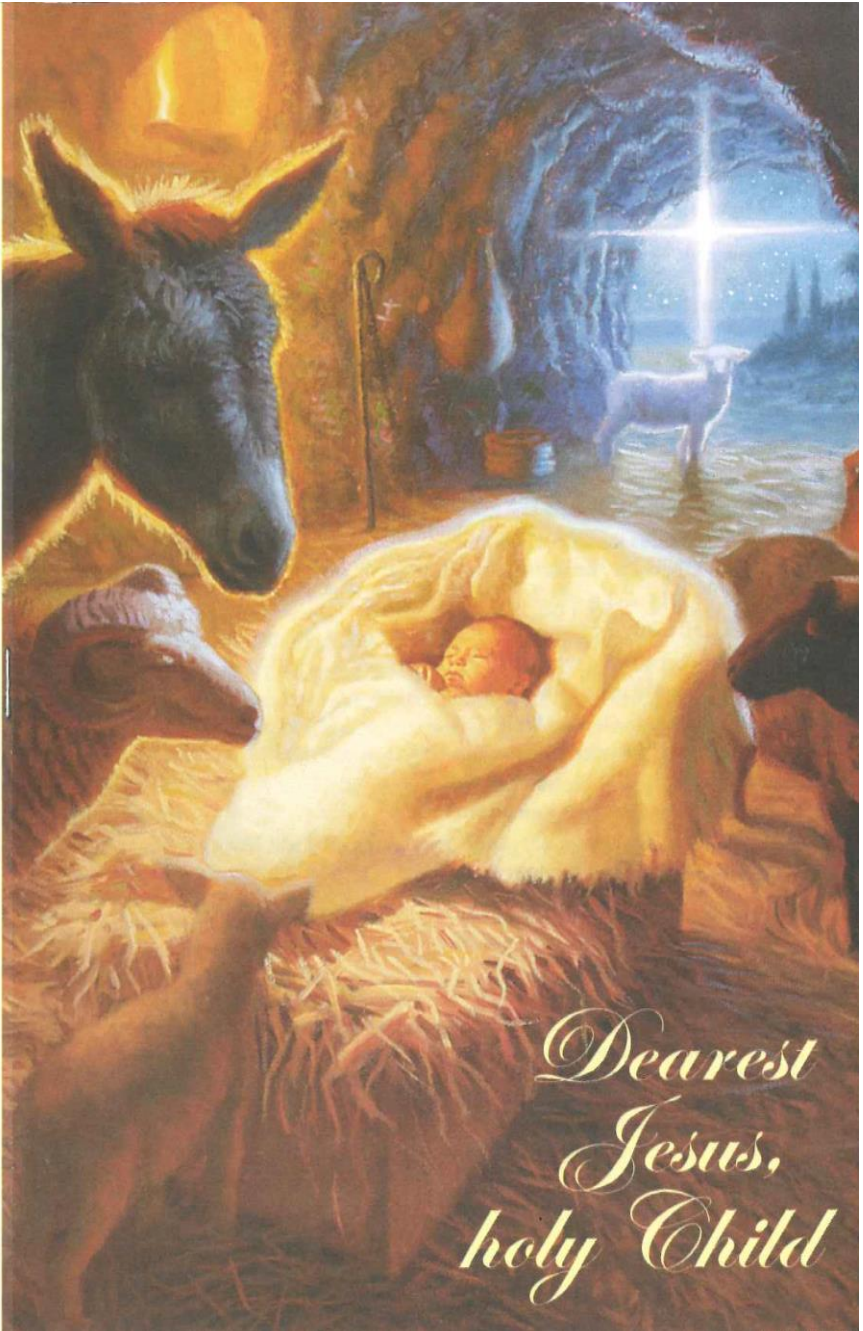


**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 24th, 2022 (6pm)**



*Dearest
Jesus,
holy Child*

Prelude
Ringing of Bells

Processional Hymn #LSB 379 *sts. 1,3* *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!	Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him	Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God
Born the king of angels: <i>Refrain</i>	In the highest: <i>Refrain</i>

Ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.; John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786
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Welcome

Opening Versicles

- P** Unto us the Christ is born;
C **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**
P God loved the world so that He gave:
C **His only Son, the Lost to save,**
P That all who would in Him believe:
C **Should everlasting life receive.**
P Glory to God the Father, Son,
C **And Holy Spirit, Three in One.**
P To Thee, O blessed Trinity:
C **Be praise, now and eternally!**
P Christ the Lord, our savior, everlasting God and Mary's Son,
C **We praise Thee evermore.**

Congregation Hymn #LSB 361 *vv. 1-4* *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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| 1.
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. | 2.
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! |
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3.
 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.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93
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4.
 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!

The Christ Child: God's Gift of Love

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

¹And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. ²(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)³ And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Choir Song

Listen to the Story

Narration

Congregation Hymn #367

Angels from the Realms of Glory
vv. 1,2,5 (standing for verse 5)

1.
 Angels from the realms of glory,
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story,
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *refrain*

2.
 Shepherds in the field abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with us is now residing,
 Yonder shines the Infant Light. *refrain*

△ 5. (standing)
 All creation, join in praising
 God the Father, Spirit, Son,
 Evermore your voices raising
 To the eternal Three in One. *refrain*

Refrain.
 Come and worship, come and worship;
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt.
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Sunday School Kids

Narration and Song (Away in the Manger)

God's Love Sent Jesus -our True Redeemer

Reading

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³ And 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, good will toward men.

Congregation Song #LSB 380

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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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Readings from God's Word: This is what we believe.

- L** The bible tells us that the Christ Child was born as true God and true Man:

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Matthew 16:16

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

- C** This is God's Word. This we believe.

- L** The bible tells us that God sent Jesus to be our Savior because He loved us:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:9

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

- C** This is God's Word. This we believe.

L The bible tells us that the Son of God became man so that He might die for our sins:

Matthew 18:11

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

Philippians 2:7-8

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

C This is God's Word. This we believe.

Choir sings

We'll Call Him Jesus

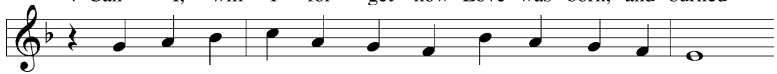
Narration

Congregation Song #LSB 369

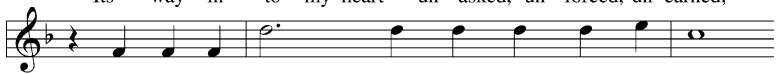
Where Shepherds Lately Knelt



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,
2 In that un - like - ly place I find Him as they said:
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred;
Sweet new-born babe, how frail! And in a man - ger bed:
His proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:
Its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



But there is room and wel - come there for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me.



But there is room and wel - come there for me.
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008

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I'll Tell of Jesus, God's Love Eternal

Reading

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Choir and Children Sing

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Prayer

Candles are passed out while the choir sings "Jesus Messiah".

Narration

Sunday School Song

This Little Light

As we share the candle flame with one another, please dip the unlit candle -leaving the lit candle upright so as to not drip wax.

Congregation Song #LSB 363

Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820-85
Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863
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Prayer

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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Departing Hymn #LSB 387

Joy to the World



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.

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On behalf of the Board of Education and Sunday School Teachers we would like to wish each of you a Christmas filled with joy, peace and love. Thank you for joining us as we experience
"The Christ Child: God's Gift of Love"
May God Bless all of those in attendance tonight.

Thank you to all of the children who participated in the service tonight.

Thank you to their children and their parents for giving of their time and talents. Also thank you to the choir members for sharing their song and the trumpeters for sharing their musical talents. A special to all of the behind the scene workers for giving their time.

Children Participation

Shepherds

Halen Eichholz
Keaton Cook
Eli Dickinson

Kings

Cayden Gieselman
Tristen Guier
Kase Roscher

Readers

Kade Scott
Levi Hinck
Ty Murphy
Sophie Koch
Chloe Hall

Angels

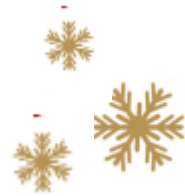
Braelyn Johnson
Ada Ann Carter
Oaklyn Petersen
Olivia Dickinson
Charlotte Ohrenberg
Mady Cook
Myra Ohrenberg
Evelyn Kincaid
Raelyn Guier

Mary

Sena Ohrenberg Gus Luetjen
Hadley Eichholz
Baylee Renken

Joseph

Hudson Roscher



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Helpers Behind the Scenes & Costumes

Courtney Gieselmann Alecia Guier
Kathleen Kincaid Kayla Ohrenburg
Marsha Tyler

Adult Choir Members

Thank you to all of the adults who participated in the choir for the
Christmas Eve Service.

Instrumental Musicians

Trumpets

Caroline Carter
Carrie Scott

Piano

Judy Teufel

Ushers

Dave Gieselmann
Marc Johnson

Dalyn Johnson
Jerry Knipmeyer

