

FULL VERSION
Dec 18, 2022
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**About the
Cover:**

The sign of a virgin conceiving and giving birth was given despite King Ahaz's refusal to ask. However, for all who believe, Immanuel—"God with us"—is the gift of salvation! God has come to be with us, not to condemn, but to save through His cross (John 3:17). As Mary treasured up the things concerning her Son in her heart, may we treasure Christ in our lives as well (Luke 2:19, 51)



*The virgin shall conceive
and bear a son . . .
Immanuel*

ISAIAH 7:14

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THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION OF JESUS' BIRTH

Theme for Worship: This morning our Sunday school children present the good news of Jesus' birth in music and drama. While we enjoy the "cute" elements of the children being up front, we don't lose sight of the significance of their message that in Jesus, the world was surprised by God's gift of the Messiah in a way no one expected.

♪ Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome (Pastor Marty)

The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Children's Program

"I Didn't Think it Would Happen Like This!"

Opening Song: "O Come, Little Children"

1) O come, little children, O come, one and all;
O come to the cradle in Bethlehem's stall.
He's quietly sleeping, the heavenly child,
So poor and so humble, so meek and so mild.

2) The hay is His pillow, the manger His bed;
The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on His head.
Yet there, in the stable, so humble and poor,
Come shepherds and wisemen to kneel at His door.

Director and Narrator skit (part 1)

Processional Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful

LSB #379 vv 1,3, 4

**1. 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!*

**3. Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in Flesh appearing! *Refrain***

**4. 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***

Pharisee skit (part 1); Old Testament Readings

Choral Reading

Prekindergarten & Kindergarten

Song: “In a Little Stable”

Prekindergarten & Kindergarten

Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wisemen enter

Testament Reading

Luke 2:1-16

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Song: Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Ella and Kelly Gratschmayr

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:17-20

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Pharisee Skit (part 2)

Director and Narrator Skit (part 2)

Song: “Away in a Manger”

Prekindergarten -5th grade

Children’s Recitation: Isaiah 9:6

First & Second Grade

Song: “Joy to the World”

LSB 387 Children v. 1, Cong vv. 2,4)

**1. Joy to the world, the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing**

Children exit and go back to their families.

**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**

**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**

Reflections on the Program

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering/ Announcements

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The 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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & C Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “ONE SMALL CHILD”

1. One small child in a land of a thousand, One small dream of a Savior tonight, One small hand reaching out to the starlight, One small city of life...Ooh...

**2. One king bringing his gold and riches, One king ruling an army of might, One king kneeling with incense and candlelight One king bringing us life...ooh...
See him lying a cradle beneath him, See him smiling in the stall, see his mother praising his father, See his tiny eyelids fall.**

**3. One small light from the flame of a candle, One small light from a city of might, One small light from the stars in the endless night,
One small light from his face...oohh...
See the shepherds kneeling before him, See the kings on bended knee
See the mother praising his father, See the blessed infant sleep.**

**4. One small child in a land of a thousand, One small dream in a people of might, One small hand reaching out to the starlight One small Savior of life...ooh.
Oh, come oh, come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB #361

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!**
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above**
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

- 3 How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!**
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;**
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LSB #393

- 1 Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;**
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, Angels singing, Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

- 2 Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new**
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – Dec. 18, 2022		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Greeters	People of Immanuel	Norm & Marion Gilbert
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>choir director & pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind</i> <i>coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children’s Message	----	Amy Haeseker, <i>Children’s Christmas</i> <i>Program Director</i>
Acolyte	Mark Misis	Emily Banks
Lay Reader	Don Haeseker	Children of Immanuel
Radio Narrator	Tammy Tiggelaar	---
Videographer/Sound	Mark Misis	Doug Nelson
Slides	Doug Nelson	Nathan Allen
Ushers	Ken Boldt, Donna Boldt, Alexis Cruz	Keith Nelson, Danika Nelson
Communion Assistant	Tom Sawyer, Rob Tiggelaar	Keith Nelson, Will Michels

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