

Receive God's Royal Gift!

2008 Choir and Band Concert
Morrison Zion Lutheran Church
December 21, 2008



PRESERVICE MUSIC (band)

Joyful and Triumphant

Christmas Gloria

Hallelujah it's Christmas

Trilogy of Carols

O Little Town

Gift of Carols

And the Angels Sing

Three O's of Christmas



WELCOME

The Advent of Our King (congregation)

1. The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set his servants free.
3. O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let a faithless heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

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4. As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And his true members all unite
With him in heav'n to reign.
5. Before the dawning Day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
6. All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.



A Gift That Is Needed

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

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

Introduction

Psalm 14

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M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of your sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

Baptismal Waters Cover Me (choir & congregation) *Christian Worship Supplement 739*

Verse 1 will be sung by the soloist. The congregation will then sing verses 1-3





CONFESSION

M: We have nothing to offer to God to deserve the gift of his grace. We throw ourselves upon his mercy as we confess our sins..

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Baptismal Waters Cover Me (congregation) *Christian Worship Supplement 739:4-5*

A Gift That Was Promised

Introduction

First Lesson for the 4th Sunday in Advent

2 Samuel 7:8-16

Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

When Emmanuel Has Come (choir) piano: Beverly Leiterman; flute: Stephanie Beyer

All the world is waiting for a savior.
All the world is waiting for a king.
Soon we will behold what the prophets have foretold.
Soon we will receive the gift He brings.

All the world is waiting for Messiah.
All the world is waiting for God’s Son.
Soon He will appear for the time is drawing near.
Soon we all will greet the Promised One.

There will be joy, joy, joy when Emmanuel has come.
Heaven will rejoice and praise His name.
There will be joy, joy, joy when Emmanuel has come.
And the world will never be the same.

All the world is waiting for an answer.
All the world is waiting for a light.
Soon it will be dawn and the darkness will be gone.
Soon a king will come to make things right.

There will be joy, joy, joy when Emmanuel has come.
Heaven will rejoice and praise His name.
There will be joy, joy, joy when Emmanuel has come.
And the world will never be the same.
We will never be the same.

A Gift Announced

Introduction

Gospel for the 4th Sunday in Advent

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (congregation)

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- men* 1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!
- men* 2. "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:
A blessed virgin mother you shall be.
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!



women 3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
 "To me be as it pleases God," she said.
 "My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name."
 Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!

all 4. Of her Immanuel, the Christ, was born
 In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
 And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
 "Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!

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Sing With Joy! Glory Hallelujah! (choir)

Sing with joy! Glory hallelujah!
 Christ the Savior is born.*

Oh, the angel voices echo far and wide,
 And shepherds hear them on the mountainside.
 For the news they bring, is of a tiny king,
 Lord of light and love.
 They sing with glory as they tell the story of the gift from heav'n above.

Sing with joy! Glory hallelujah!
 Christ the Savior is born.*

Oh, a song is ringing through the winter night.
 A single star is shining clear and bright.
 Now a baby boy, has come to bring us joy.
 Lift your voices and sing.
 Let ev'ry nation join the celebration as we greet our newborn king.

Sing with joy! Glory hallelujah!
 Christ the Savior is born.*
 Jesus Christ our Savior is born!
 Hallelujah!

A Gift Unwrapped

Introduction

How Quietly (choir)

piano: Beverly Leiterman

How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.
 How sweet and gentle, how meek, and mild;
 This precious gift, this Holy Child.

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.

Angels sing to God, our King, of peace to all the earth.
Morning stars break through the darkness proclaiming the holy birth.

How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.
How sweet and gentle, how meek, and mild;
This precious gift, this Holy Child.

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 side until morning is nigh.

How quietly, how quietly,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Mary, Did You Know? (choir)

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;
The lame will leap, the mute will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding, is the great, the great "I AM!"

Child of Mary, Newly Born (choir)

piano: Beverly Leiterman

Child of Mary, newly born, softly in a manger laid,
Wake to wonder on this morn, view the world your fingers made.
Starlight shone above your bed, lantern light about your birth:
Morning sunlight crowns your head, light and life of all the earth!

Child of Mary, grown and strong, trav'ler, teacher, young and free,
See him stride the hills along, Christ the Man of Galilee.
Wisdom from a world above now by waiting hearts is heard:
Hear him speak the words of love, Christ the true eternal Word.

Child of Mary, grief and loss, all the sum of human woe,
Crown of thorn and cruel cross, mark the path you choose to go.
Man of sorrows, born to save, bearing all our sins and pains:
From his cross and empty grave Christ the Lord of glory reigns.





Child of Mary, gift of grace, by whose birth shall all be well,
One with us in form and face, God with us, Emmanuel!
Night is past and shadows fled, wake to joy on Christmas morn:
Sunlight crown the Savior's head, Christ the Prince of peace is born.

A Gift To Share

Introduction

OFFERING

MUICAL OFFERING

Listen to the Season (band)

Introduction

Second Lesson for the 4th Sunday in Advent

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

He Comes as a King (choir) piano: Beverly Leiterman; trumpet: Sandy Pantzlaff

Prepare the way, He comes as King; hosannas to the Lord we sing!
The people shout, our voices raise, with joyful songs we give loud praise.
His glory unto us proclaim, in jubilation sing His name.
He is the mighty Lord! The King of all adored!

The Son of God comes forth in love, for all the world sent from above.
As once foretold He brings great joy, let hymns of thankfulness employ.
O sing forever, lift your voice, He brings salvation, all rejoice!
To Him, redeemer King, our loud hosannas ring!

Let all the people praise the King, O hear the sounds of joy we bring.
Hosannas ringing far and near, proclaim the news that Christ is here!
His glory unto us proclaim, in jubilation sing His name!
He is the mighty Lord! The King of all adored!

Shout to the Lord (choir)

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares with the promise I have in You.

Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations (congregation)

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1. Rise, O Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far,
Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave,
That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim your pow'r to save.
2. Knowing you and your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease
To proclaim your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, your heav'nly peace.
Let us sound the gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound
That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.
3. May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day,
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray.
For the many faithful workers, For the gospel they proclaim,
Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of your name.
4. Savior, shine in all your glory On the nations near and far;
From the highways and the byways Call them forth, O Morning Star.
Guide them whom your grace has chosen Out of Satan's dreadful thrall
To the mansions of your Father -- There is room for sinners all.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

Greatest Gift of All (choir)

piano: Beverly Leiterman

Ev'ry mountain, ev'ry sea, ev'ry flower, ev'ry tree;
All are blessings created by our loving Lord.
As a gesture of His love He sent His Son from heav'n above.
Lift your voices, sing His praises in a joyful chord.

For His Son will shine, with a light divine.
Spreading His love, spreading His peace
On ev'ry creature great and small,
And this gift of love sent from heav'n above,
It was the greatest, the greatest gift of all.

For the beauty ev'rywhere, for the bounty that we share,
For these blessings we sing praises to our Lord above.
For His holy Son, so small, The Redeemer of us all,
We are grateful for this gift of everlasting love.



And His Son will shine, with a light divine.
Spreading His love, spreading His peace
On ev'ry creature great and small,
And this gift of love sent from heav'n above,
It was the greatest, the greatest gift of all.

POSTLUDE

Christmas Angels (band)

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 279 **Communion:** 164 **Midweek Advent:** 171 (123, 48)
Bible Study: 78 (4, 18, 28, 7, 4, 9, 6, 2) **Youth Study:** 11

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program
 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
 8:15 p.m. Open House at the Parsonage until shortly before Candlelight worship
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
Thursday 9:00 p.m. Christmas Festival Worship with Communion
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship with communion

Welcome Guests and Visitors! May the Lord bless you and all of us as we worship this morning. Everyone is invited to the basement for refreshments after worship.

Thank You to all the members of the choir and the band for serving the Lord and his people with your talents this morning! Thank you to the members of the choir for reading the introductions and Scripture lessons. Thank you to Rick Muchka for leading worship. Thank you to Beverly Leiterman, our pianist. Special thanks to our choir and band director, Brenda Kuchenbecker, for your service to the Lord. Thank you one and all!

There will be No Sunday evening Bible Class, Monday morning Bible Class, Youth Group Bible Study, or Tuesday afternoon Bible Study this week. Also, there will be no Bible Class next Sunday morning at church or at school.

Donations There is a box in the basement for donations of school supplies and small toys for the children in the orphanage in India that Kim Lemke will volunteer at early in 2009. There is also a box for monetary donations to be used for a generator at the orphanage. If you wish to donate, please do so by Sunday, December 28. Thank you!

Children's Christmas Program will be Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Open House Everyone is invited to join us at the parsonage any time after the children's 7:00 p.m. service until shortly before the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight worship.

Christmas Candlelight Worship will be Wednesday at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Festival Worship will be Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship.

There will be no Thursday evening worship this week or next week.

New Years Eve Worship will be at 7:30 p.m. Communion will be a part of worship.

New Years Day Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship.

Pastor Ott will return this evening.