



Christmas Eve

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"The Hope and Fears of All the Years"

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Welcome & Invocation

Pastor: Let us pray

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only son, Jesus: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he comes again to us in glory on the Last Day; In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Reading: *God gives us a sign*

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Hymn - 376 Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And 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.
- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Reading: *The prophet Isaiah looks forward to the birth of Jesus*

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn - O Come All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

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:

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

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

3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exaltation, Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: **O Come ...**

Reading: *St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

Luke 2: 1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn – Away in a Manger

LSB 364

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The starts in the bright sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, 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.

Reading: *The shepherds go to the manger.*

Luke 2: 8-12

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Hymn - 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!

Reading: *The Shepherds tell all they've heard and seen.*

Luke 2: 13-20

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 among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn: - Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

- 1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o're the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Prayers of the Church

P ...while he was with us, walking among us, taught us to pray:

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

Hymn: Silent Night (Light your "candle")

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.

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.

Reading: *John tells us what Jesus' birth means for all people.*

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Homily - "The hope and fears of all the years."

Hymn - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

1 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!"

Refrain Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn 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 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*

BLESSING

May the God of heaven Who came to earth to rescue and save us from sin and separation, now find a welcome place in your heart. And may the fulness of His peace abide in you, and shine through you to a weary and waiting world. May His blessings be upon you now and always.

All: Amen.

Hymn - Joy to the World

LSB 387

- 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 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 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.

Summary Calendar For The Week of December 20, 2020 (Full calendar available at www.immanuelsandy.com and in Messenger)		
Date	Activity	Time
Sunday 20 nd	4 th Sunday in Advent Common Service	10:00 AM
Thursday 24 th	Christmas Eve service in-person/zoom.us ID 973 8055 2626 pwd:193306	5:00 PM
Sunday 29 th	Worship in-person/zoom.us ID 973 8055 2626 pwd:193306	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Reopening” – Clackamas County is currently in the “Extreme Risk” category. What this means for church’s is a cap of 25% indoor occupancy or 100 people total, whichever is smaller. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Thank you for your patience and steadfast faithfulness in our Lord’s mission here at Immanuel in Sandy! Any questions, concerns, conversation please reach out to an Elder

Joyful Response – **We are set up to receive electronic offerings!** To sign up for recurring donations, please fill out the enrollment form, available in the Narthex, and return to the church office. Any questions, contact Dawn in the office.