

Christmas Eve Program & Worship Service



**St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill
December 24, 2021 4:30PM
Please tune to 87.9 FM**

The Symbols of Christmas

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Pastor George Rahn

PROGRAM HYMNS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL

O Christmas Tree

This Little Light of Mine

Do You Hear What I Hear? (Handbells)

Away In a Manger

Joy to the World (Congregation join after first verse) ELW #267

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Jesus Loves Me

We Three Kings

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mom- Swayzee Huckert

Kids- 1. Sandy- Audrey Dismukes
3. Sammy- Knowles Koehler

2. Sally- Cayd Wilkerson
4. Stanley- Charlie Schramme

Reader 1- Kannon Koehler

Reader 2- Harper Huckert

Reader 3- Irelyn Antkowiak

Reader 4- Logan Boeker

Christmas Tree- Callie Dismukes

3 Kings- Jake Church, Gunnar Eckert, Rhett Schroeder

Mary- Arabella Clay

Joseph- Oliver Schramme

Angel- Reegan Huckert

Shepherds- Jax Antkowiak, Ayden Clay

Sheep- Clay Bednar, Thomas Lynch

Candy Cane- Brittny Randermann

Milk & Cookie- Cooper Huckert, Canaan Wilkerson

Star- Brooklyn Randermann

Gift/present- Rilynn Schroeder

Ornament- Paige Bednar

Candle- Addison Westerfeld

Handbells- Harper, Charlie, Arabella, Cayd, Kannon, Rhett, Rilynn, Callie, Audrey, & Brooklyn

Accompanist

Linda Schulze

Sunday School Superintendent

Brooke Huckert

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent

Megan Schramme

***GOSPEL READING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. The Word of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

***CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born to us.

Bless us with your holy presence, and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Be with us that we might share Christ's love with the entire world, for he is our light and our salvation. Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace through all the earth, both now and forever. Amen.

***PEACE**

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (twice)

ELW #184

***OFFERTORY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW #885

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW #288

What Child Is This

ELW #296

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW #275

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may these precious gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace this day. **Amen**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Silent Night, Holy Night

ELW #281

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.



We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. May your celebrations be occasions of happiness and wonder. May your travels be safe. And may the miracle of this holy season fill your hearts with peace and joy.

Merry Christmas,
St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Thank you to all of the children who participated in this year's Christmas Program "The Symbols of Christmas". I am so proud of all of the hard work and dedication from each child. Thank you also to all of the parents for getting their children to practices and working with them to learn their parts. A special shout-out to Linda Schulze for doing such a wonderful job playing the music for our program, and to Megan Schramme for helping me in every way this year. I cannot say it enough, our Sunday School program would not be what it is without the help and guidance from our congregation. Thank you again to everyone! I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



Brooke Huckert
Sunday School Superintendent

Today, December 24th Christmas Eve

St. Matthew of Sandy Hill has invited us to their:

6:30PM Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

7:00PM Candlelight Worship Service



**Christmas
Worship
Schedule**

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day

9:00AM Worship Service

Sunday, December 26th First Sunday of Christmas

7:45AM Worship Service

-No Sunday School-

Last day to contribute for 2021


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Our Church Family:

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
Ella Ruemke	Gilbert Spinn	Helen Gaskamp	Cynthia Wilson
Verna Mae Sefcik	Clarence Moehlmann	Linda King	Jerry Randermann
Mary Ann Luce	Connie Seward	Justin Reuter	Dorothy Wiesepape
Marjorie Hohlt	Mary Longhofer	Tom Bentke	Charles "Dutch" Schulze
A.G. "Doc" & Allene Holtkamp		Peggy & Milton Bosse	
John & Carol Haarmeyer		Emery & Helen Schulze	

Announcements from St. John

Annual Reports: Please have annual reports in the church office on **Jan. 3, 2022**

End of the Year Giving: As the calendar year draws to a close, please consider a special gift to support the mission of St. John Lutheran Church. Your gifts help us to reach more people with the Gospel, and to share the faith with the next generation.

Financial gifts need to be received at the church by **December 26th** to be reported on your giving statement from the church for 2021.



2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!

**The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex.
Please sign up for your altar flowers for next year!**



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