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ANTHEM *"Do You Hear What I Hear? "* Sanctuary Choir

BLESSING

Congregation invited to sing along:

All is calm, all is bright, Round you Virgin Mother and Child!

Sleep in Heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace."

Worship Participants:

Choir Director Deb Haraldson
Pianist & Choir Accompanist Suzanne Moe
A/V Jil Fiemeyer
Acolytes Samuel Church & Will Osberg
Lector Luther Nervig
Ushers Dean Krogstad & Chuck Schoberg

Order of Service

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING READING

Isaiah 40:3-5

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

ANTHEM

"An Anthem Acclamation"

Sanctuary Choir
Lydia Oldakowski (Bells)

READING

Luke 1:28-33, 38

²⁸And [the angel] came to [Mary] and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

ANTHEM

"Is Your Heart Prepared for a King"

Sanctuary Choir

READING

Luke 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

WORD

PINT SIZED GOD TALK

Pastor Nate Loer

PREACHING TEXT

Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

SERMON

Pastor Nate Loer

HYMN

"Fling Wide the Door"

ELW 259

(offering gathered and received)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Hear us, O God... C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

READING

Luke 2: 4-7

⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

ANTHEM

"Lullaby of the Manger"

Women's Ensemble

READING

Luke 2: 8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and



Prayer Concerns



We invite members & friends to give a poinsettia plant to help decorate the chancel. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office to indicate whether the plant is in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$18 per plant. The deadline is Thursday, December 14

Poinsettia plants may be picked up after the 5:30 worship service on December 24.



The church office will be closed the following days:
 Monday, December 25
 Tuesday, December 26
 Monday, January 1



HEALTH CONCERNS

For Members of Immanuel:

Shirley Hamre
 Bob Grendahl
 Brynn Rach
 Craig Reece
 Joe Hallermann
 Char Schloeder

For Friends of Immanuel:

Dan Platt (*Friend of Janice & Dale Dobson*)
 Lucas Amundson (*Peggy Larson's nephew*)
 John Hill (*Tina Reece's father*)
 Jerry Baron
 Linda Kolden (*Tom Kolden's sister-in-law*)
 Gretchen Noon
 Dale Pepelnjak (*Jenna Anderson's father*)
 Ken Broady (*Keri Leeseberg's father*)

MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Dale & Janice Dobson in the death of Dale's brother,
 Dean Dobson
 Family & Friends of Wendell Kimber
 Gail Klunenberg & Family in the death of Gail's husband,
 Steve Klunenberg

Other Concerns

Conflict in Ukraine & Israel/Gaza
 Church Planting Team in Indonesia

MILITARY PRAYERS

For Members of Immanuel:

James Kloss

For Friends of Immanuel:

Sean Evans (*Greg & Alicia Johnson's nephew*)
 Joe Holweger (*Charlie & Gladys Chase's grandson*)
 John Kloss (*David Kloss' son*)
 Erik Naley (*Wayne & Carol Aspengren's nephew*)

THE GIVING TREE IS UP!

Every year Immanuel partners with Human Services and Share-A-Home to identify families in need. Please consider shopping for a local family who needs some extra Christmas cheer. Tags are available on the tree in the concourse. Additional tags can be located by a link on our website (wadenaimmanuel.org) or by scanning the QR Code available by the tree. Please have unwrapped gifts back to Immanuel no later than 12:00pm Friday Dec.15. We will wrap gifts on Monday, Dec. 18 (4:30–7pm) and Tuesday, Dec. 19 (8:30am–12pm). Monetary donations are also welcome!

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP SCHEDULE

Supper ~ 5:15 pm – Worship ~ 6:00 pm

Education (PreK–9th grade) ~ 6:45–7:30pm

Sanctuary Choir Practice ~ 7:00 pm

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP ON
DECEMBER 27TH! ALL ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3!**

Dec. 13: Hot Dogs

Dec. 20: PIZZA (Please sign up by the church office with family name and number of people attending!!)



December 10 – December 17

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 am – Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am – Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
(*Sanctuary Choir Program*)
- 9:30 am – Radio Broadcast
KWAD (920AM or 101.7FM)

Monday, December 11

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 am – Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm – ICW Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13

- 12:00 pm – Rotary
- 5:15 pm – Congregational Dinner
- 6:00 pm – Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:45 – 7:30 pm – Education Hour

Thursday, December 14

- 12:00 pm – Poinsettia orders due to office
- 6:30 pm – Northstar Round Table

Friday, December 15

- 12:00 pm – Giving Tree gifts due to office

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30 am – Coffee & Conversation
- 9:30 am – Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
(*ILC Youth Christmas Program*)
- 9:30 am – Radio Broadcast
KWAD (920AM or 101.7FM)