



**AWAY IN A MANGER**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Children's Program**  
**December 24, 2017 6 pm**

**Prelude**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Joy to the World"*

LSB 387

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.

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.

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.

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.

### **AWAY IN A MANGER**

#### **THE INVOCATION**

L: [I believe] in Jesus Christ, [God's] only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary . . .

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

#### **READING**

Luke 2:1-5

#### **HYMN**            *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

*LSB 361 # 1-2*

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.

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!

#### **READING**

Luke 2:6-7

#### **HYMN**            *"Silent Night"*

*LSB 363*

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.

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!

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**

Luke 2:8-14

**HYMN**

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*LSB 368*

Angels we have heard on high,  
    Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
    Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
    Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
*Refrain.*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Refrain.*

**READING**

Luke 2:15–20

**HYMN**

*"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"*

*LSB 374*

Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined,  
To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place,  
Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race  
Who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth,  
Wise Men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth  
Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,  
Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night,  
All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined  
But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth,

Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth;  
Hail the King of glory!

**MEDITATION**

**The Baby in the Manger**

**PRE-K**

*Away in a Manger*  
*Stanza 1*

**CATECHISM**

**L:** [He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

**C:** **[He] has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.**

**READING**

Isaiah 11:1–10

**HYMN**

*"What Child Is This"*

*LSB 370*

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!

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!

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!

**READING**

Isaiah 2:1–5

**HYMN**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*LSB 380*

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!"

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.*

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.*

**MEDITATION**            The Baby's NOT in the Manger!

**PRE- K**                    Away in a Manger

*Stanza 2*

**CATECHISM**

L:     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.

C:     **That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**READING**

Isaiah 35:1-4

**HYMN**

*"See amid the Winter's Snow"*

*LSB 373*

See amid the winter's snow,

Born for us on earth below,

See, the gentle Lamb appears,

Promised from eternal years.

*Refrain:*

Hail, O ever-blessèd morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Lo, within a stable lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.

*Refrain.*

Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this!

*Refrain.*

Teach, O teach us, holy Child,  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee  
In Thy sweet humility.

*Refrain.*

**READING**

Isaiah 35:5-10

**HYMN**

"God Loves Me Dearly"

LSB 392

God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.

*Refrain:*

Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,



**HYMN***"BREAK FORTH O' BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT"***Stanza 1 sung by choir****Sung By All:**

- 2 O dearest Child, whom I adore,  
Whose grace surpasses measure,  
My Brother, whom I cherish more  
Than earth with all its treasure:  
Haste from Thy manger to depart,  
O come and dwell within my heart;  
With joy will I receive Thee,  
A cradle there will give Thee.
- 3 All blessing, thanks, and praise to Thee,  
Lord Jesus Christ, be given:  
Thou hast my Brother deigned to be,  
Thou Lord of earth and heaven.  
Help me throughout this day of grace  
To praise Thy love and seek Thy face;  
And when I stand before Thee  
Forever to adore Thee.

**OFFERING**

L: Let us bless the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord. The Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.

**C: Amen****HYMN***Go Tell It on the Mountain**LSB 388**Refrain:*

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

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens

There shone a holy light.

*Refrain.*

The shepherds feared and trembled

When lo, above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus

That hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain.*

Down in a lonely manger

The humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation

That blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain.*

## **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

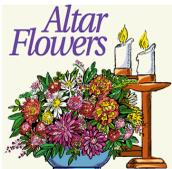
**Pastor**

**Organists**

**Acolytes**

Rev. John Sharp

Vicki K. Luth & Genevieve Biggs



Flowers gracing the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the birthday anniversary today of Vernon Luth by his family.

***Tonight's offering will go to Lead a Child.***