



# *Christmas Day*

## *Festival Service with Holy Communion*

*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 10:00 am*

A Blessed Christmas

*Prelude / Preservice Music*

*Welcome*

*A Christmas Beginning - In Hymns and Response*

**"Joy to the World"** [LSB #387...vs. 1 and 2]

♪ 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

P: People of God, Your Light has come...make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing His praises!

C: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!**  
**Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together.**

*Psalm 98:4, 7-8*

**"The People That in Darkness Sat"** [LSB #412...vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6]

♪ ALL: **The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;**  
**The light has shined on them who long**  
**In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.**

**To hail You, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;**  
**They joy as when the reapers bear**  
**Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.**

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*Men/Children:* To us the Child of hope is born, To us the Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

*Women /Children:* His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, The Counselor,  
The God by all adored, The God by all adored.

**ALL:** **Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Yours alone,**  
**Who with the Father ever are**  
**And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.**

**P:** May God arise, may His enemies be scattered; may His foes flee before Him.  
May you blow them away like smoke -- as wax melts before the fire,  
may the wicked perish before God.

**C:** **But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;**  
**may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing in praise of His name,**  
**extol Him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before Him -- His name is the LORD.**

**P:** A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.  
God sets the lonely in families, He leads out the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. *Psalm 68:1-6*

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** [LSB #380...vs. 1 and 3]

♪ 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**P:** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,  
born of woman, born under the law,  
**C:** **to redeem those who were under the law,**  
**so that we might receive adoption as sons.** *Galatians 4:4-5*

## Sharing of the Christmas Peace

- (as the Choral Response begins...please be seated)

## Special Music Response

“JESUS JOY OF THE HIGHEST HEAVEN” - *Sacred Choral Ensemble*

## The Word

- *1 John 3:1-3*

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Procession

- *John 6:37-40*

(please rise - facing the processional cross)

P: The Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of Him who sent me. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day

(please be seated)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” [LSB #379]

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, o, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him Born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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*Women & Children:* Highest, most Holy, Light of light eternal,  
 Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
 Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

**ALL:** **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,**  
**O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

*Men & Children:* Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
 Glory to God .... In the highest:

**ALL:** **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,**  
**O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

4 (ALL) Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
 Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

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

### *Christmas Day Message*

#### **“Christmas-Time: A BOOSTER SHOT OF COMPASSION...**

#### **A Letter to My Children & Grandchildren”**

*... Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
 righteousness and peace kiss each other.*



*Psalm 85:10*

### *Offering / Special Music Response*

**“OH COME, OH COME EMMANUEL”**      *- Sacred Choral Ensemble*

### *The Christmas Creed*

**I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things,  
 who so loved me that He sent His Son to be my Savior.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**      *(continues on next page)*

born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels,  
worshipped by the shepherds and the Wise Men;  
who lived to suffer, die and rise again to free me from sin,  
death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who has brought me to faith  
and by whose continuous works in my heart I am ever led  
to lay before the feet of Christ all that I am and have,  
and am blessed to live under Him as my King,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

### Confession & Absolution

P: Brother and sister in Christ... *(Pastor leads us in a time of confession)*

C: Amen

P: To us a child is born; to us a Son is given. The angel said: "You shall call Him Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. Because of Jesus, His birth, death, and resurrection, and by His command and in His stead, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son  $\ddagger$  and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

### Lord's Prayer / Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

### Hymns for Communion *(please be seated)*

*Choral Anthem: "CHRIST'S LULLABY" - Sacred Choral Ensemble / Emma Lesko - flute*

**"O Sing of Christ"** *[ LSB #362...vs. 1, 2 and 4]*

1. O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kindness of the Lord,  
Eternal Word made flesh and bone So we could be restored.  
Up~on our frail ~ hu~man~i~ty  
God's finger chose to trace  
The fullness of His deity, The icon of His grace.
2. What Adam lost, none could reclaim, And Paradise was barred  
Until the second Adam came To mend what sin had marred.  
For ~ when the time ~ was ~ full ~ and ~ right  
God sent His only Son;  
He came to us as life and light And our redemption won.

4. Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell Among us here on earth  
 As God with us, Emmanuel, To bring this holy birth.  
 Though ~ rich, You will-ing~ly ~ be~came  
 One with our poverty,  
 That we might share Your wealth and name For all eternity!

“See Amid the Winter's Snow” [LSB #373...vs. 1, 3 and 4]

1. See amid the winter's snow... Born for us on earth below  
 See, the tender Lamb appears... Promised from eternal years

*Chorus: Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
 Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”*

3. Sacred Infant, all divine... What a tender love was Thine  
 Thus to come from highest bliss... Down to such a world as this *Chorus*  
 4. Teach, O teach us, Holy Child... By Thy face so meek and mild  
 Teach us to resemble Thee... In Thy sweet humility

“Angels We Have Heard on High” [LSB #368]

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.  
 Glo --- ria in excelsis Deo; Glo --- ria in excelsis Deo.  
 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
 Glo --- ria in excelsis Deo; Glo --- ria in excelsis Deo.  
 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
 Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
 Glo --- ria in excelsis Deo; Glo --- ria in excelsis Deo.

(if needed...LSB #388 - “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” – see screens)

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

## Closing Hymn

*(please be seated)*

### "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

[LSB #377]

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring:  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.
2. Then why should men on earth be sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad:  
Then why should we on earth be sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad:  
When from our sin He set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty.
3. When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

- (please rise) -

4. All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and forevermore. Amen."



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## Upcoming Worship & Ministry Highlights

**Wednesday, New Year's Eve**, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

**One Service Only** / with Holy Communion @ 5:00 pm

**(NO service on New Year's Day)**

*"Organ Recital / Concert"*

- Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 3:00 pm...here at Immanuel

Regular Weekend Worship:

*Traditional Worship:*

Sat. - 5:00 pm

Sun. - 8:00 am

*Contemporary Worship:* Sun. - 10:30 am

