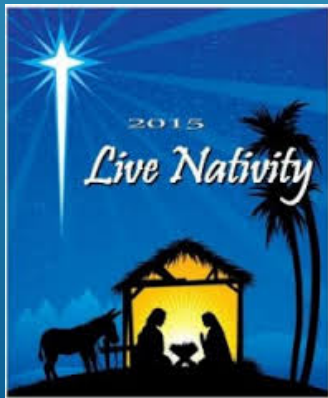


Live Nativity- 2015

Zion Lutheran Church

2015 Theme

“We Tell the Story”



- ▶ What is a Live Nativity without animals???
- ▶ Where are all the Live Animals????



Sad to say, the supporting actors, our sheep, decided to give birth to her baby lamb at the same time our production was scheduled!!

Consequently, the farmer had to stay home and birth the lamb.

But the story must be told....



Unlike for the birth of our Lord....
the scene was set,
the food was prepared,
the weather was an unseasonable 70 degrees



The cast of familiar characters
began to assemble



- ▶ **The Story:**
- ▶ **Scene 1: Old Testament Times-**
- ▶ There was a time before Christianity, before Christ. Faithful people wondered about their future. They wanted to have a closer relationship with God. The great prophet Isaiah said, "Trust in the Lord for He is good." "The Lord will provide."
- ▶ **Music Schedule: When Love was Born- Mark Schultz**
- ▶ **Bible Reading: IS. 7:14**
- ▶ **Music Schedule: Sing O Come O Come Emmanuel- Hymn 34 verses 1-4**



Scene 2: The Annunciation

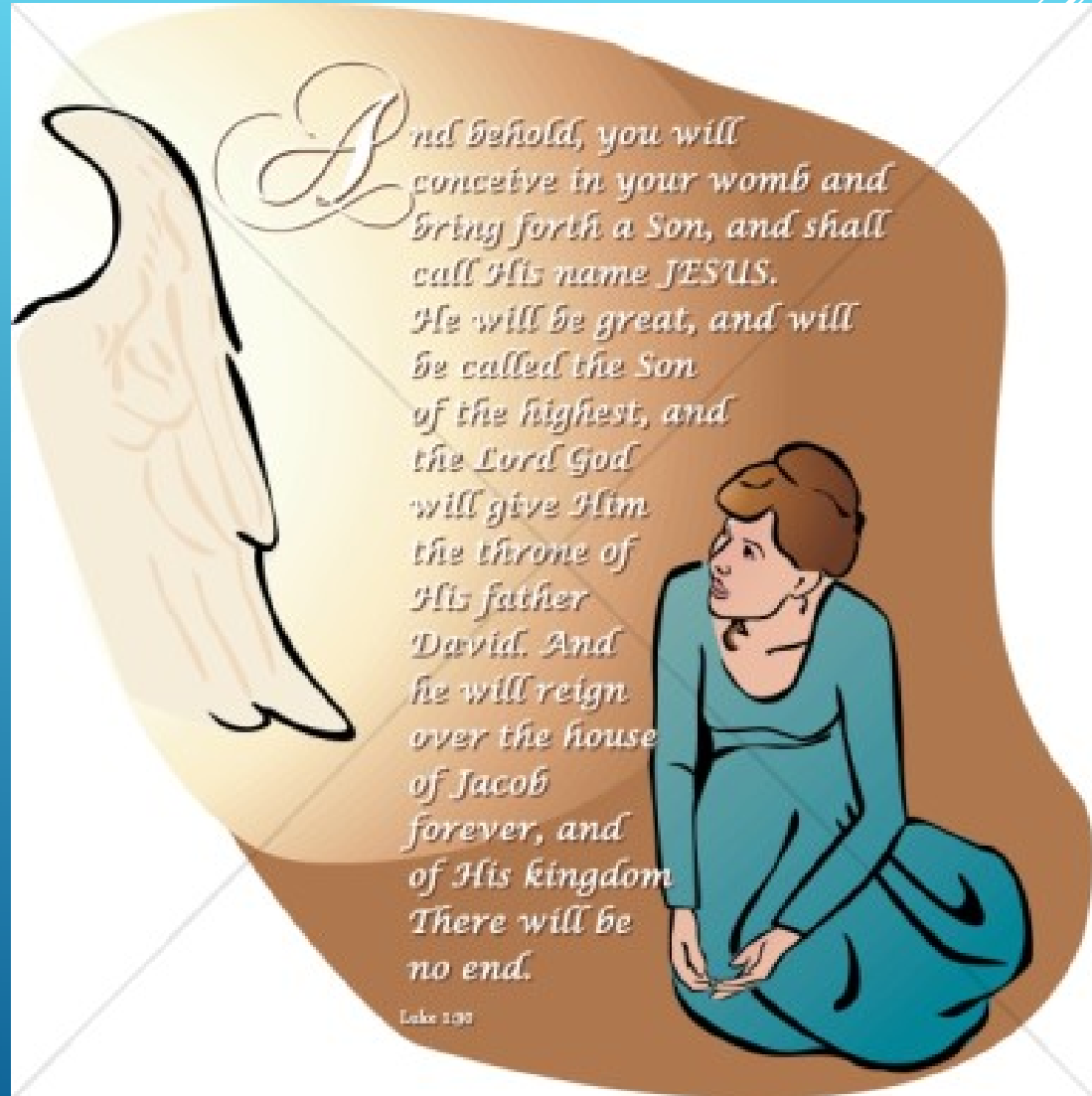
Music Schedule:

*Where are You
Christmas- Faith Hill*

*Bible Reading:
Matthew 2: 18-22*

Music Schedule:

*Hymn 45 "Oh, Come, All
ye Faithful"*



In the beginning
there were only the faithful who believed
Isaiah's prophecy about a future savior.

After Gabriel's visit, then Mary believed.

Later Joseph too believed.

As we shall see, the number of people
who believe Jesus is Lord continues to
grow



Scene 3 – The Journey To Bethlehem



Mercy Me - Joseph's Lullaby Lyrics

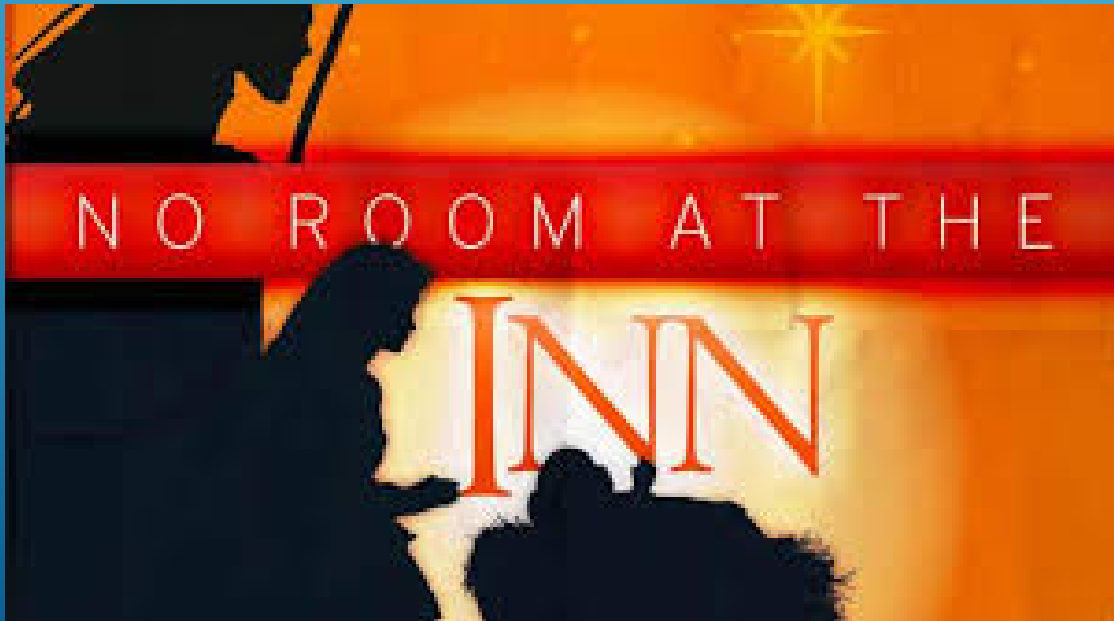
Go to sleep my Son
This manger for your bed
You have a long road before You
Rest Your little head

Can You feel the weight of Your glory?
Do You understand the price?
Or does the Father guard Your heart for now
So You can sleep tonight?

Go to sleep my Son
Go and chase Your dreams
This world can wait for one more moment
Go and sleep in peace

I believe the glory of Heaven
Is lying in my arms tonight
But Lord, I ask that He for just this moment
Simply be my child

Scene 4 – The Innkeepers' Decision





This gift isn't wrapped in fancy paper

Scene 5 – The Shepherds And Angels

Music Schedule:

Breath of Heaven Mary's Journey-

Amy Grant

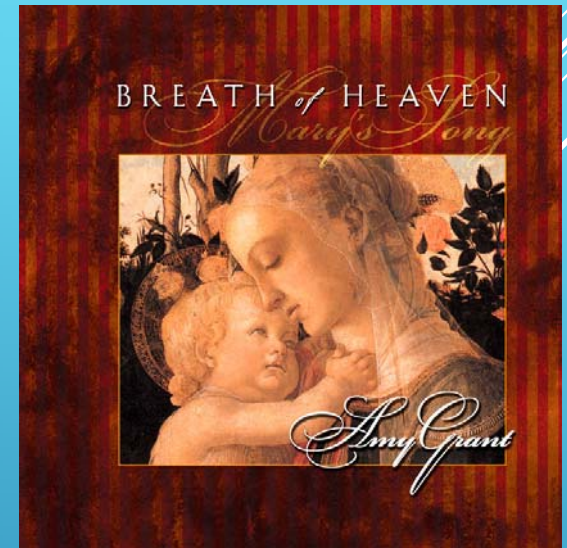
Bible Reading: Luke 2: 8-18

I have travelled many moonless night
Cold and weary, with a babe inside
And I wonder what I've done
Holy Father, you have come
And chosen me now
To carry your son

I am waiting in a silent prayer
I am frightened by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone,
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now
Be with me now

Breath of heaven
Hold me together
Be forever hear me
Breath of heaven
Breath of heaven
Light up my darkness
Pour over me your holiness
For you are holy

Breath of heaven
Do you wonder as you watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my
place
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of your plan
Help me be strong
Help me be
Help me



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Hold me together
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- ▶ Scene 6 –
- ▶ The Three Wise Kings

“ And they came and worshipped him.”



SCENE 7 – THE GATHERING AND DISMISSAL

In the beginning Isaiah foretold of Jesus' birth. Gabriel told Mary what was going to happen. Then Joseph learned of the upcoming event. The small circle widened when the shepherds and Magi came to worship him. The faithful story has been told from one generation to another for centuries. Will you too come and worship Him???



We at Zion continue to tell the story.