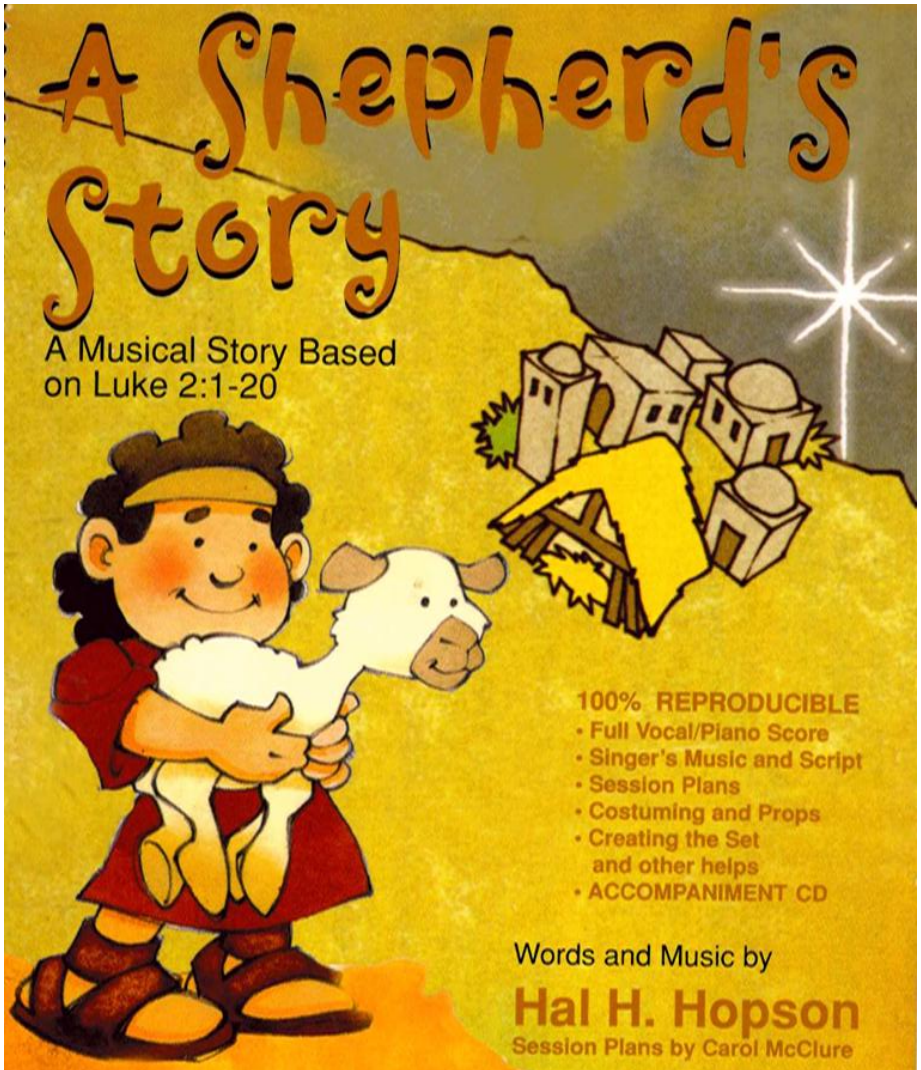


*Millcreek Lutheran Church
Sunday School
presents:*



*Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025*

The Story of: A Shepherd's Story as told in Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.



Program

1. *The Shepherd's Pipe*
2. *The Angel's Proclamation*
3. *The Angel's Song*
4. *The World Was at Peace That Night*
5. *The Shepherds Kneelt in Wonder*
6. *O Holy Child of Bethlehem*
7. *The Angel's Proclamation (Reprise)*

Cast of Characters

Announcer- *Thea Martin*

Roman Messenger – *Jack Gehman*

Malawk (a young shepherd) – *Isabel Rivera*

Shepherd 1 – *Andrew Keener*

Shepherd 2 – *Matthew Long*

Shepherd 3 – *Celia Bender*

Shepherd 4 – *Laura Long*

Angel – *Maddie Johnson*

Mary – *Abigail Keener*

Joseph – *Isaiah Keener*

Shepherds: *Anderson Stoudt* *Esther Keener*

Skylar Johnson *Bethany Keener*

Addie Gehman *Ella Gehman*

Directors – *Cheryl Batdorf and Debbie Tice*

Scenery, Casting, & Props – *Cheryl Stoudt*

Assistants – *Deb Buffington, Nikki Johnson, Jamie Keener*

Flute – *Tammy Hepler*

O Holy Child of Bethlehem - congregation please join:

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:

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

The Gifts that Jesus Brings



The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV).

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BLIND
GOOD
RAISED
NEWS

LAME
PREACHED
SEE
CURED

HEARD
POOR
LEPROSY
SIGHT

DEAF
CHRIST
PRISON
WALK

HEAR
DEAD
JOHN
HEAR