

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Choir Christmas Cantata

8:00 AM Service in-person and Live Streamed

10:45 AM Worship Service

Preservice

Welcome & Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn - Hark the Glad Sound - LSB 349

8:00 Only - Baptism

Invocation

Confession & Absolution

Offering - "Mary, Did You Know" - John Lensch

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Road to Bethlehem

A Journey to the Newborn King

Music by Lloyd Larson

Narration by Kylee Larson

Orchestration by Ed Hogan

Narrators: Michelle Nuehring &
Tom Sandersfeld

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Take the road to Bethlehem; Christ is
born in Bethlehem. IN a manger stall is the Lord of all. Take
the road to Bethlehem. "Jesus is the King!" earth and heaven
sing. Take the road to Bethlehem. Come to Bethlehem, and
see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended
knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis
Deo. Christ is born in Bethlehem!

A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD

Prepare the way o the Lord. Make straight in the desert a
highway for our God. Prepare the way of the Lord. Make
straight a highway for the coming King. Ev'ry valley shall be
lifted up. Ev'ry mountain and hill made low. And the crooked
paths shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And
the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. And all people shall
see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

COME, MESSIAH!

O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sorrows flee away. O
come, Desire of nations, whom priest and prophet long
foretold, and break the chains that bind us, redeem Your
long-lost fold. Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn

of grace. Come, Messiah! We long to see Your face. Come,
Messiah, come! O come, dear Child of promise, for lowly shall
Your cradle be; though clothed in human likeness, we shall
the Godhead see! Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the
dawn of grace. Come, Messiah! We long to see Your face. O
come, Messiah come!

HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

How long the road to Bethlehem for Mary, the mother mild;
and Joseph, righteous man of God, earthly father of this
Child. So faithfully they made their way for God had chosen
them to be the parents of the King, the Child of Bethlehem.
The Child of Bethlehem. Holy Child of Bethlehem. How long
the road to Bethlehem for all who seek God's will; for those
who long to find the Christ, for all who journey still. So
faithfully they travel on for God has promised them that
heaven's gift, this holy Child, is found in Bethlehem. The Child
of Bethlehem. Holy Child of Bethlehem. O holy Child of
Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out our sin, and enter
in be born in us today. Holy Child of Bethlehem.

SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD

There were shepherds in the field one night near Bethlehem,
when suddenly the sky shone bright near Bethlehem of
Judea. An angel of the Lord appeared near Bethlehem, and
said to them "You need not fear," near Bethlehem of Judea.
"For unto you is born this night in Bethlehem, a Savior, He is
Christ the Lord, in Bethlehem of Judea." Then suddenly the
sky was bright as angels glowed with heav'nly light. Gloria!
Sing gloria! For Christ is born this holy night! Songs of great
joy, songs of great mirth, songs of our merciful King's birth.
There were shepherds in the field one night near Bethlehem
of Judea. And this shall be a sign to you in Bethlehem: you
will find the Child in a manger bed in Bethlehem of Judea. The
shepherds journeyed to the town of Bethlehem, and there
they found the newborn King in Bethlehem of Judea. So let us
all rejoice and sing for Christ is born in Bethlehem! Rejoice
and sing for Christ is born in Bethlehem of Judea. There were
shepherds in the field one night near Bethlehem of Judea!

SHEPHERD'S CRADLE SONG

Sleep well, dear lovely heav'nly Babe; sleep well, Thou holy
Child, while angels keep their watch by night in stable, meek
and mild. We humble shepherds sing to Thee a lullaby so
tenderly: "Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, holy Child of heaven,
sleep." Sleep well, O Gift of God's own heart; sleep well as
night turns to morn. Let all creation join in praise, for Christ,
the Savior is born! With grateful hearts we sing to Thee a
lullaby on bended knee; "Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, holy Child
of heaven, sleep." Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of
Israel. "Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep, holy Child of heaven, sleep."

THE JOURNEY

Where is He, O where is He? His star blazes in the night; as we trace the changing skies, He is hiding from our sight. Can you tell us where He lies? We would worship Him tonight, and will journey 'til we find, and our search is turned to sight. Your guiding light shows us the way; we see Your Morning Star ascend! To You, dear Christ, all searchers come, in You our journey finds its end. The star beams its golden ray over sleepy Bethlehem, where with joy we find the Child, and with gifts we worship Him. While we thought we came to You in a little starlit place, it was You who came to us, Christ the glory of God's face.

CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild. He is born! Christ is born! Through long ages of the past prophets have foretold His coming; through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild. Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a Child among us; Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav'nly peace. He is born, the divine Christ Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild. He is born! Christ is born! Take the road to Bethlehem; Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hear the angels sing, earth and heaven ring: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Take the road to Bethlehem. Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Christ is born in Bethlehem!

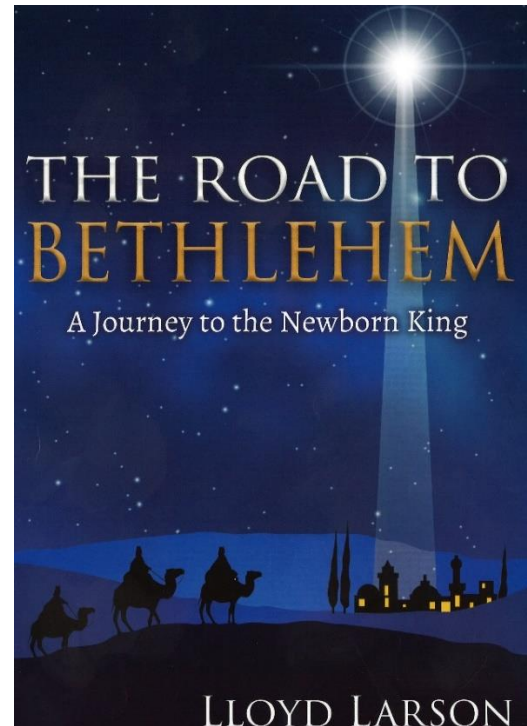
Closing Announcements



May His Love and Joy fill your hearts and bring you a very Joyous and Merry Christmas!



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Choir Cantata Service



Choir Members:

Soprano

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Gordon Russell
Larry Shay
Darlene Wood*

Bass

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Jonas Coblentz
Bruce Crowther
Rob Milbrath
Tom Sandersfeld
Jonathan Offi*

Directed by: John Lensch, Choir Director
Music Director: Gordon Russell