



# Welcome to Immanuel

January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026

Epiphany

7pm

# Immanuel Welcomes You to Worship with us Tonight!

## Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord's house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship.

The words, "Stand," and "Sit," are for those who are able.

If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

**We are delighted that you're here and hope to see you again!**

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## We thank those who serve tonight in worship:

Presiding Minister & Preacher: **Cantor:**  
Pastor Ryan T.J. Keller

Organist/Minister of Music: **Reader:**  
Oyeniran Oyedele Dennis Ruopp

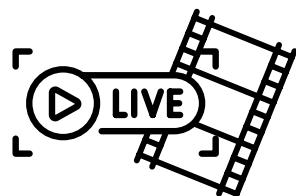
**Usher:**  
Dean Hollrah

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## From Your AudioVisual Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side.



## Offerings

are given as a response of all God's gifts given to us.

As a member of Immanuel, we are called to support the mission and ministry of ILCs.

If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*

—2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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## Prelude

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn

*"The First Noel"*

*Wilbur Held*

The First Noel

LBW 56 *see insert*

## +++ Preparation +++

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

**P** In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

**C** **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

## +++ Confession & Forgiveness +++

**P** Let us make confession to God our Father, source of light and love, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth receives His blessings and gifts. Assured of His great mercy, let us acknowledge together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**C** Almighty God, we know that we are by nature sinful and that daily our lives transgress Your Law. We repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we walk in Your light and with renewed spirits serve You in time and in eternity.

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Out of His glorious riches, the Lord strengthen you with power through his Spirit that Christ shall dwell in your hearts through faith.

**C** Amen.

## +++ Service of the Word +++

### Introit

*Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17*

**C** I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.

Women: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

Men: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Women: Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions;

Men: Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

**C** 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.

I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.

## Hymn of Praise

O Light Whose Splendor

LSB 891

## Salutation and Collect (Prayer) of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 60:1-6

## Psalm | 72:1-11

**C** Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to the royal son!

Women: May He judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice!

**C** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

Men: May He defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

Women: May they fear You while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

Men: May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

**C** In His days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

Women: May He have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

Men: May desert tribes bow down before Him and His enemies lick the dust!

Women: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render Him tribute;

Men: may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

**C** May all kings fall down before Him, all nations serve Him!

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.

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual | Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

**People: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!**

*Women: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.*

*Men: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!*

## Stand

### Verse | Matthew 2:2b

*sung by cantor*

*Where is He who has been born king | of the Jews? \**

*For we saw His star when it rose and have come to | worship Him.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Catechism

**P** With the Church around the world, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, which was formed as the Church expanded to Gentile lands, such as were represented by the Magi who visited the Christ Child. Today we confess the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and speak together the section of Luther's Small Catechism that explains it.

**C** I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

## Sit

### Hymn of the Day O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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### Homily

### Offertory Anthem

*“Seeking the King”  
soloist | T.J. Keller*

*Pepper Choplin*

## Stand

## Prayer

### Prayers of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\ddagger$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

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## Postlude

*March of the Kings*

Carl Simone

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Stay after for  
cookies and cocoa  
and be sure to  
Join us for Worship  
Sunday mornings at 9:00 am



## Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 am

in the Family Life Center

## Sunday School

PreK- 6th grade

Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 am

## CHRISTMAS

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The First Noel

## The First Noel

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star Shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star Three .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, O'er .

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where .  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; And to the . . .  
 Wise . Men came . . . from coun - try far; To seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; And there it . . .

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, And . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, And to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay Right. . o - ver the

*Refrain*

night . that was . . . so deep.  
 tin - ued both day . . . and night. No - el, No - el, No -  
 star . . wher - ev - er it went.  
 place . where Je - sus lay.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5 Then entered in those Wise Men three, And offered there in his presence  
Full rev'rently upon their knee, Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

*Refrain*

*Text: English carol, c. 17th cent.*  
*Tune: English carol, c. 17th cent.*

THE FIRST NOWELL  
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