

Second Mid-Week Advent Service: The Star of Fulfillment
December 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Opening Prayer **Opening Hymn:** *“Let The Earth Now Praise the Lord”* 352 vs. 1-3

Invocation: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* **C:** *Amen.*

P: The Star of Fulfillment, God’s Star for mankind **C:** *Points to our Messiah- as God had defined!*

P: The Star was a gift from the Father Above **C:** *To point to the Savior, who brought us His love!*

P: The Star was unique, a miracle of God **C:** *It moved in a fashion that no star had trod.*

P: The Star pointed men, to a place of birth **C:** *To a very small town, which had no worth.*

P: The Star was a sign, of God’s hope proclaimed **C:** *To the whole world, Jesus would be His name .*

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God’s Promises are Fulfilled. *(No matter what the promise may be, He is able to fulfill and complete what has been stated every time. He is never surprised, He is never thrown off track, He is never one who forgets; He always follows through to bring to fruition what He was promised. The Father never fails to accomplish His goal and He never fails to compete His Work. He is true to His Word, and nothing can alter what He will fulfill.)*

Psalmody: *Psalm 138*

P: I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise **C:** *I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.*

P: On the day I called, You answered me, my strength of soul You increased. **C:** *All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth,*

P: And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. **C:** *For through the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.*

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. **C:** *The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Advent Collect: *Heavenly Father, giver of life and provider of all Hope; we humbly ask You to prepare our hearts and open our minds to the wonder of Your Son's birth into this world. Lead us Lord to grasp Your truths, to follow Your Word, and to trust in how You will fulfill Your promise. You alone could place a Star into the sky which points us to the very One who would pay the price for our sins. May You ever enable us to trust in Him and hold true to all He has placed before us; through the Promised One, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. C: Amen.*

Tune: (394)

The Star of Fulfillment came Nothing e'er would be the same
Promised given promise sure Of the Child who would be pure
The Star of fulfillment stayed In the sky so wisemen made
The long journey to the place To the Child who'd save His "race".

The Star of Fulfillment beams With the Light that does redeem
Star of wonder star of light Star which light is ever bright.
The Star of fulfillment yields Hope in truth that is our shield
To be bound in His true love Fulfilling grace from above.

The Star of fulfillment shines Pointing to His chosen line
Son of David Son Divine Fulfilled in the Virgin's time
David's town was now to be The place where the wisemen see
Blessed star from God above Announcing His gift of love!

O. T. Lesson: *Ezekiel 12: 21-25 And the Word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, what is this proverb that you have about the land of Israel, saying, "The days grow long, and every vision comes to nothing? Tell them therefore, Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, 'The days are near and the fulfillment of every vision. For there shall be no more any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I am the Lord; I will speak the Word that I will speak, and it will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the Word and perform it, declares the Lord God."*

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5: 14- 17 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to them but to fulfill them.*

Tune: “*We Three Kings*”

Star found in the heavens above Fulfilling His promise of love
Shining ever Darkened never Showing the light thereof.

Refrain:

O -- Star of wonder, Star of light Star of royal beauty bright
West-ward leading still proceeding, Guide us to His perfect light.

Promised Star fulfills His Word Star’s own message now is heard
Savior coming, granting favor To those who know His Word.

Refrain:

O -- Star of wonder, Star of light Star of royal beauty bright
West-ward leading still proceeding, Guide us to His perfect light.

Star fulfills the promise of old Shining light on what’s been told
Of the Child whose born of Mary Bringing what was foretold!

Refrain:

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West- ward leading still proceeding, Guide us to His perfect light.

Sermon “*The Star of Fulfillment*”

Offerings

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn: “*Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*” 352 vs. 4, 6

Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, You have placed before us the hope of all mankind in the promise of Your Son, the Messiah. We ask that You enlighten our hearts, and guide our minds and lips to share the truth of our salvation and the sure hope in which we live. Lead us always to reflect the joy of Your gift and enable us to bring Your goodness into the lives of many others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.*

Benediction

Saturday and Sunday December 3-4: The Star of Light

Second Mid-week Advent Service: The Star of Fulfillment December 7

Saturday and Sunday December 10-11: The Star of Glory (*This will be the theme for Saturday Evening and 8:00 am Sunday morning.*)

Third Mid-week Advent Service: The Star of Grace December 14

Saturday and Sunday December 17-18: The Star of Hope December 17- 18

Saturday December 24 at 5:30 The Star of Life ***Candle-light at 10:00 pm***

The Star of Bethlehem (Christmas Day) One Service at 9:30 am Sunday