

Spring Prairie Christmas Program

Christmas Advent

LOVE



2025

“ADVENT”**THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SPRING PRAIRIE**

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Lighting of the Candles**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1ST READING**ISAIAH 7:10-16**

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

CALL TO WORSHIP***We are Waiting for Jesus*****ACS 905**

1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



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Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov-ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able for Confession and Forgiveness.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory.

Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven, and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

***ADULT CHOIR**

BETHLEHEM

BY LLOYD LARSON

PSALM

PSALM 80:1-7,17-19

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴ **O LORD God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷ **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁸ And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

The congregation will please rise as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

He Came Down

ELW 253



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have joy;

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 1st chapter beginning at the 18th verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

YOUTH BELL CHOIR



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's Day of restoration.

A brief silence.

Each prayer petition ends with:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

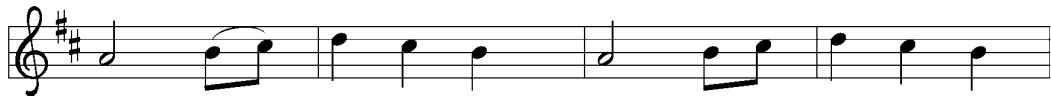
Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY***The First Noel*****ELW 300**

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
tin - ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SPRING PRAIRIE

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

YOUTH CHOIR

AWAY IN A MANGER

ELW 277

****Congregation joins in for the 2nd & 3rd verse*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

SENDING

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SPRING PRAIRIE

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
☩ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
4 He rules the world with truth and grace



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Go in peace.
Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.



Youth of Spring Prairie Lutheran Church

Caydence Achterberg
Mason Conlon*
Avery Funches*
Maddon Funches*
Johnny Gullickson*
Savannah Gullickson*
Parker Kvalo*

Poppi Lee
Brooklyn Marish*
Harper Marish*
Daniel Mickelson*
Jacob Mickelson*
Scarlett Morley*
Chrissy Pingel*

Chloe Runia*
Fern Skalitzky
Gracin Steckel*
Wheldon Steckel*
Daisy Stiemke*
Kaylan Wolf*

***Youth Bell Choir Participant**

Spring Prairie Adult Choir

Jenny Achterberg
Rick Bursh
Pam Cooper

Gina Gray
Kim Henze
Barb Mickelson

Daniel Mickelson
Tracy Mickelson
Kathy Schwade

Thank you for being part of the Spring Prairie Church Community!

2025 Christmas Program

4th Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2025

SPRING PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Love Offering

There is a collection box for offering which is located on the back table at the entry to the church. Please place your offering in the box, and we thank you for helping support the mission of Spring Prairie.



Serving in Worship

Program Director:	Barb Mickelson
Program Assistant:	Clara Mickelson
Bell Choir Director:	Tracy Mickelson
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