

Sunday School Christmas Service  
December 14, 2025, 6 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Red Bud, Illinois

The Story of Jesus' Birth

Processional Hymn:

"O Come, Little Children"

1. *O come, little children, O come one and all,  
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,  
God's son for a gift has been sent you this night  
To be your redeemer, your joy and delight.*
2. *He's born in a stable for you and for me,  
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,  
In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild,  
And purer than angels the heavenly Child.*
3. *See Mary and Joseph, with love beaming eyes,  
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,  
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love  
While angels sing loud alleluias above.*
4. *Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,  
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they  
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,  
And join in the song of the heavenly host.*

**Invocation & Responsive Reading:** *(please stand if able)*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: We're here to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's own Son,

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God and man. He came to fulfill the promises God gave to His people.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: Jesus taught the people about the love of God our Father.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: He died on a cross for our sin.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: He rose from the dead to give us new life.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: In Jesus, we are free, redeemed children of God.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: We can love God.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: We can love others.

C: **Because He loves us.**

P: Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Pastor's Message**

#### **Congregation:**

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.*
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above;  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, And Peace to men on earth.*
- 3. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born to us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels; The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.*

### **The Message Presented by the Children**

#### **Children & Congregation Sing:**

*“Little Children, Can You Tell?”*

#### **Congregation:**

*Little children, can you tell,  
Do you know the story well,  
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy,  
Why the angels sing for joy  
On the Christmas morning?*

*Verse 2 by Children*

#### **Children Sing:**

*“Away in the Manger”*

**Children:** Finger Play – “Little Baby Jesus”

#### **Children & Congregation Sing:**

*“Silent Night”*

*Verse 1 by Children*

#### **Congregation:**

*Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born*

*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*

**Children Sing:** “Baby Jesus, We Love You!”

**Children Sing:** “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

**Closing Prayers** (*please stand if able*)

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**P:** My the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**Recessional Hymn:**

“Joy to the World”

1. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its 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.*
2. *Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
3. *No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.*



**Serving Us in Worship**

Pianist: Lynn Langrehr

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