



LUKE 1:48 KJV

*For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:  
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me  
blessed.*

Advent Worship  
December 7, 2022  
4:30 & 7:00 pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Seymour, IN

**Welcome to Worship!** In the four-week journey of Advent toward the birth of Jesus on Christmas, we will look each week at the gifts the coming of Jesus brings to us. Using the song Mary sang when she learned that she would be the mother of the Savior, today we see how the Lord regards the humble and lowly, even us!

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**THE PRELUDE:** "Prepare the Royal Highway" -Roberts Farlee

**THE HYMN:** "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" **Hymn 350**

- 1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.  
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.
- 2 Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!
- 3 My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;  
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,  
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
- 4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

**THE OPENING RESPONSES:** page 229

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-14**

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the

earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:46-48**

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **THE RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT, page 230**

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**THE HYMN: "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"**

**Hymn 335**

1 O bride of Christ, rejoice; Exultant raise thy voice  
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story. Refrain

ref Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

2 Let shouts of gladness rise Triumphant to the skies.  
Now comes the King most glorious To reign o'er all victorious. Refrain

3 A humble beast He rides, Yet as a King presides;  
Though not arrayed in splendor, He makes the grave surrender. Refrain

4 The weak and timid find How meek He is and kind;  
To them He gives a treasure Of bliss beyond all measure. Refrain

5 Then go thy Lord to meet;  
Strew palm leaves at His feet;  
Thy garments spread before Him  
And honor and adore Him. Refrain

**THE SERMON: "He Regards the Humble"**

**THE CANTICLE: "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"** **Hymn 934**

1 My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.  
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.

2 For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.  
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.

3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatters those of proud intent  
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.

4 He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.  
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.

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## THE KYRIE, page 233

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

**L O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**C And let my cry come to You.**

## THE BENDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**L Let us bless the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**L The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

**C Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN: "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" Hymn 883

- 1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

△6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**THE POSTLUDE:** "On Jordan's Bank" -Jacob Weber

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**Preacher:** Pastor Philip E. Bloch **Lector:** Pastor James A. Rodriguez, Jr.

**Liturgists:** Pastor Ralph Blumenberg, Pastor Will Fredstrom, Vicar Case Farney

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Handbells Director:** Mr. Paul Keller **Brass**(7:00)

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Handbells**(4:30) **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday Handbells**(4:30)

**Join us again next Wednesday** at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Free Advent Devotions** are available for you at the exits to use at home.

**Dinner tonight** is served by the Fellowship of Lutheran Youth.

**Christmas Food Baskets:** In order to keep our members safe, the Board of Human Care will again be distributing gift cards for some less fortunate families to use to purchase food for Christmas. Drop off your donation at the church office. Thank you!

**4:30 pm - Elders:** Joe Bullard, Steve Bobb **Audio:** Jay Hubbard

**7:00 pm - Elders:** Carl Emily **Ushers:** Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy 'Dude' Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson **Counting:** BJ Sinclair, Ryan Sinclair, P.J. Stein, Chad Hageman, Gerry Sinclair, Eric Fish **Audio/Video:** Walter Batman, Kevin Foster

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