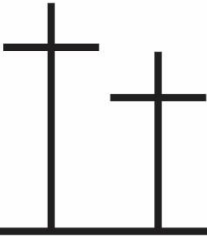




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**IMMANUEL**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Christmas Day

## VISITOR INFORMATION

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on call this weekend (wearing a "Deacon" badge) or one of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe here.  
Or visit our website, [ImmanuelMankato.org](http://ImmanuelMankato.org).



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Special Music

‘Still, Still, Still’

Opening Hymn

TLH 77:1-3 “All My Heart Today Rejoices”

The Invocation

P: Let us begin our Christmas Day service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Let us praise our Gracious God!

P: Praise God, our Gracious Father:

C: Who in love sent His Son to redeem us!

P: Praise God the Son, Jesus Christ our Savior:

C: Who in love gave Himself to redeem us!

P: Praise God, the Holy Spirit:

C: Who in love has granted us faith to believe in Christ’s birth, and Christ’s redemption! Amen.

Opening Hymn

TLH 77:6-8 “All My Heart Today Rejoices”

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Let us this Christmas morning join with the prodigal son, arise, and go to our Father, and confess to Him,

C: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” (Luke 15:18-19)

P: It is true, as the Apostle Paul writes in Galatians chapter four –

C: “Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.”

P: “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”

C: "He has redeemed us who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons!" (Galatians 4:3-5)

P: "So we stand before God, justified and forgiven!"

C: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Amen! (Romans 5:1)

The Christmas Account  
(NASB)

Luke 2

Luke 2:1-7 Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. <sup>2</sup> This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, <sup>5</sup> in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. <sup>6</sup> And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

TLH 84:1

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,  
Whereon the Savior of the world was born.  
Rise to adore the mystery of love,  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun,  
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son!

Luke 2:8-12 And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Do not be

afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

TLH 84:2

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Savior's birth,  
To you and all the nations upon earth;  
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word;  
This day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord!"

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

TLH 84:3

He spake; and straightway the celestial choir,  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;  
The praises of redeeming love they sang,  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang.  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
Peace upon earth, and unto men good will!

Luke 2:15-18 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about

this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

TLH 84:4

To Bethlehem straight th' enlightened shepherds ran,  
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,  
And found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,  
Her Son, the Savior, in a manger laid;  
Then to their flocks, still praising God, return.  
And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

Luke 2:19-20 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

TLH 84:5

Oh, may we keep and ponder in our mind,  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
From His poor manger to His bitter cross,  
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

### Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my

Son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

TLH 84:6

Then may we hope, th' angelic hosts among,  
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.  
He that was born upon this joyful day  
Around us all His glory shall display.  
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing,  
Eternal praise to heaven's almighty King!

<sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." <sup>10</sup> And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. <sup>11</sup> They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; <sup>12</sup> Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

Hymn of the Day

TLH 105:1-3,6,8 "Praise God the Lord"

Sermon

Isaiah 7:10-14

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" <sup>13</sup> Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

# King Ahaz's Immanuel

Pastor Joe Naumann

## Confession of Faith

## Luther's Explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## Sermon

Matthew 1:20-23

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" 13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

## Joseph's Immanuel

Pastor Neal Radichel

## Sermon Hymn

TLH 108:1,3,8 "We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise"

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

## Offering Meditation



## Offering Hymn

WS 714:1

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
And usher in the morning;  
O shepherd, shrink not with affright,  
But hear the angel's tidings.  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The power of Satan breaking,  
Our peace eternal making.

## Christmas Lord's Prayer

P: We continue with our Christmas prayer:

C: Our Father in Heaven...

P: On this Christmas day we thank and praise You for Your Fatherly love that has and continues to comfort our lives with the joy that we have as Your dear children.

C: Hallowed be Your name...

P: On this Christmas day we worship and praise Your most holy name. For You have reminded us that every knee will bow when You send Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ to return for the Judgment of the world.

C: Your Kingdom come...

P: On this Christmas day we also pray, oh Lord God, that Your kingdom would come not only to us, but to all the world who hear Your saving Gospel message that speaks of the birth and redemptive work of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

P: On this Christmas day we pause again, knowing that Your will is always better than our own will, and that Your plan is always better than our own plan. Therefore we ask that You would continue to direct our lives and help us always to follow You above everything else.

C: Give us today our daily bread...

P: On this Christmas day we remember all the physical blessings that You have provided for us throughout our lives. You have given us food and clothing, and with these help us always to be content.

C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...

P: On this Christmas day we thank You LORD for canceling the debt of our sins. We know we are undeserving of Your love and mercy. But we ask that You would continually remind us of this mercy daily, so that we too may show that same mercy and forgiveness to all people.

C: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

P: On this Christmas day the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh will continue to try to rob us of the greatest gift that we have ever been given – our salvation in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we pray that you would help us to resist every temptation, and that You would guard and protect our souls from every evil.

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever! Amen.

## Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

## Closing Hymn

TLH #87 “Joy to the World”

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## Serving Us Today

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(*Sun.*) Russ Schmitt

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## Serving Us Next Weekend

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(*Sun.*) Russ Schmitt

**USHERS** Kyle Hulke, Karl Friedrichs, Riley Anderson, Aaron Casto, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Austin Hart, Andrew Lentz, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman

## LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 12/17: **38**  
Bible Study: **8**

Sunday Worship 12/18: **216**  
Sunday School: **56**  
Ambassadors: **9**  
Bible Study: **44**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	9
Old Main	Yes	11:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Worship	
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	4
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	7
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					<b>29</b>
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

## THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 24      6:00p      Christmas Eve Program & WORSHIP

Sun Dec 25      9:15a      Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM  
10:00a      Christmas Day WORSHIP  
Live Stream- [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org)  
Watch - [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)

Mon Dec 26      Blessings on your week!

Tues Dec 27      3-5p      Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)  
7:00p      Board of Education Meeting

Wed Dec 28      12:45p      Televised Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7

Thur Dec 29      8-10a      Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)  
5:45p      Televised Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7

Fri Dec 30

Sat Dec 31      2:00p      Varsity Boys Target Center Game  
6:00p      New Years Eve Song Service w/ Communion

Sun Jan 1      9:15a      Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM  
10:00a      New Years Day WORSHIP

## SAVE THE DATES - JANUARY

New Year's Day Service- 10am January 1<sup>st</sup>

Annual Voters Meeting- 7pm January 16<sup>th</sup>

Whitewater Trip- January 27-29<sup>th</sup>

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BULLETIN COVER** The bulletin cover today was created by one of our elementary students! Thank you!

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYNOD CALLS** Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, is still considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

**2023 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP** The application deadline for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by January 16th, 2023. Space is limited for this trip so please apply soon. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

**ILC BUILDING COMMITTEE** The ILC Building Committee has produced promotional materials for the new ILC Fieldhouse and Fine Arts Center project, which was approved by the 2022 CLC Convention. The Building Committee presentation and brochure are available in our narthex. The PDF presentation can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres). An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru). Additional publicity materials will follow, including an online presence and progress reports. Contributions toward this project should be identified as "ILC Building Project."

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to [Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org) or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!