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Christmas Day

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For unto YOU
is born this day
in the city of David

a Savior
who is
Christ
the Lord

Luke 2:11



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¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together ⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

“WHO GETS TO HOLD THE BABY?”

Opening Prayer

“O Come, Little Children”

- 1. O come, little children, O, come, one and all
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small,
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night,
To be your Redeemer, your Joy and delight.*

- 2. He's born in a stable for you and for me,
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild
And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.*

- 3. See Mary and Joseph with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where he lies,
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.*

- 4. Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now, and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.*

Pastor's Message Part 1

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*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 darkness shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*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 men on earth.*

*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:
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!*

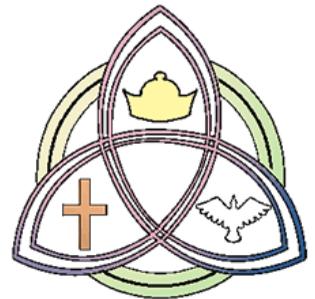
God the Father

"We love Him because He first loves us!" – 1 John 4:19

P *Who gets to hold the Baby?* God the Father was the first. In fact, God held Him from all eternity. Jesus was One with the very essence of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit. Together they have always been one God, since forever and ever.

C **"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."** (Colossians 1:15-17)

P "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:1-4). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14).



“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

- 1. Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.*
- 2. Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.*
- 3. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.*
- 4. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.*

Mary's Womb

Pastor's Message Part 2

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

(tune from TLH – 85 “From Heaven Above” melody)



Women of the Congregation

- 1. My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.*
- 2. For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.*
- 3. His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatters those of proud intent
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.*

4. *He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.*

5. *So praise with me the Holy One, Who comes in all humility.
Divine Redeemer, God's own Son, to Him shall glory ever be!*

Joseph

Pastor's Message Part 3

C “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.” (Luke 2:1-5)

“O How Tender Was the Man”

(tune from TLH – 127 “As with Gladness Men of Old” melody)

Men of the congregation

1. *O how tender was the man, Chosen by the Lord to stand;
Next to Mary meek and mild, And the little Promised Child;
Joseph was that tender man Chosen by the Lord to stand.*

2. *Joseph came to understand By an angel's sure command,
What God had for him to do, He was faithful, he was true,
Joseph was a faithful man, So he heeded God's command.*

3. *Joseph, so we oft may think From the scene must always shrink;
But the Word of God is clear: Joseph's part was very dear;
Earthly fathers have their place, Showing Heaven's caring face.*

4. *Let us, men, like Joseph be Serving God so faithfully;
For this world will need to see What a Father God will be;
Just as Joseph played the part, So we too reveal God's heart.*

Swaddling Cloths and a Manger

☐ “And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:6-7)

Pastor’s Message Part 4

“Away in a Manger”

*1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*2. The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*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.*

Some Shepherds

☐ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:8-14)

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

*1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

*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 God-head see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

3. Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He leaves His throne on high, 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!"*

Pastor's Message Part 5

"Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

*1. Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred,
but there is room and welcome there for me, (x2).*

*2. In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
sweet newborn babe, how frail! and in a manger bed,
a still, small voice to cry one day for me, (x2).*

*3. How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me, (x2).*

*4. Can I, will I forget how love was born, and burned
its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
to die, to live, and not alone for me, (x2).*



Simeon in the Temple

Pastor's Message Part 6

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church – 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 Cross and the Grave

Pastor's Message Part 7

"What Child is This?"

- 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*
- 2. Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word Made Flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!*
- 3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him!
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him!
Raise, raise the song on high! The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*



The Heavens

Pastor's Message Part 8

☐ **"Amen. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever!" (Revelation 7:12)**

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

*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 through-out the heavens There shone a holy light.
Go! tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go! tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

*2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
Go! tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go! tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

*3. Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.
Go! tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go! tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

The Believer's Heart

Pastor's Message Part 9

Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City"

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*But our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.*

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

"Joy to the World!"

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart -- Prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, (x3).*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, (x3).*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of -- His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, (x3).*



Joy to the **WORLD**



✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all and Merry Christmas to you and your families! What a joy it is to sing of the Messiah's birth together on Christmas morning. May the joy of your Savior carry you on through the new year!

Poinsettias have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of: **Mikaila Rojas, Mary Smith, Noah Rodebaugh, Grandparents,** and all of our **Loved Ones**. Thank you for purchasing poinsettias to decorate the church with during Advent and Christmas!

Thank you! The called workers and their families would like to thank the congregation and everyone who gave the generous gift this Christmas season. We are truly blessed by your support. We thank the Lord for such a gracious gift and wonderful congregation to serve. Thanks again.

Online Worship Just a reminder that all of the worship services held here at Immanuel are uploaded to YouTube and posted with the weekly bulletins on our church website at <http://winterhaven.clclutheran.org/category/sermons/>. We provide this service particularly for those members who are at a great distance and are unable to attend regularly, but if you are unable to attend on a given Sunday, it's a great opportunity for you also to get the meat of God's Word for the week.

A Wiffle Ball Tournament is being planned to be held here at Immanuel on Saturday, December 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. Each team will have five players and will compete throughout the day. Ages 7 through 16 are welcome. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please sign up by going to <http://winterhaven.clclutheran.org/wiffle-ball-registration/>. If you can't play, we'd still love for you to come watch and enjoy the games. Help will be needed with various things throughout the day, please watch for more information in the coming months. If you have any questions or would like to help, please speak with Neil Bernthal.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Joe Jackson**, the father-in-law of Robin Jackson, is recovering in the hospital from a severe stroke. **Sharon Brown** was hospitalized this week with pneumonia; she is now recovering at home. **Rudy Enriquez** is going through very difficult times, we ask you to keep both Rudy and Sherry in your prayers.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Dec. 29:** Wiffle Ball 9:00 am
- ✝ **Dec. 30:** Elders and Trustees
- ✝ **Jan. 6:** Board of Ed
- ✝ **Jan. 13:** Church Council