

*The  
students  
and staff  
of Immanuel  
Lutheran School pray the  
Prince of Peace dwells in your  
hearts and homes this Christmas and in the  
New Year.*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on Earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.*

LUKE 2:14

Join us again for worship  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion  
10:30 pm  
Christmas Day Communion - 9:00 a.m.  
New Year's Eve - 7:00 p.m.

# SLEEP IN HEAVENLY



***Christmas Eve  
December 24th, 2020  
4:30 & 6:00 P.M.***

Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. God's Word calls Jesus, "Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**" Throughout the year 2020, we've all searched for a little peace among the chaos and uncertainties. Through recitation and song, your children will share that true, everlasting peace does not come from things of this world, but only from the One who came to this world to bring us His peace. We pray that this Gospel message of hope and salvation comforts you through any challenges this world may present. We pray God's hope, love, and peace be upon you this Christmastime and throughout the new year.

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Prelude

Ringling of the bells

Recitation: Worldly Symbols of Peace

Processional Congregation is asked to rise

*"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains,  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil alone a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.

For lo, the days have come to pass,  
By prophet seen of old,  
When down into the circling years,  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth,  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all the take this gift will hear,  
The song the angels sing.

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

O Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him born the king of angels;

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God In the highest;

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Invocation

Responsive Reading

**P:** Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**All:** And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**P:** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

**C:** The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

**All:** His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Lord, the Wonderful, the Counselor, the God by all adored.

Sermon

“His Name Shall be Called ... Prince of Peace

*Isaiah 9:6*

**Prayer:** Gracious Lord God, as travelers in this sinful world, the search for peace seems like an impossible dream. We see unrest all around, in our country, in our schools and workplaces, and in our homes. Our minds are often filled with restless thoughts that rob our joy and happiness. Today our children present a message filled with your blessing of peace; peace that came to earth long ago in the Bethlehem manger. This was not an earthly peace, which is only fleeting, but heavenly peace that sets our hearts at rest. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts and show us the true peace between our perfect God and our sin-filled souls. Teach us to treasure the peace that is ours through the sacrifice of Jesus, our Savior and the **Prince of Peace**, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

## **PART 1: A ONCE PEACEFUL PARADISE**

Recitation

Song: "Peace, Peace"

Students

Recitation

## **PART 2: THE PROPHECY OF PEACE**

Recitation

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Students

## **PART 3: A PEACEFUL BIRTH**

Recitation *(with congregational involvement)*

Student: The Prince of Peace that Isaiah wrote about was Immanuel, God with us. The Prince of Peace came to earth as a baby in a manger on a peaceful Christmas night. Please open your bulletins and read with us the story about the birth of the baby Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

Congregation: Luke 2 verses 1 through 7. In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register.

Recitation

Song: "Away in a Manger"

Grades 1-3 vs. 1-3  
Congregation v. 3

3. 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

## **PART 4: WORSHIP THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

Recitation

Song: "Peace, Peace"

Students

## **PART 5: LIVING IN PEACE**

Recitation

To us a child is born

Grade 8

To us a son is given

Grades 7-8

And the government will be upon his shoulders

Grades 6-8

And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor

Grades 5-8

Mighty God

Grades 4-8

Everlasting Father

Grades 3-8

Prince of Peace

Grades 1-8

Recitation

Song: "Peace, Peace and Silent Night" Students & Congregation

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

*(during the third verse, students will join in singing Peace, Peace)*

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Benediction

Pastor Bloch

*A note about the recessional. To prevent a mass assembling of people in the narthex or atrium, students will recess alphabetically and by family name. As you see your child(ren) begin to walk down the center aisle, we ask that you quickly gather your belongs and exit the sanctuary also. Please meet your child in the narthex and exit the church to your car. We apologize for such a hurried exit during a time of mutual celebration. We look forward to the day we will gather together wishing each other the joy of a Merry Christmas.*

Recessional: "*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*" Congregation

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 the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen 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 new-born King!"

*Joy to the World"*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every 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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse if sound.

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.

