



*MT. OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

*The First Christmas*

*A Christmas Reenactment*

*by Louise Egan*

Greeting and Introduction: Pastor Kemnitz

**SONG – “O HOLY NIGHT”**  
**ANGELS**

SCENE ONE

The Prophets Foretell the Birth of A Savior

Gabriel Visits Mary and Joseph



SCENE TWO

Caesar Augustus Issues a Decree

No Room at The Inn



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Pastor: Tim Kemnitz

**HYMN – CW #65 “OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”  
ANGELS and CONGREGATION**

Oh, 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.

For Christ was born of Mary, And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin And enter in; Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

**SCENE THREE**

The Messiah is Born!

**HYMN – CW #67 “WHAT CHILD IS THIS”  
ANGELS, MARY, and JOSEPH**

**HYMN – CW #68 “AWAY IN A MANGER”  
PROPHETS, INNKEEPERS, and TOWNSPEOPLE**



**SCENE FOUR**

The Heavenly Host and the Shepherds

**HYMN – CW #63 “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”  
ANGELS, GABRIEL, and SHEPHERDS**

**SCENE FIVE**

The Shepherds Worship Jesus



**HYMN – CW #62 “JOY TO THE WORLD”  
CONGREGATION**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her 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.

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.

No more let sins and sorrows 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.

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, wonders of his love.

SONG (Solo by Bethany Fox)

“OH, COME LITTLE CHILDREN”

SCENE SIX

Magi from The East



**SONG – “WE THREE KINGS”**  
**CONGREGATION**

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night;  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, Ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

*Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity night:  
Prayer and praising, All men raising,  
Worship Him, God on High.

*Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

*Refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God, and sacrifice;  
Heaven sings Alleluia;  
Alleluia the earth replies.

*Refrain*



**HYMN – CW #60 “SILENT NIGHT”  
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 a far;  
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.

Final Message: Pastor Kemnitz

**HYMN-CW #57 “GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”  
THE CAST**



A huge thank you from the Daharsh family. “Thank you for all the food, diapers, cards and congratulations from everyone at Mt. Olive. We have been very blessed with kindness.”

St. Mark Elementary School is within \$28,000 of their goal of \$200,000 as a down payment for their new school building! This Wednesday’s offering will go toward that goal.

The Women’s Bible study group will have their annual fellowship meal next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. All women of the congregation are invited to join us for this time of food and great conversation whether or not you’ve been able to attend the Bible studies! It will be held at the Mark and Stacy Schleusener residence. Time will be announced next Sunday. It will probably be at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:**

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Guild: Christine Smith, Candace Meyer Delores Wasserman, Emma Gettemy

Ushering: J&W Costin, T Monroe, CL Kemnitz M Lauber, C Hansen, D Kauk, S Boggs

Cleaning God’s House This Next week:

Downstairs-Brase; Upstairs-Beiermann; Narthex-Bergen

\*If you can’t clean please call Kevin Ferrell @ 430-7823 and he will find you a sub...

## OUR WEEK IN THE LORD AT MT. OLIVE

TODAY- 11:15 Christmas Brunch

MONDAY-7P.M. Worship @ St. Mark, post-view of Sunday

WEDNESDAY-3 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study

4:30P.M. Catechism

6P.M. Soup Supper

7P.M. Midweek Advent Meditation

SUNDAY- 8 & 10:30 A.M. Advent 3 Worship

9:30 A.M. Growth in the Word/Sunday School

4P.M. Nebraska Lutheran High School Christmas Concert  
and One-Act Play

6:00 or 6:30P.M. Women's Christmas Fellowship

SUNDAY, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Advent 4 Worship 9:00 A.M.

5P.M. Youth Group Christmas Eve Worship

MONDAY, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 9A.M. Christmas Day Song & Scripture Worship

SUNDAY, Dec. 31 9 A.M. & 5 P.M. New Year's Eve Communion Worship

### NEWS N NOTES

#### Special Thanks

+To our visitors and guests who were here with us today. It was a pleasure and a privilege sharing with you the greatest story in all the world-which is more than just a "story" but is HIS-STORY of how HE saved us!!!

+To Linda Tesch, our musical accompanist today. Thank you, Linda, for using your gifts given by God to help us all glorify HIM.

+Our program directors, Shawna Fox and Brenda Jung. You did a terrific job of preparing God's children for worship today.

+Christ Beatrice - for the beautiful manger scene and nativity costumes they made and allowed us to use this morning.

+Jean Riegsecker - for her time and creativity in creating many of the reenactment costumes and for her graciousness in letting us use them.

+Jessi Walters and Samfrances Daharsh - for their time and talents in making sure that every child had a costume and all props were ready.

+ All who prepared and brought food items for us to enjoy for our fellowship brunch and to all those who helped setting things up...Thank you for providing a delicious meal for us to share!

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: Immediately after the worship this morning we will gather for our annual Christmas Brunch –to take place up in our "fellowship loft" upstairs. All kinds of goodies will be waiting for you as well as some smiling and friendly faces. Please join us!!!

LIVESTREAM/WEBCASTING- Our worship services at Mt. Olive are "Live streamed" (broadcast live in video and audio) for all to use. You are welcome to follow along on any Android or Apple or Roku device. You can also catch us via the church website: [www.mtolivewels.org](http://www.mtolivewels.org) or [www.facebook.com/MtOliveLincolnNebraska](http://www.facebook.com/MtOliveLincolnNebraska) where you can worship with us live or make use of the archived services. Please feel free to share this information with anyone who may need it!!!

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### OUR CAST

#### NARRATORS

Grant Wasserman, Martha Costin, Mia Hansen, Mary Miller, Eddie Walters, Alexander Brase, Aurora Sulzle, Alayna Landis, Jacob Uphoff, Jaxen Stamps, Jorgen Hansen

#### THE ANGEL GABRIEL

Atticus Bergen

#### MARY

Bethany Fox

#### JOSEPH

Isaac Beiermann

#### PROPHETS

Logan Wilken

Levi Schleusener

Dietrich Brase

#### CAESAR AUGUSTUS

Isaiah Meyer

#### ROMAN SOLDIER

Thaddeus Bergen

## INNKEEPERS

Natali Lauber  
Tiana Wilken  
Aubrey Schleusener

## SHEPHERDS

Sam Sulzle  
Hunter Wilken  
Samuel Walters  
Persephone Bergen

## WISE MEN

Samson Daharsh  
Eli Sulzle  
Troy Fox

## ANGELS

Katharina Brase, Nesaa Hansen, Reagan Landis, Emily Miller,  
Tasia Sadler, Olivia Sulzle, Briley Zwingman, Isabella Zwingman

## TOWNSPEOPLE

Laura Walters  
Bella Sadler  
Nora Lauber  
Syler Dennis  
Blake Hofferber

## OTHER TOWNSPEOPLE and ANIMALS

Ethan Brase, Penelope Daharsh, Beckett Hansen, Maggie Lauber,  
Micah Monroe, Dylan Satterthwaite, Lanie Stamps

