



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Children's Christmas Service

*What Child
Is This?*

Sunday, December 22, 2019 – 10:15 am

*“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

Welcome to Immanuel!

In preparation for this service we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.

Thank you for coming this morning to support the children in this year's Christmas service, *What Child Is This*. We hope that this service is a blessing to you as the children tell the story of Jesus' birth.

We will be recording this service as well as projecting it onto the screens. During the service, there is a chance that the screens may black out; however, this will not interfere with the recording of the service. Be sure to visit our website (www.immanuelwaterloo.org) and click on Service Archives under *Worship* on the home page to view this service. The service will be uploaded later this week.

PRESERVICE MUSIC [Piano selections, "O Come, Little Children" (Nicholas Hoeffken); "Silent Night, Holy Night" (Ashlyn Whelan); "What Child Is This?" (Ava Hemmer)]

BELLS / WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, *LSB* 379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**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***

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

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

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain***

**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***

Please stand

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

P: What Child is this? A babe is born.

C: An infant in a stall forlorn.

P: Who can this Son of promise be?

C: We marvel at the mystery.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, LSB 368, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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

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*

Please be seated

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION [Pastor Demski]

+ THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN +

LUKE 1:26-33 [read by the 7th & 8th grade children]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, LSB 393, “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

- 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!**

PIANO SELECTION, “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Ayda Eggemeyer)

THEME RECITATION [spoken by the Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten children]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, *LSB* 374 v. 1 & 3, “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

- 1 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.**
- 3 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!**

PIANO SELECTION, “Joy to the World” (Ava Hemmer)

THEME RECITATION [spoken by the 1st & 2nd grade children]

THEME HYMN VERSES, *LSB* 370 v. 1, “What Child Is This”
[sung by all of the children]

LUKE 2:8-15 [read by the 7th & 8th grade children]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, *LSB* 361 v. 1-2, “O Little Town
of Bethlehem” [Accompanied by the Immanubells]

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!

THEME RECITATION [spoken by the 3rd & 4th grade children]

THEME HYMN VERSES, *LSB* 370 v. 2, “What Child Is This”
[sung by all of the children]

MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-12 [read by the 7th & 8th grade children]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN, LSB 367 v. 1-3, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

**Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. *Refrain***

***Refrain*
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain***

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain***

THEME RECITATION [spoken by the 5th & 6th grade children]

THEME HYMN VERSES, LSB 370 v. 3, “What Child Is This”
[sung by all of the children]

OFFERING [Immanubells, “O Holy Night”]

CHILDREN’S HYMN, LSB 368, “Away in a Manger”

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

RESPONSIVE READING

P: What Child is this? A babe is born.
C: **An infant in a stall forlorn.**
P: Who can this Son of promise be?
C: **We marvel at the mystery.**
P: What Child is this? He came as King.
C: **The nations shout; His praises ring.**
P: What Child is this? He came to die.
C: **Forgiven, we can live on high.**
P: What Child is this? He came in love.
C: **One day, He'll bring us home above.**
P: What Child is this? Oh, go and tell.
C: **Christ Jesus is Immanuel!**

PRAYER

P: We pray:
All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—a special Child. As our King, may He rule in our hearts. As our Redeemer, may the Word made flesh ever guide us. As our loving Savior, may He bring us to You on the Last Day. What Child is this? He is Your Son. In His name we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as He has taught us.

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Child of Mary is the Child of God. In His salvation,
you are all children of God. May the peace of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every
day.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

RECESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 387, "Joy to the World"

**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.**

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***Please join us for a “Birthday Party for
Jesus” in the multipurpose room where
the children will be waiting for you.***

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Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 10:15 am

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