



Isaiah's Advent Visions

The Tree of the Lord

December 11, 2019 4:30 & 7:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church Seymour, IN

Welcome to Worship! From the devastation of wildfires in California and other areas of our country, with time comes new seedlings and new growth. Isaiah gives words of hope that even though the Israelites are cut down by foreign powers because of their disobedience and sin, a Shoot will sprout from the house of Jesse and with it new life and eternal hope!

Large Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: (4:30) "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" - Behnke

(7:00) "Once He Came in Blessing" - John Leavitt

THE HYMN: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

Hymn 342

- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied
 Where tame live with the wild;
 The lamb and lion side by side,
 Led by a little child!

- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,
 A branch from David's line,
 A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
 The fruit of God's design.

- 3 As banner of God's love unfurled,
 Christ came to suffer loss,
 That by His death a dying world
 Would rally to the cross.

- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,
 Lost Paradise restore;
 Lead past the angel's flaming sword –
 Come, open heaven's door.

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 FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10 (Page 575)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 5:1-14 (Page 1030)

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and

break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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: "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

Hymn 359

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

- 4 O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.

THE SERMON: "The Tree of the Lord"

THE OFFERING: (4:30) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Behnke

(7:00) "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" - Paul Manz

THE KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, AND COLLECTS page 233

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Introduction to Collects

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

THE BENDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Let Our Gladness Have No End"

Hymn 381

- 1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia!
- ref On this day God gave us
Christ, His Son, to save us;
Christ, His Son, to save us.
- 2 Prophesied in days of old, alleluia!
God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! Refrain
- 3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! Refrain
- 4 Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! Refrain

THE POSTLUDE: "Abide with Me - Sigvart Hofland

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Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Vicar Ronchetto and Pastor Rodriguez

Lector: Pastor Blomenberg **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: 4:30: 5th and 6th Grade Handbells **7:00:** Brass

Join us again next Wednesday as we reflect on The Sword of the Lord.

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

Need an Advent Wreath or candles? Check at the Welcome Center.

Dinner tonight is served by the Fellowship of Lutheran Youth.

ADVENT-URE Cookie Corner tonight: Little ones and families are invited to the Advent-ure Cookie Corner in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a home-made Tree of the Lord Advent Themed cookie to decorate and eat!!

Advent Service 2: Wednesday, December 11

4:30 pm Elders: Mike Patmore, Tim Hamblen **Acolyte:** Caroline Thompson

7:00 pm Elder: Doug Nichols **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, George Spray, Jeff Nicholson, John Bowen, Marcus Brooks, Joe Brooks, Grainger Pollert, Richard Pollert, Mike Stuckwisch **Counting:** BJ Sinclair, Ryan Sinclair, PJ Stein, Jason Skidmore, Chad Hageman, Gerry Sinclair, Eric Fish **Acolyte:** Charlie Tungate

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