

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church ELCA
Sunday School Christmas Program
Faithful Through Generations
December 15, 2013

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Light One Candle” vs. 1-3

ELW #240

"Sing a Song of Christmas"

Sunday School

Organist: Jeff Rudi

Narration 1: Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas

Speakers: Kailyn Peterson, Carl Peterson, Emma Dinndorf

“O Come, All Ye Faithful/Joy To The World”

Congregation

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!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of the His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Narration 2: Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem (Luke 2:6-7)

Mary: Chloe Fox Joseph: Lily Fox

“Away in the Manger”

Sunday School verse 1; Congregation verses 2 & 3

Sunday School: 1. 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 a sleep in the hay.

Congregation: 2. The Cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you Lord Jesus, look down from the sky. And stay by my cradle till morning in nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus. I ask you to stay, close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care. And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Narration 3: Angels and Shepard's (Luke 2: 10-12)

Angels: Hannah Fox, Isabelle Hanson, Annabelle Hanson, Whitney Fox

Shepard's: Christopher Briggs, Camden Peterson

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Congregation

1. Angels we have heard on High, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Come to Bethlehem, and see him whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star

Preschool/Kindergarten Class

Narration 4: The Star and The Wise Men

Star: Brooklyn Busse

Wise Men: Ella Briggs, Kirsten Peterson, Carter Strusz

“We Three Kings”

Congregation

1. We three kings of Orient are. Bearing gifts we traverse a far. Field and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Glorious now behold Him arise. King and God and Sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia! earth to heav'n replies. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Narration 5: Tell of His Birth

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain!”

Sunday School Chorus; Congregation verses 1 & 2

Sunday School: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Congregation: While shepherds kept there watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Sunday School: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Congregation: Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Sunday School: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!

Narration 6: Christmas looks, smells, and sounds like "LOVE"

"Love Letters of Christmas"

Sunday School

Narration 7: Christmas is all about love.

"Sing a Song of Christmas"

Sunday School

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)**

***The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART" ELW #185**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER: 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.**

***BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW #270

***P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*(*Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	Following Worship	Coffee Fellowship-CR & CC
Monday	7:00PM	Contemporary Service Practice-CC
Wednesday	7:00PM	Confirmation Caroling-meet at CC
Thursday	7:00PM	WELCA Evening Bible Study-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

Ruth's Kids

There are a few slips left in the back of the church with gifts to but for Ruth's kids. Please bring wrapped gifts back to church by Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you!

2014 Offering Envelopes

The 2014 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. If I have missed putting envelopes out for you, please let me know. Thank you, Sue Hill

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th at Cross of Christ. Christmas Day worship will be at 10:00 a.m. at Cannon River on Wednesday, December 25th.

WELCA Winter Retreat

WELCA winter retreat is scheduled for Jan 24-26 at Cedar Valley Resort near Lanesboro. The invitation is open to all Cross of Christ and Cannon River ladies and friends as well. This year's program will center on the study of the enneagram led by Mary Berthold; "Understanding our spiritual gifts and receiving spiritual guidance via the enneagram." Cost for the 2 nights and 3 days is \$125.00. Please contact Kris Portinga or Mary Fjetland to register or if you have questions.

Cross of Christ 140th Anniversary

On December 29, 1873, fifty-four persons (Swedes) moved by the Spirit of the Lord, established a congregation by dipping their pen in historic ink and signed their names to a document thus becoming charter members of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Welch, Goodhue County, Minnesota. Congratulations on 140 years of faithful ministry and sharing Christ's love with others.

Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary at Cross of Christ.

Marian Bjorklund in memory of husband, Glen Bjorklund and granddaughter, Tara Anderson

Lori Busse and Family in memory of Parents, Wendell & Rose Gesme

Janet and Oscar Daley in memory of Lloyd & Clarice Hoeft and Freeman & Helen Daley

The Dinndorf Family in memory of Grandma Itzie

Darwin and Cheryl Fox in honor of our grandchildren and men and women serving our country

Gustafson Family in memory of Carl & Bernice Gustafson

Jim and Sue Hill in honor of our family

Karl and Jean Kehren Family in memory of our parents, Bill & Hazel Kehren and Ray & Sarah Setzer

Gilmore Lee in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lee and Margaret Lee

Bob and Sandy Luhman in memory of Harry & Donna Luhman and Russ & Dorothy Knoblauch

Den and Jackie Martin in memory of Bennie & Florence Martin and John & Irene Garner

Jerry and Millie Niebeling in memory of Edwin & Ella Niebeling and Herbert & Dorothy Scheitel

Steve and Barb Peiffer in memory of Barb's parents, Ben & Naida Varholdt and Steve's dad, Jim Peiffer

Terry and Sandie Petrashek in honor of our children

Terry and Sandie Petrashek in memory of Calvin Chapman, Fred Chapman, Paul and Arlene Capraro

Kris and Todd Portinga in honor of Jim & Shirley Portinga and in memory of John & Nancy Nilson

Jack and Jean State in memory of Francis State

Tatge, Bauer and Holmquist Families in memory of Marilyn and Glenn Holmquist

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CC Greeters: Bob & Shirley Wasti **CC Council Person:** Council Rotation
