

The Christmas Story

The Children of Peace Lutheran Church

2015



*“For unto you is born a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord”*

Prelude Music



[Nicholas A.:](#) Saxophone—“Jingle Bells”

[Elizabeth G.:](#) Piano—“O Holy Night”

[Laurel M.:](#) Cello—“Silent Night”

[Ingrid H.:](#) Piano—“Carol of the Bells”

Welcome & Invocation

Processional: “Joy to the World”

(Cast and Congregation)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.



Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world, with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.



Sermonette

Offering

Prayers

“The Christmas Story”

Scene I: The Streets of Bethlehem

Song: “O Come Little Children”

Ingrid H. and Ryan G.

Narration for the Streets of Bethlehem

Song: “The First Noel”

Verse 1—Cast: Sarah G., Nicholas A.,

Ingrid H., Laurel M.

Chorus and Verse 2—Cast and Congregation



The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.



Scene II: A Hillside Near Bethlehem

Song: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

(Cast and Congregation)



Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria,
In excelsis Deo,
Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.*



Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King.

Song: “Away in the Manger”

Cast: Claire L., Kaia L., Samuel H.,
Sarah G., Nicholas A., Janice H.,
Jackson H., Abi M., Laurel M., Keihin S.

Scene III: The Stable in Bethlehem

Song: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

(Cast and Congregation)

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When, lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth.



Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Scene IV: The Visit by the Wise Men

Song: "We Three Kings"

Verse 1—Cast: Ryan G., Savannah S.,
Thomas G.

Chorus and Verse 2—Cast and Congregation



We three kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
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.*

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice,
"Alleluia, Alleluia,"
Earth to Heav'n replies.



Scene V: The Friendly Beasts

Song: "Silent Night"

(Cast and Congregation)

Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

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!

Happy Birthday Jesus

Dismissal