the Savior God had promised. People would ask, "How will we know when the Savior comes?" So we prophets gave the people all kinds of signs. My clue was that the Savior would be born in the little town of Bethlehem. So when the wisemen came looking for the Savior all they had to do is look at what I had written down. And there he was.

“But you Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.” [Micah 5:2]

HYMN

Christian Worship 65
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Mary: Hi, my name is Mary, and my name means “Bitterness.” I’m going to have to talk to my mother about that name. Anyway, an angel came to visit me. No really, I’m not making that up. He told me that I was going to have a baby. I said, “That’s crazy; my parents won’t even allow me to date; I’m only 14.” But sure enough I became pregnant. It isn’t showing yet. (rubbing her belly) But the amazing thing was that he told me that I would give birth to the Savior of the world. Every woman I know hoped that she would have that honor. I’m so excited that I might have to come up with a Magnificat. But not now, right now I have this craving for a pickle....

“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son and you are to call him Jesus.’” [Luke 1:30-31]

CHOIR

Jesus Oh What a Wonderful Child

Joseph: My name is Joseph. No one will ever quote me because I never say a word in the Bible. But I’m going to talk now. I was planning to marry Mary but I found out that she was already going to have a baby. I didn’t know what to do so an angel came and talked to me. No really, I’m not making that up. He said, “Relax Joseph, that baby is the long promised Messiah. You get to adopt

him as your son. Don't worry, he is going to be a good son, I mean a really good son." I said something but once again, nobody wrote it down.

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus. Because he will save his people from their sins." [Matthew 1:21-22]

HYMN

Christian Worship 67

What Child is This?

Elizabeth: My name is Elizabeth, and Mary is my cousin. She came to visit me, and we were both going to have a baby. I couldn't have a revealing party because we already knew that mine was a boy and we already named him John. You see, my husband saw an angel too. He said he didn't make that up. When Mary came near to me, John leaped inside me for joy in being near the Savior. And they say that fetuses are unviable tissue masses! I hope he doesn't jump like that again. He seems like is going to be the kind of kid who will grow up to wear camel's hair, eat locusts, and live in the desert. But he's an only baby, so you never know.

CHOIR

Light Come Down

Elijah:

Luke 2

Baaab: Hi, I'm a sheep. My name is Baaab. You won't believe what happened to us. It was just a regular old silent night in the stable, at least until the cattle started lowing. There were a lot of

people hanging around, and they didn't seem too happy since they were all being counted so they could pay a tax. We sheep understand that because we also get sheared. Anyway, a couple came in to sleep with us in the manger. And guess what. She had a baby right there in that manger with no crib for a bed. It all seemed pretty normal until those shepherds came.

Baaabaaraa: My name is Baaabaaraa (girl sheep) I'm a ewe.

Baaab: "No, I'm me and you're you."

Baaabaaraa: "That is what I said. Anyway the angels told the shepherds, "A Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

HYMN

Christian Worship 68

Away in a Manger

Allen: Hi Everyone, my name is Allen, Allen the Shepherd. There were a bunch of us shepherds keeping watch over our flocks by night, but the rest of them couldn't come because we only have one shepherd's costume. (pause) Anyway, it was amazing. We saw a whole host of angels. No really I'm not making this up. They said, "Ya'll need to go to the city of David because a Savior has been born to you." And then they started to sing. Those Angels can really sing; I guess they get a lot of practice. At first we were sore afraid. But then we shepherds went and there they were. There He was. He was just a baby but I knew he was my Savior, our Savior. So we did what we all should do, we told everyone we knew about their Savior.

"The Angel said to them,"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of

David a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord." [Luke 2:10-11]

HYMN

Christian Worship 61

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gabriel: I'm Gabriel, an angel. There are 100 million of us. I'm the only one talking to you because we only have this one angel costume. Anyway, when we sing the earth shakes. We all have names but you only know mine and Michael's. We were so excited. We were waiting for your Savior to be born too, and God let us tell the good news. We are so happy for you. Because of Jesus some day you can come and join our Choir. It's a lot of fun.

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will to men." [Luke 2: 13-14]

HYMN

African-American Heritage Hymnal 188

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Larry: I'm Larry. The Bible calls us Magi, but we kind of like the name "wisemen". We know how many of us there were but you don't. We were out there star gazing when we saw something we had never seen before. It was a new star. We had learned long ago that God would send the world's Savior to the Israelites. Could this be a sign? We saddled up our camels and away we went. The star led us right to Jerusalem. But how could we find Him? So we went to Herod. He got the preachers to look it up in the Bible. And there it was. Long ago Micah promised that he would be born in Bethlehem. And then we followed that star

again and it led us to the home where Jesus was. We aren't Jews but he's our Savior, too.

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." [Matthew 2:11]

HYMN

Christian Worship 60

Silent Night

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

CAST

<i>Micah:</i>	<i>Elijah Sternhagen</i>
<i>Mary:</i>	<i>Anna Phelps</i>
<i>Allen:</i>	<i>Noah Sternhagen</i>
<i>Gabriel:</i>	<i>Karis Kramer</i>
<i>Larry:</i>	<i>Leah Phelps</i>
<i>Joseph:</i>	<i>Michael Phelps</i>
<i>Narration:</i>	<i>Darielle</i>
<i>Elizabeth:</i>	<i>Sarah Phelps</i>
<i>Baaab:</i>	<i>Sebastian Jefferson</i>
<i>Baaabaaraa:</i>	<i>Adalida Shelley</i>
<i>Producer:</i>	<i>Sarah Phelps</i>
<i>Director:</i>	<i>Carol Sternhagen</i>

Adapted for the stage by David Sternhagen

CALENDAR

Wednesday	11:00 AM Christmas Service
Sunday	10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship
Jan 12 th	Council, Ladies Guild meetings
Jan 19 th	2024 Q4 Congregational Meeting

OFFERING	Total	Budget	%Budget Met
Last Week	\$3,402.00	\$2,548.40	133.5%
December	\$15,018.00	\$11,043.08	136.0%
Qtr-to-Date	\$43,844.05	\$33,129.25	132.3%
Year-to-Date	\$136,916.93	\$132,517.00	103.3%



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
II Corinthians 9:7*

