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Christmas Eve 2025

3:30 & 5:30 pm

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church on this Christmas Eve. It is our prayer that on this holy night you will find your faith enriched through hearing and experiencing the Word both spoken and sung showing God's great love for you in the gift of Jesus the Christ.

PRELUDE

Allen Moe

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 96)

L: O sing to the Lord a new song;

C: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

L: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

C: He is to be revered above all gods.

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

C: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

C: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

L: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, in the highest: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.



The church office will be closed the following days:

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Thursday, January 1



Please have your 2025 financial gifts to the church office
by 12:00 pm, Wednesday, December 31st.

Thank you!

Service Participants

Acolytes:	3:30 pm	Logan Krell
	5:30 pm	Grace & Lizzie Donarski
Altar Care:		Diane Teigland
Communion:	5:30 pm	Carol Aldeen
Lectors	3:30 pm	Deb Andrews
	5:30 pm	Diane Teigland
Ushers:	3:30 pm	Lyle Haraldson Dean Krogstad Myron Winkelman
	5:30 pm	Al Anderson Chuck Schoberg
Choir Accompanist:		Suzanne Leigh
Flute:		Johanna Brunsberg
Organist:		Allen Moe
Sanctuary Choir Director:		Deb Haraldson
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

L: Let us pray, Almighty God,

C: you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING FROM ISAIAH 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ELW 279

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

(Hymn continues on next page)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

SECOND READING FROM TITUS 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

THIRD READING FROM LUKE 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. 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.

POINSETTIA PLANTS

The poinsettias have been given in honor or in memory of a loved one by the following people:

Jane Bagstad & Terry Olson

*In Memory of Johanna Olson and our parents
& In Honor of Marney Olson*

Jean Beck

In Memory of Lee Johnson

Marlys Breid

In Memory of Jerry Breid

Marilyn Broding

In Honor of the friendly loving souls at Immanuel

Mike & Jennifer Brunsberg

In Memory of Paul Brunsberg & Thurman & Vaida Wetteland

Norm & Mandy Gallant

In Memory of Celeste Gallant

Mark Hamre & Janell Weum

In Memory of Byron & Shirley Hamre

Janice Hillesland

In Memory of Earl Hillesland

Bea Iken

In Memory of Gretchen Iken & Robert Iken

Immanuel Youth

In Honor of Meagan Ferris & Peggy Larson

Roger Lageson

In Memory of Doris Lageson

Peggy Larson & Family

In Memory of Aaron Larson, Eunice & Ed Larson, & my parents

Dennis & Eileen Martin

In Memory of Doris Martin & Dee Jenson

John & Ann Pate

In Memory of Paul & Jeanette Pate

Matt Piper

In Memory of Shirley Piper

Craig Reece

In Memory of Charles & Grandma

Kent & Shaneen Schmidt

In Honor of our children

Walt Wiskow & Family

In Memory of Elinor Wiskow

The Wohlert Family

In Memory of Tim Wohlert



Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories
stream from heaven afar heavenly hosts sing, alleluia! Christ, the
Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.

Raise Candles for Final Stanza

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant
beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CLOSING BLESSING

L: The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your
faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.

C: Amen.

*Candles are extinguished. Please keep them upright to minimize the spilling of wax.
Return them to the rear of the church after worship.*

SENDING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

ELW 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and
nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the
sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the
sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the
ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is
found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations
prove, The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His
love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His
love.

POSTLUDE

Allen Moe

HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

ELW 277

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His
sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the
little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying
He makes. I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love
me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for
heaven, to live with you there.

FOURTH READING FROM 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 lying in
a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the
heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270

Hark! The Herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king; peace
on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.” Joyful all
you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts
proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark the Herald Angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as
man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! (*refrain*)

(Hymn continues on next page)

Hail the heaven born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *(refrain)*

FIFTH READING FROM LUKE 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

ANTHEM "Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us" Sanctuary Choir (3:30)
Johanna Brunsberg, Flute & Suzanne Leigh, Piano

SERMON Pastor Nate Loer

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Holy Night" Alex Moe, Saxophone
Allen Moe, Organ (3:30 & 5:30)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God with us,
C: Hear our prayer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING HYMN "On Christmas Night" ELW 274

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

(Hymn continues on next page)

When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place. When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place. Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to see the newborn king.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others.
C: With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (5:30)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you C: And Also with you
L: Lift up your hearts C: We lift them to the Lord
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
C: It is right to give God thanks and Praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

On this Holy Night, we welcome all to Christ's table

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

HYMN "Silent Night" ELW 281

Music plays softly while candles are lit. Ushers will light the candle of the person sitting along the center aisle. Please tip the unlit candles while keeping lit candles upright as the flame is passed down the row.

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

(Hymn continues on next page)