



## Isaiah's Advent Visions

### *The Sword of the Lord*

December 18, 2019 4:30 & 7:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church Seymour, IN

**Welcome to Worship!** Thanks to the threat of violence, officers of the peace have to arm themselves to protect themselves and others. We appreciate their service and sacrifice. But where can you find protection from the cosmic powers that threaten the people of God? Isaiah points us to the one who has the power to redeem and save us!

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

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**THE PRELUDE:** (4:30) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
(7:00) "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" – J.G. Walther

- 1     Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
       The Savior promised long;  
       Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
       And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2     He comes the pris'ners to release,  
       In Satan's bondage held.  
       The gates of brass before Him burst,  
       The iron fetters yield.
- 3     He comes the broken heart to bind,  
       The bleeding soul to cure,  
       And with the treasures of His grace  
       To enrich the humble poor.
- 4     Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
       Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
       And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
       With Thy belovèd name.

## **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 35:1-10 (Page 595)**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

**+++Anthem: (4:30)** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" - Benjamin Harlan

## **THE SECOND READING: Colossians 1:13-22 (Page 983)**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness

of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him

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

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:29-31** (Page 821)

Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

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: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**

**Hymn 398**

- 1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- 5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever – That name to us is Love.

**THE SERMON: “The Sword of the Lord”**

**THE OFFERING:** (4:30) “Proclamation Carols & Bidding Prayer” - Anna Laura Page

(7:00) “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” - Archer

**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 BENEDICAMUS 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: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" Hymn 348**

**1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.**

**2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,**

But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

**THE POSTLUDE:** "God who Made the Earth and Heaven" - Hildebrand

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**Preacher:** Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez and Pastor Bloch

**Lector:** Vicar Ronchetto **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Special Music:** 4:30 – Youth Choir, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbells 7:00:

Woodwinds

**Plan to join us for these special times of worship:**

- 12-23, 7:00p.m. Monday night worship
- 12-24, 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve service led by our ILS children
- 12-24, 10:30p.m. Candlelight Communion
- 12-25, 9:00a.m. Christmas Communion
- 12-29, 9:00a.m. and 11:15a.m. worship
- 12-30, 7:00p.m. Monday night worship

- 12-31, 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve

The 7p.m., 10:30p.m., and 9:00a.m. services Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will all be broadcast live on AM 1390/FM 99.3 and will also be live-streamed. Check the website for details on streaming.

### **Church Office Hours:**

The church office will be open Monday but is to close at noon Tuesday for Christmas Eve. The office will reopen Thursday morning, December 26.

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

**Dinner tonight** is served by the Fellowship of Lutheran Youth. Tonight's menu includes homemade chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and green beans.

**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 Sword of the Lord Advent Themed cookie to decorate and eat!!

### **Advent Service 3: Wednesday, December 18**

**4:30 pm Elders:** Mike Patmore, Ryan Williams **Acolyte:** Jack VonDielingen

**7:00 pm Elder:** Doug Nichols **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, Gary Darlage, Brian Rohr,

Mark Nolting, Chad Cooper **Acolyte:** Emma Wichman