

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

December 11th, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 Services

Third Sunday in Advent

Gathering

Prelude

Veni Emmanuel arr. Molly Ijames

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Anthem

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Godsbells

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

We gather in preparation

for good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation

for joy is about to explode in our midst.

We gather in celebration

for we are those people who have said: yes to the manger, yes to love, yes to the wholeness of God.

With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

Gathering Song

#242 Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

Advent Greeting

May the joy of this season embrace you with God's grace.

And also with you.

Advent Candle Lighting - The Gift of Joy

We wait for the Messiah; waiting for joy.

With the birth of the Christ child comes the rebirth of joy for all the world.

We look forward to the little child who will lead us.

Soon all creation will proclaim,

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" Amen!

Today we light three candles. The first candle illuminates patience and hope in our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength and peace to all who feel weary and weak in this world. The third candle is the light of **joy** for those eagerly watching for God's promised glory. May our **joy** be kindled as the light grows brighter.

Let us pray. O Lord our God, you break into our world with messages of hope, peace, joy, and love. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all.

Blessed be God forever. Amen. [*The third Advent candle is lit.*]

Advent Response

We Are Waiting for Jesus

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings joy.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings joy.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings joy.

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Thanksgiving

Offering

Toda la tierra arr. David Cherwien

[*Prayer Cards will be collected during the Offering*]

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

We Are Awaiting the Coming of Jesus

1. We are a - wait - ing the com - ing of Je - sus, yearn - ing in
3. We bring these signs of our lives whol - ly giv - en; let them for

dark - ness for light and for peace, long - ing at last to re -
us be Christ's wine and Christ's bread poured out in love for the

joice on that day when all peo - ple join in this feast.
heal - ing of all and bro - ken that all may be fed.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have proclaimed your good news in our lives in both word and in action. Our broken hearts have been bound up, our captive souls have received liberty, our mourning has been changed to joy.

Accept these offerings and make us “voices” that speak of you. Our hearts are ready for you! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Waiting and watching for our sure and certain **joy**, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one.

...God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

God, our hope, peace, and joy, we rejoice always that you became flesh and made your dwelling among us, even as we long for your return. Let us share that peace of the Lord with all this day and always. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Introduction

Opening Litany

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
And cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
 desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

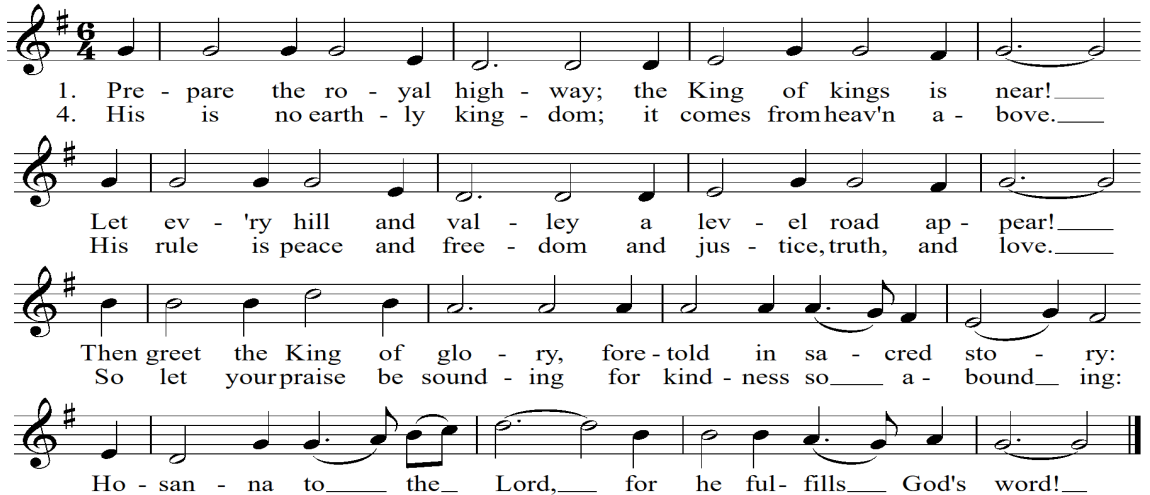
And every mountain and hill be made low;

The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Prepare the Royal Highway [Stanzas 1 & 4]



1. Pre - pare the ro - yal high - way; the King of kings is near!____
 4. His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.____

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!____
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.____

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!____

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First Reading

John 1:6-8 (Noah Weileder, Levi Kirchner)

Homily

Pastor Ann Williams

Second Reading

John 1: 1-5 (Lily Wiemer, Chase Slager,
 Lukas Zelinski)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 1)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from _____ on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el. that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here
 far _____ and night: in strength and beau - ty come _____ and stay;

un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 teach us your will and guide _____ our way.

Em - man - u - el _____ shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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Isaiah's Prophecy

Isaiah: Luke Grove
 Shepherds: 1st & 2nd Graders
 Narrator: Grant Nickel

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanza 2)

Gabriel Appears to Mary

Mary: Kloe Richter
 Gabriel: Hannah Malloy
 Narrators: Xuriana Chisum, Lily Wiemer

Canticle of the Turning [Stanzas 2 & 4]

Mary has just proclaimed, "My soul magnifies the Lord," the opening words of the Magnificat, her hymn of praise from the gospel of Luke. This joyful and stirring setting of that hymn, completes her words of praise and hope.



2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us



me, and your mer - cy will last from the depth of the past to the
fast: God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the



end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame,
con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard



and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
is the prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

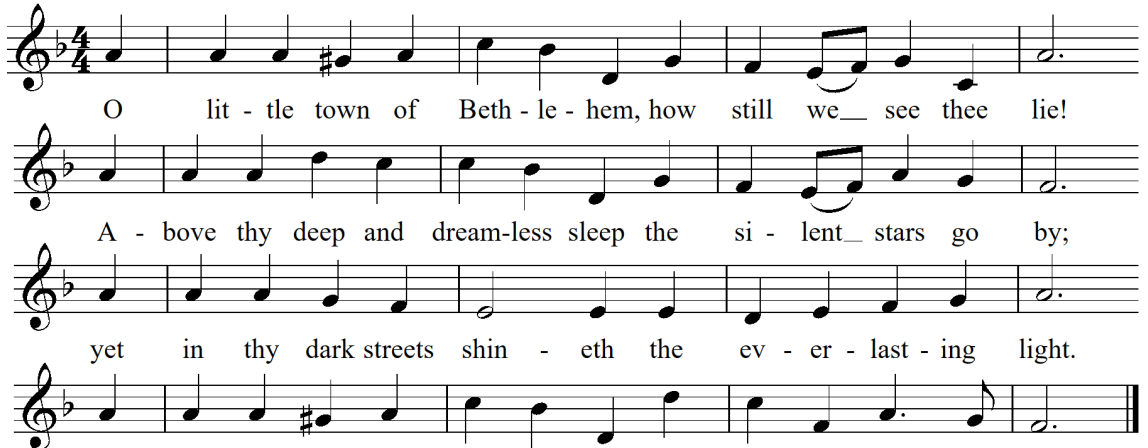
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Proclamation from Caesar

Narrator: Abby Wurzburger (8:30), Madelyn Slager (11:00)
 Guard: Jackson Reuter
 Tax Collector: Isaac Wurzburger (8:30), Charlie Frantz (11:00)
 Taxpayer Narrators: Mark Zello, Weston Ubell, Eleanor Thompson, Makenna Downey
 Innkeepers: Xavier Richter, Liam McCorkle, Madelyn Slager
 Mary and Joseph: Morgan Anderson, Preston McCullough

O Little Town of Bethlehem [Stanza 1]



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 streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Tune: St. Louis 86 86 76 86. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908. Text: Phillip Brooks, 1835-1893

Angels Appear to Shepherds

Narrators: Danica McCullough, Angelina Lanza, Madelyn Locher
 Angel Messengers: Violet Ubell, Amelia Sajdak
 Shepherds and Angels: 3rd & 4th Graders

Angels We Have Heard on High [Stanza 1]

An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Tune: Gloria 77 77 & Refrain. Music: French Carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958. Text: French carol, tr. H.F. Henry, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864

Narration: Madelyn Locher

He Came Down

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

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Herod Meets Wise Men from the East

Narrator: Levi Kirchner
 Herod: Grant Nickel
 Wise Men: Chase Slager, Noah Weileder, Lukas Zelinski

Journey to Bethlehem

Narrator: Amelia Sajdak

Mary Had a Baby

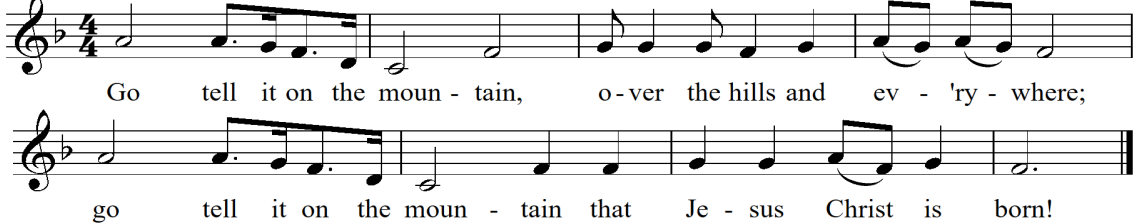
Sung by 1st-5th Graders

Jesus is Born

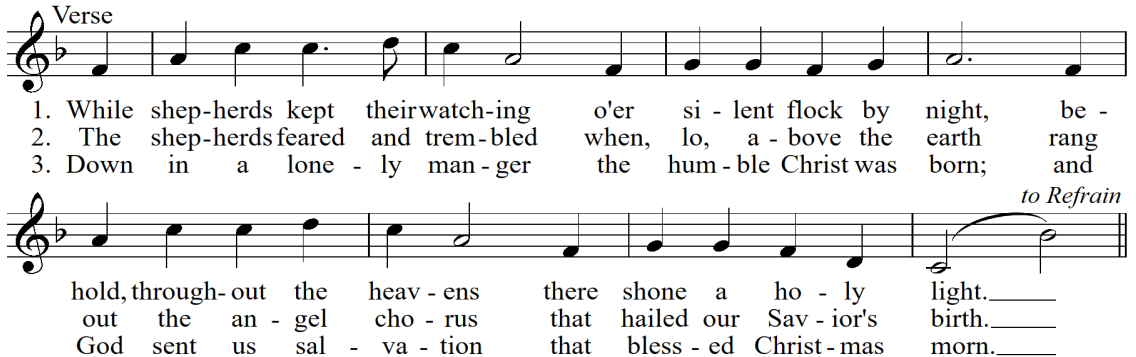
Narrator: Lily Wiemer, Violet Ubell
 Mary: Kloe Richter
 Joseph: Luke Grove
 Angel and Shepherd Choir:
 Preschool and Kindergarten Classes

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Verse



to Refrain

Text: African American Spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr. 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.
 Tune: African American Spiritual. Tune: Go Tell It 78 76 76 76.

Sending

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing

Amelia Sajdak, Violet Ubell, Weston Ubell

The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from
before your path.

May Christ, the Son of God's Love, grant you hope, peace, and joy. May God the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The coming of the Lord is near. Prepare the way.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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