
For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11



Welcome to Immanuel Christmas Day
December 25th 2024
10:00am

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 Welcome 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!

Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

† **"Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?"**

Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

† **"Have I confessed and repented of my sins?"**

Matthew 3:2. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

† **"Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?"**

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

† **"Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?"**

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

† **"Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?"**

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or elder will offer a blessing to you. We are glad you are worshiping with us today!

Preparation for Worship

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

What does this look like?

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the "Before worship" prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- Silence your phone and silence your mind.

Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

We thank those who serve today in worship:

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Pastor Ryan
Altar Guild: Margaret Lagas and Lee Hieb

Communion Assistant: Dennis Ruopp and Deb Hollrah
Audio & Visual: (a) Doug Igoe (v) Megan Hollrah

Organist/Minister of Music: Oyeniran Oyedeji

Reader: Pam Steeves

Usher: Geoff Lagas

From Our LiveStream 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. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers or elders before or after service today.

Office Lights this month are given...

In Memory of John by Jan

Eternal Lights this month are given...

In Memory of Allyn Sweet by Ethel & Kristi Sweet

Altar Flowers are given...

In Memory of Richard & Shirley Walter by the Walter Family



The outdoor Christmas Tree is displayed and lit...

in memory of Albert W. and Ruth F. Schmidt by the Hollrah & Wardenburg Families as our parents loved and cherished Christmas



Prelude

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

arr. L. Dean Bye

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Stand

Opening Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367

✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered this Christmas morning to hear God’s Word, to marvel at the mystery of the Word becoming flesh, and to receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood, let us first consider our unworthiness before God and confess before Him and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition; only God’s Son, Jesus Christ, has set us free from our fears and failures, our sin and death, and He enables us to live forever as God’s children. Let us then take refuge in the infinite mercy of our God and, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, say: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, born into this world on Christmas, to live, suffer, die, and rise again for you. For Jesus’ sake, your heavenly Father forgives you all your sins. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this message of grace unto you and, as Christ has commanded, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm

Psalm 98

C The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

C with the lyre and the sound of melody!

P With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C the world and those who dwell in it!

P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.

C He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by
 news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
 God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,
 joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

14 My heart for very joy must leap;
 My lips no more can silence keep.
 I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
 That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
 Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
 While angels sing with pious mirth
 A glad new year to all the earth.

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Salutation and Collect (Prayer) of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of our sin that we may rejoice in the salvation You have delivered unto us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:10–12

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates;
 prepare the way for the people;
 build up, build up the highway;
 clear it of stones;
 lift up a signal over the peoples.
¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
 to the end of the earth:
 Say to the daughter of Zion,
 "Behold, your salvation comes;
 behold, his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him."
¹²And they shall be called The Holy People,
 The Redeemed of the LORD;
 and you shall be called Sought Out,
 A City Not Forsaken.

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

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6, adapt.; Psalm 98:1a

- P** Unto us
- C** a child is born!
- P** Unto us
- C** a son is given!
- P** And the government
 shall be upon His shoulder.

- C** And His name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- P** Sing to the Lord a new song,
C for He has done marvelous things!

Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LSB 380

Appointed Verse Luke 2:14

P Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest,

C and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:1–20

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

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Homily

Offertory Hymn Go, Tell it on the Mountain



Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Wonderful Counselor, You govern all things with wisdom, righteousness, and truth. Grant to Your creation the joy of Your presence, that we may see You at work in our midst. Guide the nations of the earth to Your Son, that all would know Your salvation. Wherever the good news of great joy is announced this day, grant that lives are changed forever by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord:

C We rejoice that You have come unto us to draw us unto You.

P Mighty God, Your power knows no limits. You reign over all things and yet, in Christ, You stoop down to save us. Give to us, Your Church, the power to declare Your mighty deeds throughout the world. Inspire us to fulfill our earthly callings so that, through our lives of joyful service, all would know of Your grace and mercy. Let us pray to the Lord:

C We rejoice that You have come unto us to draw us unto You.

P Everlasting Father, You embrace us and make us Your children through faith in Your only-begotten Son. Bless all those who, in any form of sickness or infirmity, need Your tender care. Heal the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and grant Your saving power to all who rest in You. [This day we especially pray for names that they rejoice in the message of Christ coming into this world for them.] Let us pray to the Lord:

C We rejoice that You have come unto us to draw us unto You.

P Prince of Peace, You give to us what the world can never give. Drive out all fears and doubts. Deliver us from all enemies, seen and unseen. Grant us solace in Him whose blood has set us free that we would be Your people forever. Open our ears to the message of the angels: "Fear not! For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" Let us pray to the Lord:

C We rejoice that You have come unto us to draw us unto You.

P Fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things, we entrust all of these prayers to Your mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Him whose birth we celebrate this day: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You have given to us and all creation. This day we rejoice with the heavenly host as they proclaim the glad tidings of great joy, knowing that the Word has become flesh and made His dwelling among us. Your holy Child, who entered our world that first Christmas, comes unto us again this day in His body and blood as we are drawn unto Your holy presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

LSB 208

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *(The Peace of the Lord)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)*

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Communion

*Gluten-free options are available:
please indicate to the pastor
if you need one of these.*

*Alcohol free juice options are available
in the center of each of the
individual cup communion trays.*

Communion Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376

Stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \dagger in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis *(Song of Simeon)*

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

LSB 166

A Let us pray.

You have come unto us, O Father, in the precious body and blood of Christ, our Lord. Grant that we who have received Your salvation rejoice in You all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P** Unto us
C a child is born!
P Unto us
C a son is given!
P And the government shall be upon His shoulder.
C And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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 † give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Mary McDonald

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To the many volunteers that helped get Christmas together this year. From pew cards to bulletins, getting the altar area dressed for Christmas, and countless more tasks. There is a long list of things to check off before the first note hits the air on Christmas Eve night and it would not have been possible without all of you!

Christmas Blessings,

Doug
Church Secretary



Poinsettias donated to beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas

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If you would like, you can bring them home after service.



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