

CHRISTMAS

EVE



*Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Youth Service 2024*

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS

**Hymn 361** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
*(Luke 2:1-15; Luke 1:68-75; Eph. 3:16-19; Micah 5:2)*

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

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

**C Amen.** *(Matthew 28:19b)*

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

*(Hebrews 10:22)*

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

**C who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

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

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 184*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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. *(John 20:19-23)*

**C Amen.**

**Hymn 368** "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(Luke 2:7-20)*

**Part 1: The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

**Part 2: An Orderly Account**  
**Gabriel's Message to Mary**  
**Mary Shares the Angel's Message**

**Hymn 367** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"  
*(Luke 2:8-17; John 1:4-5, 9, 14; Luke 2:25-38; Matt. 2:1-11)*

**Part 3: The Angel's Message to Joseph**  
**The Birth of Jesus**

**Hymn 364** "Away in a Manger"  
*(Luke 2:7; Mark 10:14-16; Matt. 1:23; 28:20)*

**Part 4: The Angels' Message to the Shepherds**

**Hymn 399** "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"  
*(Matt. 2:1-12; Eph. 1:9; John 18:36-37; John 1:29)*

**Part 5: The Magi Worship Jesus**

**Hymn 377** "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"  
*(Luke 2:10-14, 20)*

**Part 6: The Angel's Message Through Dreams**

**Hymn 392** "God Loves Me Dearly"  
*(1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4-5)*

**Message** "Beautiful News to Hear Again!"  
*Titus 2:11-14 & Luke 2:1-20*

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer** *(Matthew 6:9-13)* *LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

**Hymn 363** "Silent Night"

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,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
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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.

**Benediction** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

*LSB 202*

- 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 upon you and give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Recessional Hymn 387** "Joy to the World"

(*Psalm 98; Rom. 5:16-19; Rev. 22:1-5*)