

And the Prophets Foretold HIS COMING!

Lutheran High North and its Music Department would like to thank you for joining us as we worship our Savior and celebrate his birth. We pray that you would rejoice in the great gift of Christ and the salvation that is now ours through him, and look forward to the day when he comes again in all glory. Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas season.

Please disable all pagers and cell phones so that they will not be a distraction to others during the service.

As this is a worship service, we ask that you refrain from applause until the conclusion of the service.

About the Cover

We celebrate the fact that Jesus is the promised Messiah foretold long ago by the prophets. Senior Ji-eun Sung, a member of our Concert Choir, beautifully drafted the art of the baby Jesus and his mother Mary. Special thanks to Ji-eun for her extra time and talents!

In Nomine Jesu

Pre-Service Music

Cantor Janet Muth

The Welcome

Don Christian, Headmaster

Chorale Prelude

Cantor Janet Muth

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Johann Sebastian Bach

Invocation

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

C. Amen.

Collect

P. Lord God, heavenly Father, in your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet in your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give you thanks for the redemption that you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Keep us steadfast in the faith and joyful in knowledge of our Messiah through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

I. The Prophets Proclaim that the Glory of
the Lord will be revealed

Isaiah 40:1-5

P. Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

C. **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.**

P. A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare a way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."

C. **Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.**

P. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Selection from *Messiah*

II. And the Glory of the Lord

Concert Band
arr. James Curnow

For Meditation

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Collect

P. Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Veni Immanuel

arr. Philip Sparke

Concert Band

For Meditation

*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

*Oh, come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

Congregational Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Choir only on verse 1

1. *Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear,
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.*
2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

3. The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

II. The prophets proclaim Jesus as a light to the world

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2

The People Who Walk in Darkness

Glory Givers

arr. Pepper Choplin

John 1:1-9

- P. In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- C. He was with God in the beginning.**
- P. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- C. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.**
- P. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.
- C. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.**
- P. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.
- C. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.**
- P. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Collect

- P. O God, because you once caused the holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C. Amen.**

III. The Prophets proclaim the virgin birth

Isaiah 7:14

P. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:

C. **The virgin will be with child**

P. and will give birth to a son

C. **and will call him Immanuel.**

The Angel Gabriel

arr. Jeremy Young

Glory Givers

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Larry Shackley

Concert Choir

Collect

P. We implore you, O Lord, to pour forth your grace on us that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of the angel, so by his cross and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

IV. The Prophets proclaim Christ as the Root of Jesse to be born in Bethlehem

Isaiah 11:1-3, 10

P. A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse

C. **from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.**

P. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

C. **the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding**

P. the Spirit of counsel and of power

C. **the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD**

P. and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;

C. **the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.**

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Dennis Allen

Women's Chorus

Lesson

Micah 5:2

Collect

P. O God, as you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our judge; who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

V. The Prophets proclaim Christ as the promised Messiah

Isaiah 9:6-7

P. For to us a child is born

C. **to us a son is given**

P. and the government will be on his shoulders.

C. **And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

C. **He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom**

P. establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

C. **The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.**

Where Shepherds Lately Kneel

arr. Joseph Herl

Concert Choir

Fanfare Prelude on Adeste Fidelis

arr. Claude T. Smith

Concert Band

For Meditation

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye, to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Collect

P. Grant, almighty God, that the birth of your only-begotten Son in human flesh may set us free, who through sin are held in bondage; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Congregational Hymn

See in Yonder Manger Low

Soloist on verse 1 and first refrain

1. *See in yonder manger low, born for us on earth below,
See—the gentle Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.*

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

3. Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this.

Refrain

4. Teach, oh teach us, holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee in Thy sweet humility.

Refrain

Offering

Voluntary

In Dulci Jubilo

Cantor Janet Muth
Johann Sebastian Bach

VI. The Prophets proclaim that Christ will come again

Revelation 1:7-9

P. Look, he is coming with the clouds,

C. and every eye will see him

P. even those who pierced him

C. and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.

P. So shall it be!

C. Amen.

P. "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God,

C. "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Collect

P. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son that at his second coming we may worship him in purity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P. The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C. Amen.

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LHN music dept.

arr. Aaron Staub & David Willcocks

Congregation please join us for verses 2 & 4

1. *Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for every sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.*

2. Every eye shall now behold Him robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.

3. *Those dear tokens of His passion still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those
glorious scars!*
4. Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

Postlude

Cantor Janet Muth

Soli Deo Gloria!



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Rev. Dr. Scott Murray is the senior pastor at Memorial Lutheran Church in the Galleria area, a member of the LEAH board of directors, and is the father of sophomore trumpeter Anastasia Murray.

Rev. David A. Leeland is the pastor of adult ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Houston, and is the father of senior choir member Jon Leeland and sophomore clarinetist Robert Leeland.

Cantor Janet Muth is the cantor at Memorial Lutheran Church in the Galleria area. She teaches classroom music at Memorial in addition to her parish duties. She has been a member of the Commission on Worship and the Hymnal Committee for the LCMS.

Michael Staub is the band director at Lutheran High North as well as Immanuel, Memorial, and Our Savior Lutheran Schools.

KeiCee Newton is in her second year as the director of choral activities at Lutheran High North.

Aaron Staub is a student teacher from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with emphases in Choral Music and Theology.

Melisa Ahlers is the former director of choral activities at Lutheran High North and is now a stay-at-home-mom with her son, Elijah.

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