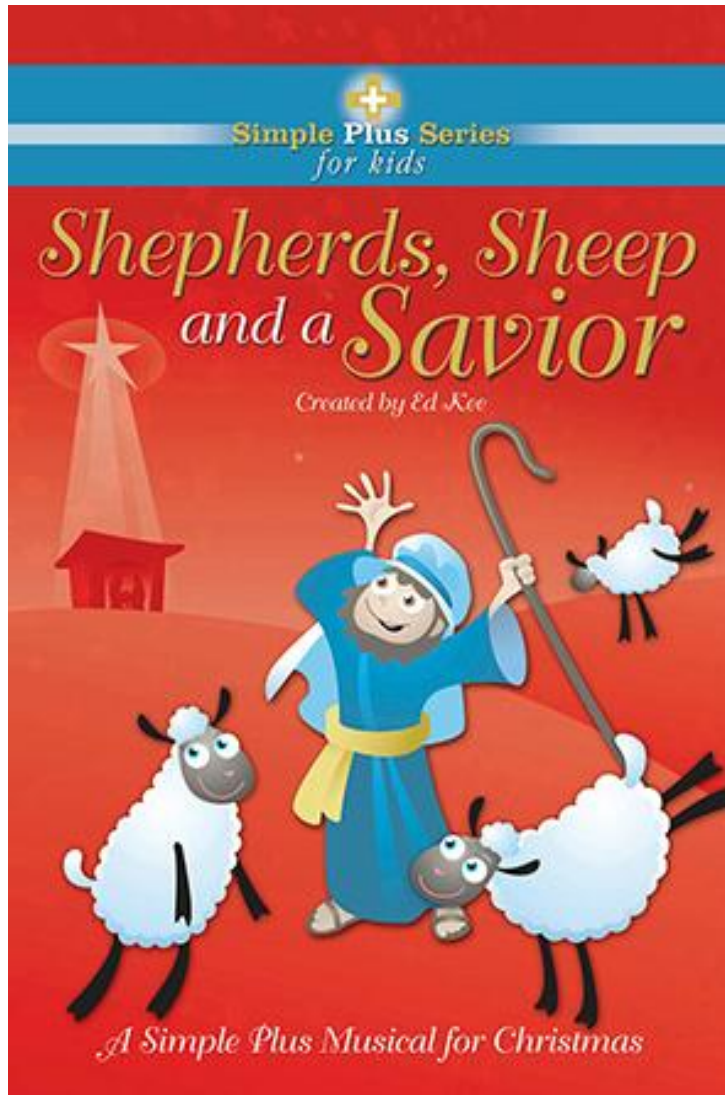




and the Sunday School Children present:



Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior (created by Ed Kee)

Director DCE Kristin Schmidt

Cast

Mary Mackenzie Crosswhite

Joseph Benjamin Matthis

Angels Avari Claar

..... Juliet Neuenfeldt

Shepherds Natalie Abresch

..... Logan Claar

..... Alyssa Crosswhite

..... JJ Hefta

..... Ethan Lindahl

..... Zachary Lindahl

..... Michael Matthis

..... Nathaniel Sprankle

..... Caleb Otey

..... Carter Otey

Crew

Sound Technicians Mike Kozimko (8:00)

..... Tim Schneider and Alexander Lindahl (11:00)

Thank you to all parents who assisted with memorization, transportation, and communication. It takes plenty of time and support to make this kind of presentation happen, and all help is greatly appreciated. All glory to God. May we look this season to Jesus, the Good Shepherd and Savior!

Children's Christmas Service

This morning is our opportunity to hear the Christmas Story through song, drama, and Word from our children. Watch with joy as our Sunday School proclaims Jesus' birth.

Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (*)

ACCOMPANIST

Alexander Tran

RINGING OF BELL

THE WELCOME

Pastor Chris Matthis

*OPENING HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



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+ PREPARATION+

*INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SPECIAL SONG

"The Magnificat"

Women's Ensemble

+WORD+

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-20

(The Shepherds and the Angels)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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.

Children's Christmas Service –

"Shepherd, Sheep and a Savior"

RECOGNITION OF CAST, CHORUS, AND CREW

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***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday at 2:00 PM – Praise Team

4:00 PM

6:00 PM - Adult Choir and Handbells

8:00 PM - Special Music with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Friday at 10:00 AM - Holy Communion

NO CLASSES CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WEEKENDS

Due to Christmas and New Year's holidays, there will be no classes for children, youth, or adults, including confirmation, on December 27th. Children's and youth classes resume at normal times on January 3rd. Adult classes resume January 3rd.



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