

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota
(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)
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CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2010

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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

GOOD MORNING TO ALL in the name of Jesus, the baby born in Bethlehem, God's Son and our Savior. This morning we celebrate his birthday as we join in worshipping him. A special welcome to our visitors who are worshipping with us this morning. May you be spiritually edified through your worship with us. Please sign the guest book in the back of the church and worship with us again.

The Real Story of the Twelve Days of Christmas

Pre-Service: "On Christmas Night"

INTRODUCTION

Opening Hymn: #55 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

EXPLANATION OF SEASONS

Hymn: #23 "O Come, O Come Immanuel" (verses 1-2)

AN OVERVIEW OF THE TWELVE DAY SEASON

Chimes: "Mary Did You Know?"

DAY 1 (Christmas Day) – A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Hymn: #67 "What Child Is This?"

DAY 2 (December 26) – Two Turtle Doves

Hymn: #56 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

DAY 3 (December 27) – Three French Hens

Song: "We Three Kings"

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 light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's 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 nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high.

Refrain:

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Refrain:

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain:

DAY 4 (December 28) – Four Calling Birds

Choir: *“O Come To My Heart”*

DAY 5 (December 29) – Five Golden Rings

DAY 6 (December 30) – Six Geese-a-laying

Song: #35 *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”* (verses 1-2)

DAY 7 (December 31) – Seven Swans-a-swimming

DAY 8 (January 1) – Eight Maids-a-milking

DAY 9 (January 2) – Nine Ladies Dancing

DAY 10 (January 3) – Ten Lords-a-leaping

Choir: *“Canon of the Bells”*

DAY 11 (January 4) – Eleven Pipers Piping

Song: #68 *“Away in a Manger”*

DAY 12 (January 5) – Twelve Drummers Drumming

Song: *“The Twelve Days of Christmas”*

(Let us now join in singing this song from the twelfth day down. Sing just the words in bold print—the actual gifts; their meanings are provided that you may recall them.)

On the 12th Day of Christmas my True Love gave to me:

12 Drummers Drumming	(The 12 essential truths in the Creed that keep Christians moving forward in the faith)
11 Pipers piping	(The 11 apostles proclaiming the Gospel to the world)
10 Lords a leaping	(The 10 Commandments - Exodus 20)
9 Ladies dancing	(The 9-fold “fruit of the Spirit” – Gal. 5:22-23)
8 Maids a-milking	(The 8 Beatitudes - Matthew 5:3-10)
7 Swans a-swimming	(The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit – Rom. 12:6-8)
6 Geese a-laying	(The 6 days of Creation - Genesis 1)
5 Golden rings	(The 5 books of Moses)
4 Calling birds	(The 4 Gospels of Scripture)
3 French hens	(The 3 precious virtues, Faith, Hope, and Love, the three gifts of the Magi)
2 Turtle doves	(The Old and New Testaments)
And a Partridge in a pear tree	(Jesus enduring our pain on the cross)

Offering

Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #61 *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

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Organist: Christy Ittel

Lap Dulcimer: Rebecca Litzau

Violin: Rebecca Litzau

Trumpet: Justin Koepf

Tyler Koepf

Stephanie Koepf

THANK YOU to all who donated flowers to beautify our sanctuary for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

THANK YOU!! Pastor, Tanya, Rachel, Taryn, Jacob, Kayla & Zachary greatly appreciate all the cards, gifts and words of encouragement you have given them during this holiday season. Thank you for all your acts of kindness. May you have a blessed and Christ-filled Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEWSLETTERS for the month of January are available. Please stop by and pick yours up today.

OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS are on the table in the meeting room. Please take your packet if you have not already done so. REMEMBER: DO NOT USE them until 2011.

ANNUAL REPORTS: All groups and organizations of St. John's are reminded to complete their annual reports and turn them in to Pastor or leave them in the back office by Monday, January 10th. Thank you for your prompt attention.

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship w/ Communion
	10:20am	Bible Class
Thursday	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teacher's Mtg.
Friday	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship

Merry Christmas!!!