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THE 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Welcome to Worship! In a matter of days, we will gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. While we may yet have tasks to complete before then, God's Word today shows the massive plan that God brought to fulfillment in the birth of Christ. Today, through Word and song, we rejoice in the gift of Christ to fulfill God's promise to save us!

Please register your attendance in the Record of Fellowship.

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Bible Classes will not meet today.

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THE PRELUDE: "The Shepherds" -Kenneth Kosche

THE OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn 338

- 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.

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

People: Amen.

Leader: 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.)

Leader: 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 332, verses 7&8)

- 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.

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) "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love" Zephaniah 3:17

+++ 9:00 & 11:15 THE HOMILY

+++ 7:00 THE HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn 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!

+++ 7:00 THE SERMON

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.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS (Please follow insert.)

THE BENEDICTION

+++ 7:00 THE CLOSING HYMN: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" Hymn 342

- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.
- 3 As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.
- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword – Come, open heaven's door.

THE POSTLUDE: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" -Evan Copley

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

Homily: Pastor Blumenberg

Liturgists: Vicar Wagenknecht & Pastor Rodriguez

Pastor Bloch is attending the funeral of his mother in Lincoln, NE

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

<i>Immanuel's mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center, or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.</i>

Children's Choir

Lily Allman, Bradley Behmlander, Madison Brown, Ruth Daugherty, Caroline Downey, Victoria Downey, Bianca DuSablón, Caroline DuSablón, Ben Dyer, Bennett Easton, Lily Froedge, Gertie Hobson, Avery Hubbard, Annie Keller, Noah Lister, Lilly Motsinger, Leo Patterson, Elizabeth Rotert, Elizabeth Scheiderer, Morgan Schepman, Aubrey Stahl, Noah Sterling, Gabrian Wilkins, Camdyn Williams, Cullen Williams, Scarlett Wilkins

Adult Choir

Mike Bobb, Pam Bobb, Addison Bumbleburg, Gillian Bumbleburg, Kaylie Burns, Cadin Gruenwald, Tami Keilman, Dan Kiel, Megan Keller, Paul Keller, Harold Mathews, Larry Meyer, Allen Mundt, Kim Nash, Mike Ramsey, Keith Stam, Larry Thomas, Trinita Wilde

Youth Choir

Corbin Adair, Kelley Beavers, Emersyn Dailey, Mia Dailey, Abbey Gillis, Kohlie Hallow, Liv Holle, Emma Mellencamp, Anistyn Milroy, Bella Wehmiller

Instrumentalists

Flutes: Shannan Silver, Kate Stahl

Oboe: Jill Kamman

Bassoon: Kiko Li

Clarinets: Becky Grelle, Heidi Scheiderer

French Horn: Katy Webb, Paige Chadwick

Trumpets: Andy Kamman, Ricardo Lara-Enriquez

Trombones: Dick Parman, Tim Carter

Bass Trombone: Brad Schrock

Tuba: Richard Brannaman

Timpani: Ron Duncan

Percussion: Kyle Lutes, Carl Tafoya, Jaxson Rives

Harp: Theresa Labuda

Piano/Synthesizer: Ron Preloger

Violins: Madeline Bowling, Tricia Bowers

Viola: Ellen Spivey

Cello: Gabriel Jimbo Viteri

Double Bass: Broner McCoy

Director: Paul Scheiderer