

Advent and Christmas – 2020

Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, 1338 Clay Street, Morris, Illinois

The Sensations of Christmas

*In a year of sensory Deprivation, Isolation and Loneliness
We Meditate on How Our God Has Come into our World
To Heal Our Separation*

(Each of the Sensations of Christmas are distinct.
They move from the distant announcement
to the closer and closer experience of the reality.)

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Wednesday, Dec. 2 – 7:00 p.m. The Sounds of Christmas. They begin with the distant announcement and continue even to the “silent prophecy.”

“Come, Incarnate Word of God! Speak to us all the promises of God.”



Wednesday, Dec. 9 – 7:00 p.m. The Sights of Christmas. From afar, as we begin to see the revelation, we realize the Kingdom of God is coming.

“Come, O Dayspring From on High, shine upon us that we may see the light of glory.”



Wednesday, Dec. 16 – 7:00 p.m. The Weariness of Christmas. We feel it, in the waiting, in the preparing, and thinking of a journey to Bethlehem where God would come to share our weariness.

“Come Shiloh, to Be Our Refuge and Our Peace”



Thursday, Dec. 24 – 7:00 p.m. The Smells of Christmas. In a certain way the sense of smell is the deepest sense, bringing back memories in a flash; the smell of the stable, of a little baby, of frankincense & myrrh, and of a piece of broiled fish.

“Come Rose of Sharon, and fill our souls with the fragrance of Life and Salvation”



Friday, Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m. The Touch of Christmas. “What we have with our eyes, and touched with our hands” says the Apostle John. The virgin Mary holds the newborn Jesus in her hands, and God has come to be touched by us.

“Come Emmanuel, to be our ‘God-With-Us’ forever”

