



Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18 & 19, 2022

Welcome to Worship! Just a week from Christmas Day, our musicians this morning will help us to be inspired not only by the birth of Jesus, but by the loving plan of God revealed through the ages to redeem us. Let us praise together the God who continues His saving work in our lives and through Christ makes us His dear children forever!

Please register your attendance in the Record of Fellowship.

A **"Wee Wiggle Room"** is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Bible Classes will not meet today.

+ THE ORDER OF SERVICE +

THE PRELUDE: "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates" -Jim Vyhanek

THE OPENING HYMN: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" **Hymn 356**

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 2 "For know a blessèd mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee; Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
- 4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Through all generations, our God has heard our cries for help and come to our aid.

People: We confess that we have often taken God and His gifts for granted. We have not loved God and our neighbor as ourselves. We have been anxious instead of trusting. We have often blended into the world instead of being salt and light. We repent and ask God to have mercy on us and restore us.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Leader: This Advent and Christmas brings to you good news of great joy! Our heavenly Father has sent His Son, who has conquered sin, death, and the devil. Through our baptism in the triune name, we receive the blessings of faith, life, and forgiveness. Rejoice! You are forgiven for Jesus' sake!

People: Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: (We sing Hymn 333, verses 4)

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14**

+++ 9:00 & 11:15 THE HOMILY

+++ 7:00 THE HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn 357

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

+++ 7:00 THE SERMON

+++ 7:00 THE OFFERTORY, Page 159

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+++9:00 & 11:15 The Voices of Christmas (Please follow insert.)

THE BENEDICTION

+++ 7:00 THE CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Came, the Heaven Adoring" Hymn 353

- 1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.
- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.

4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.

THE POSTLUDE: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" – Karl Osterland
A DOOR OFFERING will be received to defray expenses for the service today.

Homily: Pastor Blomenberg **Lector:** Vicar Farney

Liturgists: Pastor Rodriguez, Pastor Bloch, Pastor Fredstrom

Special thanks to Mr. Scheiderer and to all our musicians for helping us worship today!

Immanuel's mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center, or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.

Children's Choir

Lily Allman, Solomon Arnold, Jocelyn Babbs, Madison Brown, Jack Thomas Collins, Elias Daugherty, Ruth Daugherty, Sawyer Dobbs, Victoria Downey, AJ DuSablón, Caroline DuSablón, Bennett Easton, Riley Hartwell, Kiera Hatfield, Avery Hubbard, Owen Luedeman, Silvi Melendon, Bryndal O'Haver, Elizabeth Rotert, Henry Rotert, Morgan Schepman, Lyla Schnitker, Aubrey Stahl, Caroline Stahl, Noah Sterling, Harper Thompson, Gabrian Wilkins, Scarlett Wilkins, Cullen Williams, Camdyn Williams

Church Choir

Kelly Beavers, Mike Bobb, Pam Bobb, Lauren Brown, Addison Bumbleburg, Blake Hackman, Elsie Hopkins, Jennifer Hopkins, Tami Keilman, Paul Keller, Dan Kiel, Riley Lawles, Katy Luedeman, Dave Martindale, Harold Mathews, Emma Mellencamp, Allen Mundt, Kim Nash, Elizabeth Scheiderer, Leah Schneider, Lisa Siefker-Bailey, Keith Stam, Davis Tracey, Triniti Wilde, Steve Zabel

Instrumentalists

Flutes: Shannan Silver, Mary Abernathy

Oboe: Jill Kamman

Bassoon: Luke Horton

Clarinets: Becky Grelle, Heidi Scheiderer

French Horn: Katy Webb, Paige Chadwick

Trumpets: Andy Kamman, Ricardo Lara-Enriquez, Dylan Green

Trombones: Tim Carter, Adam Nicholson

Bass Trombone: Cadin Gruenwald

Tuba: Richard Brannaman

Timpani: Ron Duncan

Percussion: Kyle Lutes, Ben Beavers

Harp: Theresa Labuda

Piano/Synthesizer: Ron Preloger

Violins: Angela Pulliam, Charlea Fredstrom, Tricia Bowers

Viola: Ellen Spivey

Cello: Heewon Jeon

Double Bass: Jacob Meazle

Director: Paul Scheiderer

“Joseph’s Song”

(Soloist: Paul Keller)

I am just a carpenter, an ordinary man. Wood and nails are all I know; they’re all I understand. How to raise Your Son, O God, I cannot comprehend. I can only love Him and teach Him what I can. Show me how to mold this Child. Lord, where do I begin? I cannot teach Your Son to save His people from their sins. I can only love Him and teach Him what I can by placing wood before Him and nails within His hands, nails within His hands.

I have no experience with royalty or kings. Lord, I lead a simple life with simple hopes and dreams. How to raise Your Son, O God, I cannot comprehend. I can only love Him and teach Him what I can. Show me how to mold this Child. Lord, where do I begin? I cannot teach Your Son to save his people from their sins. I can only love Him and teach Him what I can by placing wood before Him and nails within His hands, nails within His hands. I am just a carpenter. I’ll teach Him what I can. I’ll place the nails within His hands.

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

(Soloist: Lisa Siefker-Bailey)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand. Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood. Lord of lords and King of kings, in the body and the blood. Christ will give to all the faithful bread of life for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light descendeth from the realms of endless day that the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away, as the shadows clear away.

At His feet the six winged seraph, cherubim with watchful eye. Veil their faces to the Presence, as with endless voice they cry, “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High. Alleluia, Lord Most High! Alleluia, Lord Most High! Alleluia!”

“Good Christians, Now Rejoice”

Good Christians, now rejoice with heart and soul and voice. Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today. Ox and lamb before Him bow, and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christians, now rejoice with heart and soul and voice. Now we hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven’s door, and we shall live forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christians, now rejoice with heart and soul and voice. Now ye need not fear the grave for Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls your one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save! Alleluia!

“The Voices of Christmas”

by Joseph M. Martin

Immanuel Lutheran Church + Sunday, December 18, 2022

“The Voices of Christmas”

The voices of Christmas are calling today: “O come, all ye faithful, awaken to praise.” They call us to worship, invite us to sing: “Come join in the chorus and welcome the King.” Glory to God, let the heavens rejoice. Glory to God, let the earth lift its voice! The voices of Christmas are calling today: “O come all ye faithful, awaken to praise.”

The music of Christmas resounds through the night as angels are singing a hymn to the Light. Rejoice! O the oceans rejoice and the mountains reply. Glory to God, let the heavens rejoice. Glory to God, let the earth lift its voice! The voices of Christmas are calling today: “O come all, ye faithful, awaken to praise.”

The Spirit of Christmas is calling today. The dance is beginning, let voices be raised. The morning is breaking with glorious light. Come join in the music and celebrate life. Glory to God, let the heavens rejoice! Glory to God, let the earth lift its voice! The Spirit of Christmas is calling today: “O come, all ye faithful, awaken now to praise!”

The voices of Christmas are calling, calling today. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Come, sing alleluia, rejoice! “O come, all ye faithful, rejoice!”

“O Come, Emmanuel”

(Soloist: Tami Keilman)

O come, Emmanuel. Come, God of Israel. We lift our longing hearts to Thee. O God of Abraham, restore Jerusalem. Come, rule in peace eternally. Come, David’s Son, and teach our silent lips to sing. Teach us the music of the King. O come, Emmanuel.

O come, Emmanuel, and ransom Israel, Make now in us Your dwelling place. Make now all war to cease. Rebuild our land with peace. Awake in us Your gift of grace. Create in us a heart that yearns for things above. Teach us Your perfect way of love. O come, Emmanuel. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Emmanuel. Restore all Israel. We lift our voices now as one! Disperse the clouds of night. Death’s shadows put to flight. You are the Morning Star on high. Shine upon our weary lives. Burn in us a holy Light. O come, Emmanuel!

O come, Emmanuel! O come, Emmanuel, O come, Emmanuel. O come, Emmanuel.

“The Promise is Near”

(Soloists: Addison Bumbleburg & Leah Schneider)

Make straight in the desert a way for the King. The music is calling; awake now and sing. Lift high your hosannas; away doubt and fear. The morning is coming, the Promise is near. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia, the Promise is near.

The voice of prophets have called us to pray. O our darkness is over, hope is restored. *Preparing our hearts for the glorious day.* O prepare ye the way of the Lord. The time is upon us, redemption is nigh.

The heavens will sing and the earth will reply. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia, the Promise is near. *God will send a King to restore you.* He will reign forever and ever. *God will send a Lamb to redeem you.* Alleluia. Come and sing unto the Lord. And with great celebration, rejoice with a great alleluia. Alleluia!

Now let ev’ry nation lift jubilant praise. Throw open your hearts for the coming of grace. With great jubilation lift voices above. A new song is coming, the music of love. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia, the Promise is near. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia. Sing a joyful alleluia, the Promise is near. Let all of creation rejoice now and sing! Let all of creation rejoice and sing!

“Chosen Mary, Gentle One”

Hail, O blessed one. The Lord is with you. Hail, O Blessed one, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, for you have found favor with God. You have found favor with God. *Mary, you shall have a Son.* Mary, you shall have a Son. Mary, you shall have a Son, and you shall call Him Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Chosen Mary, gentle one, I come to you today. I bring to you glad tidings of great joy. Be not afraid, for you will bear a holy Child, the Son of God by name. I bring tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and of joy.

O chosen Mary, gentle one, rejoice; be not afraid. The Lord will give to you a Son to hold in love’s embrace; and He shall be called Jesus, the name above all names. I bring tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. I bring tidings of comfort and joy.

Chosen Mary, gentle one, put all your fears away for God will work a miracle, and He will keep you safe. The Spirit of Almighty God will cover you with grace. I bring tidings of comfort and of joy, comfort and joy. I bring tidings of comfort and of joy! I bring joy!

“Still is the Night”

(Soloists: Riley Lawles, Jen Hopkins & Harold Mathews)

Still the night, one lonely candle glowing in a stable so serene. Peaceful is the scene. Angels start to sing, alleluia. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest. Oh, come and see the Savior who redeems. Could this be a dream? Is this child the King? Alleluia. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest.

Still, still, still, come and see the child so still. As Mary gently rocks her baby, angels softly sing His praises. Still, still, still, come and see the child so still.

Still the night, Jesus is sleeping, Mary is weeping tears of joy. Do you think she knows what the future holds? Alleluia. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

“Shepherds, Come Rejoicing”

Shepherds, come rejoicing, hear the news the angels bring. Shepherds, come rejoicing, let the hills and valleys ring. Glory in the highest. Praise to God above. Let creation join the dance, lifting high the song of love. Glory in the highest. Praise to God above. Let creation join the dance, lifting high the song of love.

Shepherds, come rejoicing, leave behind your doubt and fear. *Shepherds, come rejoicing, spread the music far and near.* Glory in the highest. Praise to God above. Let creation join the dance, lifting high the song of love.

People, go rejoicing, share the good news that the Lord has come. People, lift your voices, share with the world what the Lord has done. Glory in the highest. Praise to God above. Let creation join the dance, lifting high the song of love. Glory in the highest. Praise to God above. Let creation join the dance, lifting high the song of love. Lift high the song of love.

“Listen to the Stars”

(Soloist: Kim Nash)

Listen to the stars as they sing in the darkness. Hear their sweet anthem of praise in the night, for the Father of lights has sent His own Son. Rejoice, rejoice, all ye people, now rejoice for your true Light has come.

The people of earth have long walked in shadows searching the night skies for a touch of heaven’s peace. But there’s no peace in moonlight or stars up above. It’s deep in the heart that God plants His Light and His Love. Listen to the stars as they sing in the darkness. Hear their sweet anthem of praise in the night, for the Father of lights has sent His own Son. Rejoice, rejoice, all ye people, now rejoice for your true Light, your true Light. For your true Light *has come.* Your Light has come.