

Immanuel Lutheran Church

*Dear friends and guests,
We are delighted to have you with us today.
We invite you to visit again and receive
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ with us.*

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Divine Service every Sunday at 10 a.m.
Bible Study and Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Midweek Advent Services Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



*For to you is born this day in the City of David a Savior,
Who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

Welcome !
7:00 pm

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude: “Once in Royal David’s City” S. Tucker

Greeting and Announcements

P: The Lord be with you ...

C: And with your Spirit.

Solo: “Night of Nights” B. Van De Water

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn: “What Child is This?”

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Invocation

(Matthew 28: 19)

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

C: Amen.

John 1:1-5, 9-14

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

C: He was with God in the beginning.

P: Through Him all things were made;
without Him nothing was made that has been made.

C: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

P: The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not overcome it.

**C: The true light that gives light to every man
was coming into the world.**

P: He was in the world, and though the world was made
through Him, the world did not recognize Him.

**C: He came to that which was His own,
but His own did not receive Him.**

P: Yet to all who received Him,
to those who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God.

**C: Children born not of natural descent,
nor of human decision or a husband’s will,
but born of God.**

P: The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.

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of our Lord Jesus Christ with us.

Feast of the Holy Nativity

Tomorrow 10am.

Benediction: P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ +
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.
(Please extinguish candles)

Closing Carol: "Joy To The World" 387

Postlude: "Festive Trumpet Tune" A. Fedak

Merry Christmas!



The poinsettias on the altar are given by:

*Juan and Susan Kamacho
Phyllis Vozar
Scott and Carolyn Martin
Don and Bonnie Bell
Donna Houle
John and Angela Klingler
Helgard and Marina Kirsch
Steve and Debbie Holman*

To the glory of our Newborn Savior!

C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the Only Begotten who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

All: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. Come let us worship our newborn King, Jesus Christ – the Lord!

Salutation and Prayer:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, with joy we enter into the contemplation of the holy mystery of Your Son's incarnation for us and our salvation. Open our minds to understand, our hearts to believe, and our mouths to proclaim the glory of Him who took our human flesh and blood through the blessed virgin in order to suffer and die in our place. Prepare our hearts for the Sign which awaits us in the manger; for the Gift of welcome wrapped with all our names - even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
(Please be seated)

Choir Anthem: See Insert

A Savior Is Promised

First Lesson: Genesis 3:6-15

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol: "Now Sing We Now Rejoice" 386

The People Sat In Darkness

Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol: "The People Who In Darkness Sat" 412

A Branch From The Stem of Jesse

Third Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol: "Lo, How A Rose e'er Blooming" 359

The Angel Visits Mary

Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26 -35, 38

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" 356 v 1 - 3

The Birth of Jesus

Fifth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" 374

The Shepherds Visit Jesus

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Carol: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 380

The Word Became Flesh

Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Choir: "Light a Candle on This Silent Night" G. Franklin

(please stand) **+ The Sermon +**

Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" 393

The Lord's Prayer

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.



Candle Lighting

*(As the ushers come to each pew,
the first person will light their candle
from the usher's candle by tilting their
candle down. The light is passed down
the pew in the same manner.
Lit candles should always remain upright.*



Carol: "Silent Night" 363

Closing Verses:

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not understood it.**

P: On those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.

**C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the one
and only Son who came from the Father.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In Him was life, and that life was the light of humanity.