



**He has brought down the
mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of
humble estate. Luke 1:52**

Advent Worship
December 14, 2022
4:30 & 7:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Seymour, IN

Welcome to Worship! Everybody loves an underdog story. Seeing the proud humbled and the humble exalted touches something in all of our hearts. So we understand when Mary praises God because He brings down the mighty, the enemies that stand against God's people. He also exalts the humble, even you and me, through Jesus coming to save His people.

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THE PRELUDE: 4:30 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

7:00 "Once He Came in Blessing" -Michael Burkhardt

THE HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **Hymn 344**

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- △5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

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: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. "There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

+++ 4:30 THE ANTHEM: "Come Lord Jesus Come"

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 5:5b-11

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: **Thanks be to God!**

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THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:50-53

Mary said . . . And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation He has shown strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

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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: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Hymn 343

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

- 2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! Refrain
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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THE SERMON: "He Brings Down the Mighty"

THE CANTICLE: "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

Hymn 935

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

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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 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: "Abide With Me"

Hymn 878

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide
with me.

3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy
wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE POSTLUDE: "The Angel Gabriel" -Paul Manz

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Preacher: Vicar Case Farney **Lector:** Pastor Ralph Blumenberg

Liturgists: Pastor Philip E. Bloch, Pastor Will Fredstrom, Pastor James A. Rodriguez, Jr.

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Woodwinds**(7:00)

Children's Choir(4:30) **4th Grade Handbells**(4:30)

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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. 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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:** Emma Wichman

7:00 pm - Elders: Carl Emily **Ushers:** Kurt Fenneberg, Brent Kilgas, Ben Thompson, Brian Burbrink, Baron Bullard, Dale VonDielingen, Greg Wehmiller, Roger Wehmiller, Mitchell Kilgas, Will Borcharding, Dustin Nichols, Tony Combs, Gary Schneider, Jay Hubbard, Daniel Luecke, Jed Strange **Counting:** Craig Moore, Luke Nolting, Brian Rohr, Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper, Parker Wiethoff **Acolyte:** Bryce Degner **Audio/Video:** Jordan Richart, Walter Batman

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