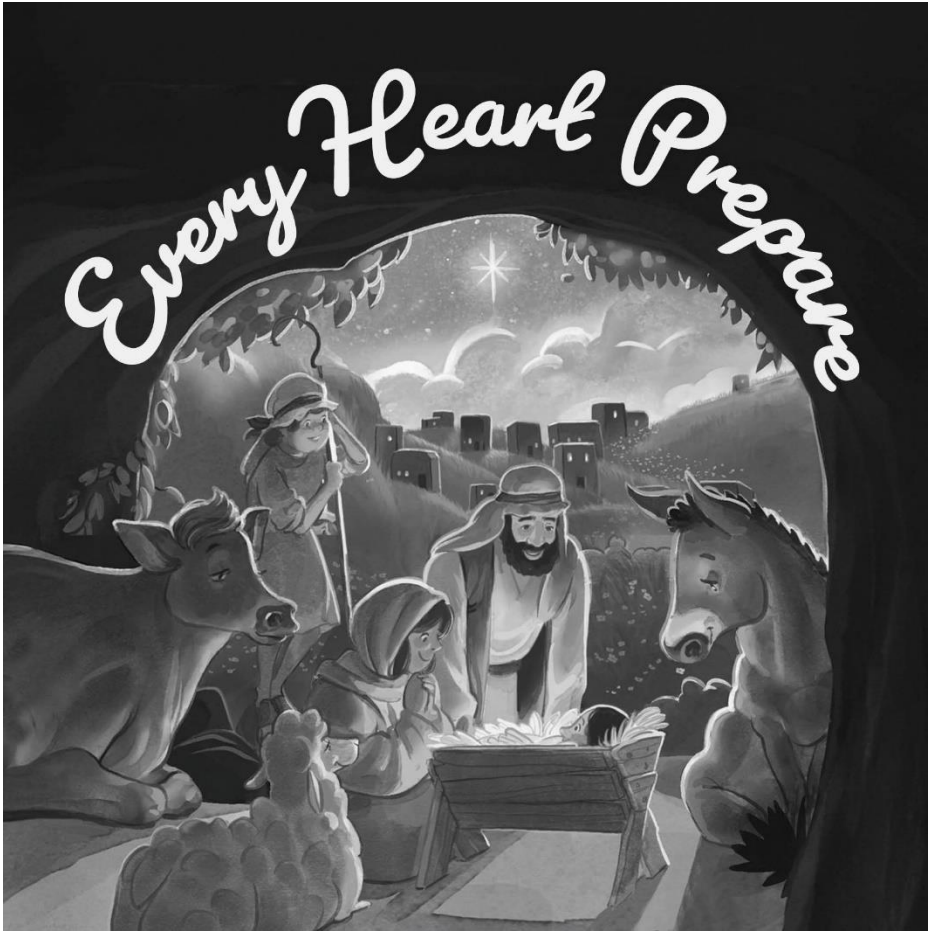


# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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## **PRESERVICE PIANO SOLOS**

**WYATT RASSET** - "AWAY IN A MANGER" AND "WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

**HUNTLEY RASSET** - "CAROL OF THE BELLS" AND "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"

**NAOMI BARLAU** - "GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD"

**MIRIAM BARLAU** - "ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY" AND "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

## **“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”**

**1 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!**

**2 Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## RESPONSIVE READING

**L** Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today,

**C** Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.

**L** To us by grace alone,

**C** The truth and light were given.

**L** The promised Lord from heaven,

**C** To all the world is shown.

## SERMON

### HYMN

#### “INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY”

1 Infant holy, infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, Little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, Angels singing,  
Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, Heard the story,  
Tidings of a Gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Edith M.G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.  
Tune: Joseph Herl, b. 1959

# **“EVERY HEART PREPARE”**

## **PART 1—EVERGREENS**

Speakers: Cora Bebo, Baylor Thompson, Teagan Herrmann, Joshua Barlau, Wyatt Schauer, Isabelle Foust, Ella Novotny

### **SONG “JESUS JINGLE BELLS” PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

Martha Barlau, Rebekah Barlau, Miles Birkholz, Odin Erickson, Layla Feltmann, Liberty Godel, Conner Konerza, Logan Lyons, Kylie Maesse, Westley Posselt, Jane Schulteis, Dallas Smith, Dean Smith, William Wichelman

## **PART 2—CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Speakers: Cora Ruschmeyer, Caliden Hafemann, Willa Mike, Edith Kosek, Isabella Schoenfeld, Anna Barlau, Louisa Kosek, Mollie Krone, Ester Lyons, Ella Wichelman, Josette Erickson, Alaina Neumann

### **SONG “OH WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT” GRADES 1-8**

## **PART 3—CRECHE**

Speakers: Greta Kosek, Josh Godel, Krayton Ruschmeyer, Wyatt Rasset, Naomi Barlau, Miriam Barlau, Huntley Rasset

Nativity: Anna Barlau and Caliden Hafemann (Mary & Joseph)

### **SONG “AWAY IN A MANGER” PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

## **PART 4—CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Speakers: Damian Neumann, Parker McCarthy, Beau Mike, Emmitt Christen, Avrey Lind, Austin Maesse, Johnny Schauer, Knoxon Parpart, Wyatt Thompson

Nativity: Anna Barlau and Caliden Hafemann (Mary and Joseph); Cora Ruschmeyer, Ester Lyons, Ella Wichelman, Mollie Krone (shepherds); Edith Kosek, Louisa Kosek, Josette Erickson (angels) Miriam Barlau (star)

### **SONG “CAROL MEDLEY” GRADES 1-8**

## PART 5—GIFTS

Speakers: Lucas Schauer, Betty Mike, Mikey Schauer, Addisyn Lind, Brooklyn Peterson

Nativity: Anna Barlau, Caliden Hafemann (Mary and Joseph); Willa Mike, Alaina Neumann, Isabella Schoenfeld (wise men); Miriam Barlau (star)

### SONG “HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS”

GRADES 1-8

#### 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

**P** The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

*(please turn page for additional stanzas)*

**2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.  
Text: Public domain

Thank you so much to all the adults and youth who helped  
put this program together during rehearsals!

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Teachers: Jen Schauer, Patsy Schauer, Tracy Peterson, Angie  
Christen, Jessie Krone, Ben Schulteis, Mandy & Jason Lyons

Youth helpers: Brielle Christen, Evelyn Dial, Ayla Bebo, Ella  
Bebo, Brea Bebo

## **Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule**

**12/17** *At St. Peter Lutheran Church*

5:30 and 7:00 PM Worship

Services—"Candy Canes"

6:15-6:45 PM Advent Meal

**12/24** 3:00 & 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship—"Creche"

**12/25** 9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship—"Wrapped Presents"

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. STAGE TAKE-DOWN** will happen today at 11:15 after the Children's Christmas program. Many hands make quick work. Thank you so much!

**2. ACT** will be selling baked goods in the church lobby after the children's Christmas program TODAY December 14!

**3. ADVENT-** Join us for advent services on Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Service times will be 5:30 and 7:00 PM. A meal will be served from 6:15-6:45 PM. **(Please note that the December 17<sup>th</sup> Services and meal will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church.)**

**4. SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who came to help decorate the church and basement for Christmas- Deb Bahr, Angie Christen, Barb Kegler, Amy Bettcher, Jen Bebo and her girls, Kim Schauer and her boys, Addisyn Lind, Miriam and Naomi Barlau and the Lester Prairie Ambassadors! We sure appreciated your help! Lajeane and the LWML Ladies.

**5. HONORING DCE ELLIE-** Our church family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to **DCE Ellie** as she concludes her **dedicated service** to our congregation. Ellie has blessed us with her leadership, faith, and compassion—especially through her work with our youth, families, and ministries. Her commitment to sharing Christ's love has made a lasting impact on our church and on the many lives she has touched. As Ellie begins a new chapter, we pray for God's guidance and abundant blessings over her future endeavors. We invite the congregation to join us in thanking her for her service and celebrating the meaningful ministry she has shared with us. **Please join us for refreshments and cake between services on December 28th.**

**6. DONATIONS REQUESTED-** We will be collecting new or gently used toys and quilts for the Marie Sandvick center. Please donate to the box in the basement before our sandwich making event on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**7. THANK YOU** to those who donated hats, gloves and mittens for Lester Prairie School. Could use more gloves/mittens. If you find "good deals" after Christmas, you can still donate anytime. Just drop them off on the LWML table.

**8. LWML -** Christmas greeting cards are available for purchase on the LWML table for \$1.00 each. There are new choices available. As always, proceeds support the Mission projects. Thank you.

**9. RED STOCKINGS!** The Red Stocking is up to collect coins you have been collecting this year. Empty your stocking into the large red stocking hanging in the Upper Narthex. Take your stocking and begin

filling it for the next collection. If you don't have a stocking, take one from the basket, along with the instructions, and start filling it. You can also just drop in coins now. These monies will go for National and Mn. So. District missions. Thank you!

**10. HYGIENE KITS-** LWML will be collecting items for these kits through Christmas. They will be assembled and sent to Orphan Grain Train. The tree is located in the lower narthex. Take a tag from the tree and bring item(s) (unwrapped) and place in the bin under the table. You can bring as many items as you would like from one tag. Monetary donations can be placed in the can. Do not bring items not on the tags. Orphan Grain Train is very specific in what they can use. Thank you for sharing what you have with those who have nothing.

**11. LIVING NATIVITY-** Harvest Community Church (Lester Prairie) is hosting a live nativity Sunday, December 14th from 2 pm to 6 pm. We are offering drive through and walk through experiences, caroling, family photos, and refreshments.

**12. SCHEDULE-** *December 21:* Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service- Kent Landin, Steven Dietel, Larry Roth; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Gregg Machemehl, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel, Nick Rasset; Acolytes: 1<sup>st</sup> Service- A. Lind, B. Peterson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: B. Mike, L. Dressler; Greeters- 1<sup>st</sup> Service: John & Julie Lange; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Craig & Tracy Jackson; Scripture Reader: Evelyn Dial; Flowers: Jane Holasek/Shirley Minnick; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

### ***Calendar of Events***

<b>Sun. Dec. 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>  After 2 <sup>nd</sup> service	<b>WORSHIP W/ CONT. LINE COMM.</b> Sun. School/Adult Bible Study/ACT <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b> Stage take-down ACT Bake Sale
<b>Mon. Dec. 15</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Deadline for Lamplighter</b>
<b>Tues. Dec 16</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Dartball Away vs. Watertown</b>
<b>Wed. Dec 17</b>	<b>Noon</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>6:15 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Deadline for Bulletin</b> <b>Release Time/Confirmation Classes</b> <b>ADVENT SERVICE AT ST. PETER</b> Advent Meal at St. Peter <b>ADVENT SERVICE AT ST. PETER</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec 18</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Sandwich Ministry</b>
<b>Fri. Dec 19</b>		<b>Church Offices Closed</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 21</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>9:15 a.m.</b>  <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b> Adult Bible Study Sunday School Gingerbread House making <b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b>