



# *Christmas Cantata*

December 15, 2019  
Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
Seymour, IN

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 2019

**Welcome to Worship!** God has revealed His Son to us, but when we look at the world around us, it can be easy to doubt God's Word. Thankfully, Christ responds to our doubts with His mighty work in Word and Sacrament so that we are emboldened to tell others about our Savior.

**First time guests:** Please stop by the Welcome Center at entrance to the church for a travel mug and other gifts for you!

A **Staffed Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

### Sunday School and Bible Classes

**Large Print bulletins** and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

<b>+THE ORDER OF SERVICE+</b>
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**THE PRELUDE:** "Christmas Medley"

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "Savior of the Nations Come"     **Hymn 332**

(Congregation 1; Choir 2 and 7; congregation 8)

- 1     Savior of the nations, come,  
      Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
      Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
      That the Lord chose such a birth.
  
- 2     Not by human flesh and blood,  
      By the Spirit of our God,  
      Was the Word of God made flesh—  
      Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
  
- 3     Here a maid was found with child,  
      Yet remained a virgin mild.  
      In her womb this truth was shown:  
      God was there upon His throne.
  
- 4     Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
      From His pure and kingly hall;

God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: 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.)*

**Pastor:** 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 350, verse 3)

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** 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) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

**THE HOMILY**

**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.

**THE OFFERING** (Please register your attendance in the booklets in each row.)

**THE MUSICAL OFFERING:      Woodwinds - "Gentle Mary"**  
**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

*Lessons and Carols*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church + Sunday, December 15, 2019*

**READING: Genesis 3:1-7**

**Advent Anthem - Hymn 561 (Congregation sing 1 and 4)**

*"The Tree of Life" - Stephen Starke*

1. **Congregation:** The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood, And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat. Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew; Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.
2. **Choir:** The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken, as the serpent strove With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam too by sin defile. O day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death, Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.
3. **Choir:** What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace: In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need— For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die, Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!
4. **Congregation:** Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name; For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive. And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat, To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.

**READING: Genesis 22:15-18**

Advent Choir Anthem

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art, Dear desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king! Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

Christmas Choir Anthem

*“Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer” -  
Page and Shafferman*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Once in royal David’s city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Jesus came to earth from heaven, God incarnate Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall; With the poor, the oppressed and lowly, Jesus lived our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like us He grew; He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above; And He  
leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

**READING: Luke 1:26-38**

Christmas Choir Anthem

*“For Unto Us a Child is Born”*

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulders; His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. For unto us a Child is Born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be, shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**READING: Luke 2:1-7**

Christmas Choir Anthem

*“Away in a Manger”*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

**READING: Luke 2:8-14**

Christmas Anthem

*“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” – John Behnke*

- 1. Men:** Of the Father’s love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.
- 2. Women:** Oh, that birth forever blessèd, When the virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race, And the babe, the world’s Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face Evermore and evermore.
- 3. Choir:** This is He whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord, Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word. Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.
- 4. All:** O ye heights of heav’n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing. Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev’ry voice in concert ring Evermore and evermore.
- 5. All:** Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be, Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory Evermore and evermore. Amen.



Christmas Anthem for All

*“Angels We Have Heard on High” – K. Lee*

All: Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

READING: Luke 2:15-20

Christmas Anthem

*“Gloria Deo with Hark! The Herald Angels Sing and Joy to the Word” – Benjamin Harlan*

Choir: Gloria Deo! Gloria Deo! Gloria Deo! Gloria Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hark! The herald Angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.” Joyful all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King."

Choir: Joy to the World! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

**All: He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

### THE BENEDICTION

**THE POSTLUDE: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Daniel Pinkham**

**A DOOR OFFERING** will be received to defray expenses for the service today.

*A Pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.*

**Homily:** Vicar Ronchetto **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch, Rodriguez, & Blomenberg

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

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## Children's Choir

Ailey Abner, Lily Allman, Alexis Holtman, Carter Maxie, Myles Montgomery, Elizabeth Scheiderer, Gwendolyn Bell, Gabrian Wilkins, Caroline Downey, Lillian Motsinger, Aaron Abner, Benjamin Dyer, Sam Dyer, Katy Luedeman, Anistyn Milroy, Kohlie Reed, Lyla Schepman, Corbin Adair, Zachary Lister, Chloe Abbott, Liv Holle, Brinley Schepman, Bella Wehmiller, Elizabeth Downey, Emma Mellencamp, Abby Gillis, Katelyn York

## Adult Choir and Youth Choir

**Sopranos:** Kim Nash, Lisa Siefker-Bailey, Carmyn Wilson, Tami Keilman, Kaylie Burns, Mia Dailey, Allison Bryant, Triniti Wilde, Claire Hatfield

**Altos:** Heidi Scheiderer, Kate Stahl, Jennifer Hopkins, Addison Bumbleburg,

Ava Blumenberg, Drew Hubbard, Kelly Beavers

**Tenors:** Keith Stam, George Miller, Cadin Gruenwald, Don Goecker, Mike Ramsey

**Basses:** Harold Mathews, Allen Mundt, Dan Kiel, Cameron Gruenwald

## Instrumentalists

**Flutes:** Katherine Stahl, Addison Bumbleburg

**Oboe:** Jill Kamman

**Clarinets:** Heidi Scheiderer, Riley Lawles

**Saxophone:** Dominique Rogers, Kash Siefker

**Bass Clarinet:** Kacey Patterson

**Trumpets:** Dylan Green, Chris Kern, Andy Kamman, Jay Schmidt

**Trombones:** Caleb Elliott, Caleb Probst, Tim Carter

**Baritone:** Cadin Gruenwald, Cameron Kincer

**Tuba:** Richard Brannaman

**Percussion:** Kyle Lutes

**Timpani:** Ben Beavers

**Violin 1:** Sage Yang

**Violin 2:** Trisha Bowers

**Viola:** Yuri Santos

**Cello:** Gabriel Jimbo Viteri

**Double Bass:** Jonathon Piccolo

**Piano:** Deb Lambert

**Handbells:** Linda Moenning, Karla Thompson, Patti Miller, Audrey Luecke,  
Mary Koop, Janis Mundt, Brad Dyer, Jeanie Schneider, Charlie Smith

**Director:** Paul Scheiderer