

Christmas Eve Service 2023

4:30 pm Rose and Spruce Free Lutheran Churches

Opening Prayer

#19 O Come All Ye Faithful

Behold the Lamb of God

Brett Erickson

Coventry Carol

Nick Roth

It's All About the Cross

Ericksons

Offering—I Heard the Bells (words in bulletin)

LUKE 2:1-20

Carmen Przekwas

The Birthday of a King

Tryg Olson

LIGHTING of the ADVENT Candles

Christmas Lullaby—I Will Lead You Home

Ben and Avril Huener

MESSAGE—What is Christmas All About?

#331 **Away In A Manger** (words on insert)

(candles will be lit during song)

#23 **Silent Night, Holy Night** (words on insert)

(please extinguish candles at end of the song)

BENEDICTION

#44 **Go Tell It On the Mountain** (verse 1 only)

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
2. I Thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
3. And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."
5. Till, ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882

Music: John Baptiste Calkin, 1827-1905

Away In A Manger

[Verse 1]

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

[Verse 2]

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my side till morning is nigh

[Verse 3]

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Silent Night

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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
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[Verse 2]

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
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