

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant



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Gathering Music

Christmas Song Medley

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

Welcome!

Pastor Nate Preisinger

1st Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Great will be his authority,^[a]
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Congregational Carol

"O Come All Ye Faithful!

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

*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;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

O come, let us adore Him...

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him...*

2nd Reading Luke 2:8-11

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The Living Creche

Deacon Debra Alba, Zach Rodasti and Children

(The following three songs will be sung during the pageant.)

Children's Choir

"Away in a Manger"

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus, lay 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 Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*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 fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.*

Congregational Carol

"The First Noel"

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

*The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

*They look--èd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, be-yond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!*

Congregational Carol

"We Three Kings"

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

*We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star...*

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign...
Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies...*

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Children's Choir

"Go Tell It On The Mountain!"

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy Light.

Go tell it on the mountain...

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go tell it on the mountain...

Benediction

Deacon Debra Alba

Children's Choir + Congregation

"Joy to the World!"

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.*

(Congregation joins in singing 2nd and 3rd verses)

*Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns,
Let men their Songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.*

Postlude

Christmas Carol Medley

Accompanists, Cindi Ellison & Dave Craven

Following the service please enjoy hot cocoa and candy canes in the Courtyard and join Miss Gayle for cookie decorating in the Fellowship Hall!



Live Nativity Scene

In 1223, in the town of Greccio, Italy Francis de Assisi set up the earliest living nativity scene. It had been customary for centuries for churches to set up a model of a crib near the altar during the Christmas season, but Francis was the first to use real animals. The living nativity scene is a long-enduring tradition that is still carried out 800 years later.

