

CHRISTMAS PLAY & Service 2015 – St. Thomas Lutheran Church

I'M A SHEPHERD OF THE LORD - WELCOME

Song: LSB 379 (1,2)

1. O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the King of angels;

REFRAIN: O come let us adore him/ O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

2. See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

REFRAIN: O come let us adore him/ O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

P.: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C.: Amen.

*P. Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our
LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C. who made heaven and earth.

P. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C. and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

*C. I, a poor sinner, confess to You all my sins with which I have ever
offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever.
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I*

pray to You, that by Your infinite mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You be gracious and merciful to me.

P – Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C - Amen

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the day:

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, bless us and our children as we are celebrating the coming of your Son, our Lord Jesus. As you revealed Your love to the shepherds, renew Your love to each of us this Christmas Season and always. Through Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

(Christmas Play: The Entrance of the Children) Song:

Offerings during the song: LSB 367 (1,2): Angels from the realms of glory,

(After the Christmas Play)

Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer:

P.: Our Father who art in heaven,

C.: 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.

The Blessing:

P.: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

Announcements:

Welcome all + visitors:

(Children can go to prepare for Seniors Party)

Next service: 3rd Sunday in Advent - 09:30am

Last Service: Offerings: *R 3.144.00 + SS: R 35.00*

Attendance: *49 ad. + 11 ch.*

Thanksgiving Offering: R 100.00 (Envelopes available)

Bazaar: R 4,659.00

Bible Study: Wednesday, at 7:00pm: Philippians 1:1-26

Birthdays: Bob Laspe (Today); 09 – Carin Bohmann; 09 – Michelle Hohls;

Baptism Anniversary: 06 – Dennis Rewitzky; 11 – Minnie Halm

Santa's Shoe Boxes: Take a name and glue it on the box you will prepare.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

06 December: 7:00pm: Fraternal Candlelight Service at Edgemoor Shopping centre

13 December: 3rd Sunday in Advent

16 December (Wednesday): 7:00pm: Advent Evening at the Parsonage

20 December: 4th Sunday in Advent

24 December (Thursday): 6:00pm: Candlelight Service

25 December (Friday): Christmas Service

27 December: 1st Sunday after Christmas

01 January (Friday): No Service.

03 January: 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Song: LSB 363 (v.1-3) (Children enter again with Hunter's T-shirt: You are my happy)

1. Silent night, Holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin, mother and child

Holy infant, tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, Holy night

Shepherds quake, at the sight

Glories stream from heaven above

Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.

Christ the Saviour is born,

Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, Holy night

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Sunday School: (Hunter)

Seniors Party + Brunch:

Amazing Grace: Trio

Surprise: (Margrit)

Brunch:

We wish you a nice Sunday and a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!