



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Rock Island, Illinois

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*Advent Midweek III*

*December 18, 2024*

# HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

## ✝ PREPARATION ✝

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - LSB 375 - *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2. Christ, from heav'n to us descending  
And in love our race befriending;  
In our need His help extending,  
Saved us from the wily foe.

3. Jacob's star in all its splendor  
Beams with love our race befriending;  
In our need His help extending,  
Saved us from the wily foe.

4. From the bondage that oppressed us,  
From sin's fetters that possessed us,  
From the grief that sore distressed us,  
We, the captives, now are free.

5. Oh, the joy beyond expressing  
when by faith we grasp this blessing,  
And to You we come confessing  
That Your love has set us free.

6. Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,  
From Your lowly manger cheer us,  
Gently lead us and be near us  
Till we join Your choir above.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
Tune: German, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
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### INVOCATION

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

**Congregation: Amen**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: To us . . .

**Congregation: a child is born!**

Pastor: To us . . .

**Congregation: a son is given!**

Pastor: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

**Congregation: Mighty God,**

Pastor: Everlasting Father,

**Congregation: Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6, adapted

### CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Pastor

### OFFERING

# THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

## + IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US +

### READINGS

### ACTION RHYME

### CHILDREN'S SONG

"Mary Had a Baby"

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - LSB 338 - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1. 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.

2. 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.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.  
Tune: Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1835  
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# ✦ WONDERFUL COUNSELOR ✦

## READINGS

## RECITATION

**HYMN** - LSB 332:1-3, 7 - *Savior of the Nations, Come*

### **CHILDREN:**

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.

### **ALL:**

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.

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

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546;  
tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812-76, sts. 1-2; tr. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006, sts. 3, 6:  
Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1534, ed. Johann Walter;  
setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006  
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# ✝ MIGHTY GOD ✝

## READINGS

## RECITATION

**HYMN** - LSB 363 - *Silent Night, Holy Night*

### **CHILDREN:**

1. 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.

### **ALL:**

2. 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!

3. 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.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848;  
tr. John F. Young, 1920-85  
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# ✝ EVERLASTING FATHER ✝

## READINGS

## RECITATION

**HYMN** - LSB 388 - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

### **CHILDREN:**

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'ry where;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. Refrain

### **ALL:**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3. Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual, refrain: John W. Work II, 1873-1925  
Tune: African American spiritual; setting: Hugh Porter, 1897-1960

# ✝ PRINCE OF PEACE ✝

## READINGS

## RECITATION

**HYMN** - LSB 380 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### **CHILDREN:**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new 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!"

### Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### **ALL:**

2. Christ, by highest heav'n 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! Refrain

3. 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. Refrain

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47; setting: William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

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## 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

## RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: To us a child is born,  
**Congregation: to us a son is given**  
Pastor: Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor,  
**Congregation: our Mighty God,**  
Pastor: the Everlasting Father,  
**Congregation: the Prince of Peace. Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.  
**Congregation: Heavenly Father, thank You for fulfilling Your promise to send Your Son to be our Savior. You have given us the best gift of all: the Child in the manger who came to live, die, and rise again for us! In His name we pray. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you in the joy of Jesus, our Savior. The blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.  
**Congregation: Amen.**



**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - LSB 387 - *Joy to the World***

1. 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.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrow 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 is found.

4. 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.

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**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 24**

2:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

6:30 pm - Christmas Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, December 25**

9:00 am - Feast of the Nativity

**Tuesday, December 31**

6:30 pm - New Year's Eve Service



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