

When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world gives back the song  
Which now the angels sing

Scene 3 – Shepherds hurry to Bethlehem

Song – Away in a Manger

(Sunday school): Away in a manger, No crib for a bed.  
The little Lord Jesus, Laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky, Looked down where He lay.  
The little Lord Jesus, Asleep on the hay.

(Congregation): **The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there. (2x)**

Scene 4 – Herod and the Wisemen

Scene 5 – Escape to Egypt & the death of Herod

Scene 6 – Conclusion – “We Wish You a Merry Christmas!”

\* Recessional Hymn (All) – Go Tell It on the Mountain

(Refrain:) **Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere:  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!**

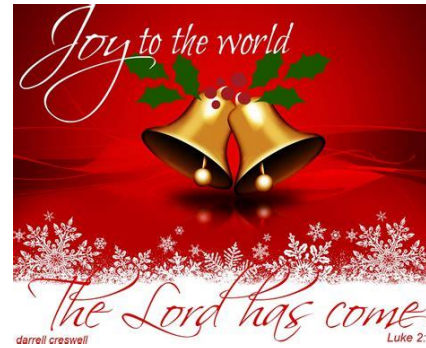
(1) **While shepherds kept their watching, O’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

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

(3) **Down in a lonely manger, The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation, That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

“It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when  
its mighty Founder was a child himself.”

—Charles Dickens



# First American Lutheran Church 2024 Sunday School Christmas Program

\*Please stand as you are able; **Bold**  
Items: Congregation

Welcome/Announcements

Invocation

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy (Responsive Reading):

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

**I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you;

**He is Christ the Lord.”**

You turned my wailing to dancing;

**You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

That my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Prayers of the Church (P: Lord in Your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**)

Offering/\*Offertory (sung, p. 33 for melody) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence:  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your  
salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Processional Hymn – O Come, All Ye Faithful

(1) **O Come, All Ye Faithful; Joyful and triumphant!**

**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) **Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;**

**Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!**

**Glorify to God, all glory In the highest! (Refrain)**

(3) **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;**

**Jesus to Thee be all glory given;**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)**

## A CHRISTMAS TO BELIEVE IN

**Cast:** Narrators – Kinley Werning, Leah Dewald; Mary – Brileigh Ziegler; Joseph – Declyn Schmidt; Angel Gabriel – Aaron Nelson; Angels – Elsa Ziegler, Khloe Hoff, Eleanor Schempp, Kelsey Bietz, Cora Friman, Amelia Peskey; Elizabeth – Adriana Bueber; Zechariah – Camden Ziegler; Shepherds – Oliver Schmidt, Nash Johnston; Townsperson – Jace Ziegler; Wisemen/Advisor – Kacynn Bietz, Adriana Bueber, Ryne Friman; Soldier – Ryne Friman; Herod – Rhett Ziegler; Animals – Charlotte Schempp, Meyer Peskey, Kash Bietz, Wyatt Bietz, Austyn Jo Ziegler

### Act 1: Angelic Announcements & the Birth of John

Scene 1 – Introduction: Do you believe?

Scene 2 – Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary

Scene 3 – Angel Gabriel's announcement to Zechariah

Scene 4 – Mary visits Elizabeth

Scene 5 – Birth of John (the Baptist)

#### Song – Mary, Did You Know?

(Sunday school only): Mary, did you know  
that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know  
that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know  
that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

(Congregation): **Mary, did you know  
that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?**

**Mary, did you know  
that your Baby Boy will calm a storm with His hand?**

**Did you know  
that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little Baby you have kissed the face of God?  
Mary did you know...**

**The blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap; the dumb will speak, the praises of The Lamb**

**Mary, did you know  
that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know  
that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
The sleeping child you're holding is the great I am!**

## Act 2: Birth of Jesus

Scene 1 – Angel visits Joseph in a dream

Scene 2 – Journey to Bethlehem where Jesus is born

#### Song – Silent Night

(Sunday school only): 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 (2x)

(Congregation): **Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born! (2x)**

**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. (3x)**

### Act 3: Shepherd, Wisemen, and Herod

Scene 1 – Angel's announcement to the shepherds

Scene 2 – Song of the Angels – "Happy Birthday to You!"

#### Song – It Came upon the Midnight Clear

(Sunday school only): It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men  
From heaven's all-gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

(Congregation): **Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing**

**For lo, the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold**

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