



Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people:

**Today in the town of David,
a Savior was born for you.
He is Christ the Lord.**

Luke 2:10-11

Welcome to Immanuel

Christmas Eve
Service of Carols & Light

December 24th 2024
4:00pm & 9:00pm

As We Gather

Throughout history, our gracious God has made outlandish promises. His spokesmen, the writers of biblical books, said that a descendant of David would come to sit on an eternal royal throne. More than that, His titles would include some reserved for God in heaven.

He was and is a Wonderful Counselor, revealing God's love in His own life and death; the Mighty God, though hidden within fragile flesh and blood; the Everlasting Father, though trapped in time and space; and the Prince of Peace, ruling not by enforcement of divine law but by forgiving all who call to Him for grace and mercy. Today, we celebrate His birth among us in time, as promised long ago and in our hearts each day.

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!

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



Altar Flowers are given...

**In Memory of
Richard & Shirley Walter
by the Walter Family**



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**

**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

We thank those who serve tonight in worship:

Presiding Minister & Preacher:
Pastor Ryan

Organist/Minister of Music:
Oyeniran Oyedeji

Readers:
4pm
Abbey Walter Zacho and Kayleen Walter

9pm
Loretta Fox and Hannah Haitsch

Ushers:
4pm
Tyler Zacho, Abbey Walter Zacho, Peter Walter, and Kayleen Walter

9pm
Loretta Fox

Altar Guild:
Deb Lahr and Claire Roehl

Audio & Visual:
4pm
(a) Joel Wardenburg
(v) Zach Booth

9pm
(a) Andrew Haitsch

We thank those who served tonight through the ministry of music:

Members of the
**Immanuel
Parish Choir**

Vocalists (solos & duets):
4pm
Karen, Charlotte, & Noelle Neville, and Deanne Schultz

Vocalists (solos & duets):
9pm
Vocalists:
Karie Neville, T.J. Keller and Julie, Isabella, & Ani Yapoujian



We welcome you to join us tomorrow morning at 10am for our Christmas Day Worship Service



Pre-Service Music

Music From "100 Carols for Choirs"

"A Great and Mighty Wonder" Michael Praetorius

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst

"Coventry Carol" arr. Martin Shaw

Immanuel Parish Choir

"Gesù Bambino" (The Infant Jesus) Pietro A. Yon

4pm Duet: Deanne Schultz and Karie Neville

9pm Duet: Karie Neville & T.J. Keller

Organ Prelude

"Silent Night" arr. Albert Beck



Welcome

Please Stand

✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Brothers and sisters, although "God abides in us and His love is perfected in us," we sin every day and need the assurance of His forgiveness. Let us go to God, seeking His power to amend our sinful lives. Lord Jesus, the love of God made manifest among us,
- C** we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Without Your help we cannot change. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!

Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-80, all.
Text and tune: John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786
Text and tune: Public domain

✠ Psalm 96 ✠

Reader: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Hymn Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord LSB 352 stzs. 1, 5-6

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
 5 Bruise for me the ser - pent's head That, set free from
 6 Then when You will come a - gain As the glo - rious

kept His word And at last to us did send
 doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith,
 king to reign, I with joy will see Your face,

Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 Safe - ly kept through life and death.
 Free - ly ran - somed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620-59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter
Text and tune: Public domain



Reader: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory LSB 367 stzs. 1, 4-5

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
 Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref. 4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79
Text and tune: Public domain



Reader: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Hymn

What Child Is This

LSB 370

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
 sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
 shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
 Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98
 Tune: English, 16th cent.
 Text and tune: Public domain

Reader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 All you, be - neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph - ets seen of old,
 From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
 Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
 When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.
 "Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,
 The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-76, alt.
 Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900
 Text and tune: Public domain



Reader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.
 Text and tune: Public domain

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

² The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who dwelt in a land of deep
 darkness,
 on them has light shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the
 spoil.
⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of
 Midian.
⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in
 battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.

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

Responsory

Matthew 1:21; Isaiah 9:6

- P She will bear a son, and you shall call
 His name Jesus,
- C To us a child is born, to us a son is
 given.
- P for He will save His people from
 their sins.

Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us
 to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and
 godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory
 of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all
 lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for
 good works.

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

⁶For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his
 shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of
 peace
 there will be no end,
 on the throne of David and over his
 kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

- C To us a child is born, to us a son is
 given.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit.
- C To us a child is born, to us a son is
 given.

The Nativity of Our Lord

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361 stzs. 1-2

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93
 Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908
 Text and tune: Public domain

P In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And 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.

Hymn

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB 374 stz. 1

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859-1933
 Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald
 Text and tune: Public domain

P And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

Hymn

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386 stz. 1

1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;

Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.
 Tune: German, 14th cent.
 Text and tune: Public domain

P When 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.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Hymn

Away in a Manger

LSB 364 stz. 1

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
 The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

Text: Little Children's Book, 1885, Philadelphia
 Tune: James R. Murray, 1841-1905
 Text and tune: Public domain

P And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Refrain
 Glo - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a
 - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.
 Text and tune: French
 Text and tune: Public domain

Homily

Offering

“Still, Still, Still”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

4pm Charlotte & Noelle Neville | 9pm Isabella & Ani Yapoujian

Please Stand

Offertory Hymn

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389 stzs. 1-2, 7

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 Δ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,
 glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And
 give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

Text (sts. 1, 7): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913-2001; (st. 2): tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.
 Text and tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561
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✠ Prayers ✠

Christmas 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.

The pastor lights a candle symbolizing Christ, the Light of the world.

Choral Meditation

“O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam

4pm Duet: Karie Neville & Deanne Schultz | *9pm Trio:* Isabella & Julie Yapoujian and Karie Neville

*The pastor gives light to the ushers, who in turn give light to the congregation.
 The lit candle is held upright when passed to one another.
 When the light has been passed to all, the pastor continues*

- P** Let us pray.
 O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Hymn of Light

Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363

1st Stanza: in German 2nd and 3rd stanzas: in English

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85
 Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787–1863
 Text and tune: Public domain

Benediction

- P** The blessing of God Almighty
 the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit
 be with you and fill you with Christmas
 peace and joy, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

service concludes on the next page...

Closing Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



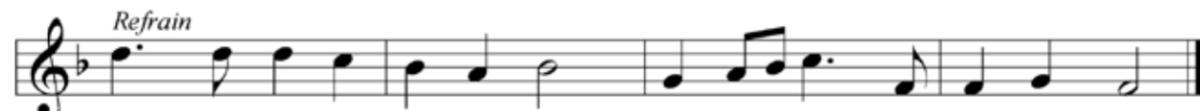
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–47
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Postlude

"Fanfare on 'Mendelssohn'"

Lani Smith

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Poinsettias donated to beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas

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*Thank you to all who donated poinsettias.
We ask that they be left to decorate the Sanctuary until
after the Christmas Day Divine Service (10 am on December 25th.)*



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