

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

December 16th, 2018

Third Sunday in Advent

"The Nativity"

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Welcome to Worship

Offering Hymn

#242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Scene 1

The Prophecy

Anthem

God So Loved the World by David Aaron Miller
Senior Choir

Anthem

The King Shall Come arr. by Robert Hobby
Senior Choir

Reading

Isaiah 61:1

The Proclamation from Caesar

Entry of the Guards

Processional Fanfare by Noel Rawsthorne

Caesar's Decree

Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

1. Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!___
 2. Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!___



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!___
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.___



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join__your sing - ing:



Ho - san - na to___ the_ Lord,___ for he ful - fills___ God's word!___
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Scene 2

Anthem

There Shall a Star by F. Mendelssohn- Senior Choir*Elizabeth's Story*

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist

The Annunciation

Anthem

Magnificat by Paul Tate - Senior Choir

Donna Gardner Manke; Soloist

Scene 3*Joseph's Dream*

Scene 4

Bethlehem City

Anthem

Dance and Sing for the Lord Will be With Us

By Hal Hopson, New Creation Choir & Village Dancers

Collection of Taxes

Hymn

Blessed be the God of Israel

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2. My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

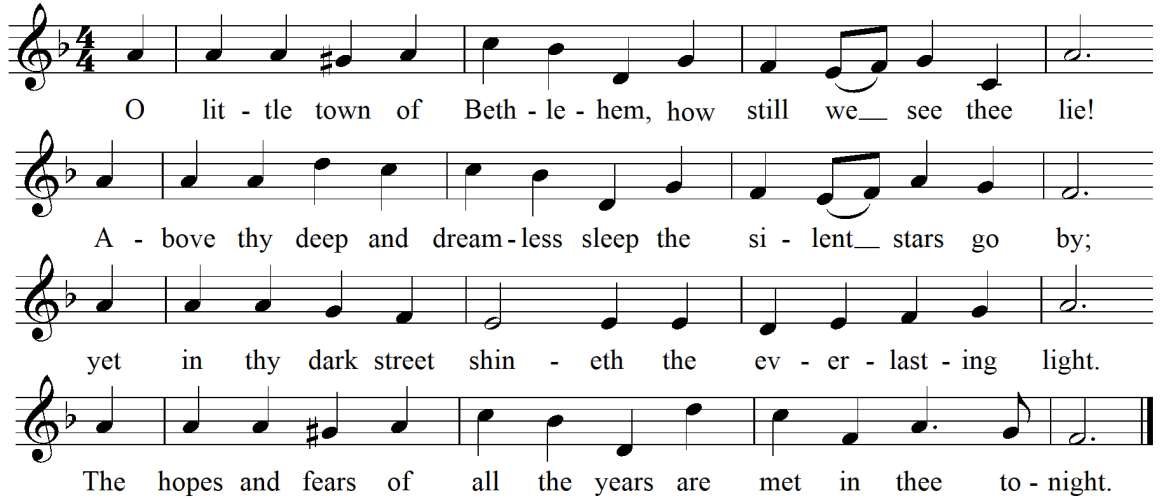
So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Mary and Joseph Seek Shelter

Innkeeper & Innkeeper's Wife

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem


O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we_ see thee lie!
 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent_ stars go by;
 yet in thy dark street shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Scene 5*The Birth of Jesus*

Anthem

O Holy Night by Adolphe Adams

Senior Choir; Donna Gardner Manke, Soloist

Scene 6*Shepherds in the Field*

Entry of the Shepherds

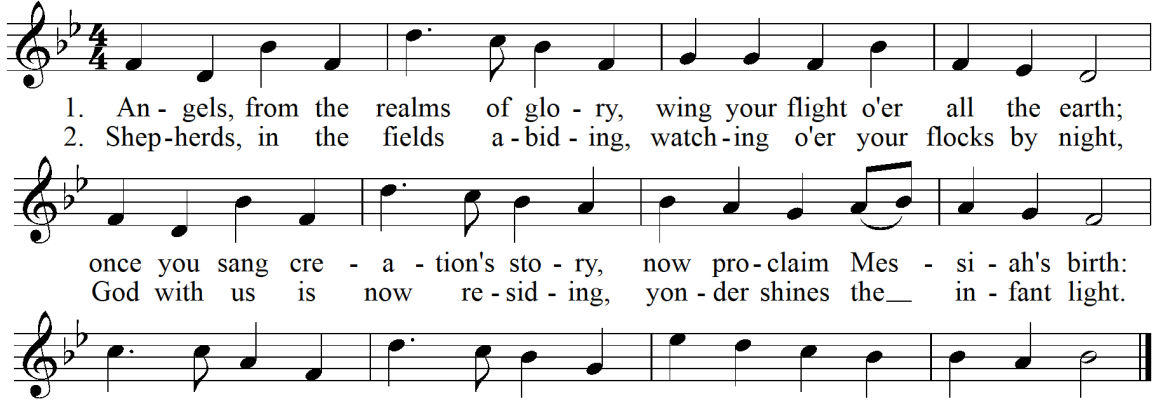
Den die Hirten lobten sehre by Helmut Walcha

Anthem

Fanfare for Christmas Day by Martin Shaw

Senior Choir

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory


1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten by Barry Talley
 Fallen Angels

Scene 7*Entry of King Herod*

Rondeau from "Abdelazer" by H. Purcell

Royal Procession of the Kings

Anthem

Songs of the Wise Men by Terry Taylor & Dora Ann Purdy, New Creation Choir

Anthem

Coventry Carol by Walter Pelz - Senior Choir

Scene 8

The Star in the Sky

Anthem

Night of Silence by Dan Kantor, arr. by John Ferguson
Senior Choir

The congregation is asked to join in singing "Silent Night" when cued.

*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*

Scene 9

Wise Men Bring Gifts

Anthem

The Three Kings by Healey Willan - Senior Choir

Adoration at the Manger

Anthem

How Far is it to Bethlehem arr. by Ken Berg
New Generation and Senior Choirs

Anthem

Away in a Manger arr. by Vicki Hancock Wright
Praise Kids and Mary

The Scripture is Fulfilled

Anthem

All is Well by Michael W. Smith, Combined Choirs

Anthem

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful by Dan Forrest
Senior Choir

Postlude

I Saw Three Ships by Richard Elliott

Christmas Pageant Cast & Crew 2018

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| Narrators | Nathan Foley, Joe Byrne |
| Off Stage Narrators | Drew Freeborn, Spencer Thomas, Sophia Eckdale-Dudley |
| Mary | Hannah Kramer |
| Joseph | Carson Kirtley |
| Gabriel | Alia Van Lith |
| Angels | Grace Mann, Lilly Manke, Maya Smith, Emma Gifford, Annika Murrah, Abby Hughes, Eden Gissibl, Megan Daniels |
| Caesar | Al Van Lith |
| Lead Soldier | Grant Fendos |
| Soldiers | Jameson Dankwardt, Ben Wehrley, Colin Oquist, Will Fossum |
| Lead Shepherd | Jack Dankwardt |
| Shepherds | Aidan Weileder, Drew Freeborn, Richie Nickel, Matthew Byrne, Spencer Thomas, Tyler Goeckermann |
| Innkeeper | Bennett Hanson |
| Innkeeper's Wife | Sophia Eckdale-Dudley |
| Herod | Steve Winters |
| Herod's Assistants | George Ubell, Spencer Bliesner |
| Kings | Mark Rutkowski, Rob Weileder, Paul Kramer |
| Elizabeth | Ginny Cleppe |
| Adult Villagers | Heather Deaton, Patti Granger, Zolbayer Granger, Erin Weileder, Ann-Marie Nickel, Connie Malloy |
| Villagers | Emily Hughes, Grace Greene, Grace Charlson, Lauren Wunderlich, Sarah Gifford, Lili Buer, Emma Levra, Michaela Kobinsky, Emily Kramer |
| Baby Jesus | Brennan McCarthy (8:30), Reeslynn Kust (11:00) |

Directors: Gretchen Haugse, John Paradowski
Written by: Gretchen Haugse
Choreographers: Beth Gissibl and Danette Braun
Jewish Folk Dance Choreographer: Connie Malloy
Technical Directors: Ed Bross, Tom “Flash” Gordon
Senior Choir Director: David Mohr
New Generation Choir Director: John Paradowski
New Creation Choir Directors: Jeff Reeves, John Paradowski, Heide Hughes, Dara Greene
Praise Kids! Choir Directors: Jeff Reeves, Amy Dankwardt, John Paradowski
Fallen Angels: Gretchen Daul, Patricia Engelhardt, Gretchen Haugse, Donna Gardner Manke, Mary Yentz
Fallen Angels Director: John Paradowski
Organ & Piano: John Paradowski, Heide Hughes
Percussion: Brian Smith
Make-Up & Costuming Crew: Gretchen Haugse and many Choir members’ families
Lighting and Sound: Ed Bross, Tom “Flash” Gordon
Cast Refreshments: The many choir families. Thank you!
Pageant Support: The Congregation and Staff of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Thank you to all for supporting this celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.