

this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ^{2:12} This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

^{2:13} And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ^{2:14} "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Congregation Responds**"Praise to You, O Christ"**

Sermon**"Emerging Hope"**

Hymn of the Day **#288 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" - Verses 1-2 (Red)**

-WE RESPOND TO GOD-

Nicene CreedPg. 104 (Red)

Prayers of the Church

Sharing God's Peace

Offering & Offertory **#182 "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..." (Red)**

-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer**Congregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")**

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Lamb of God **#195 "Lamb of God" (Red)**

Hymns During Communion **#479, 257 (V. 1-4), 270, 300 (Red)**

Post-Communion Canticle **#206 "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise..." (Red)**

Prayer

God of all creation, on this Holy Night, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. We praise you for the birth of your Son, and ask that we may be strengthened by this gift, to grow in love for you and one another. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

-THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SPREADS TO ALL PEOPLE-

Sharing of the Light - We 'share the light' symbolizing the 'Light of Christ' in our lives.

Lesson of Light **John 1:1-14**

Song of Simeon **Luke 2: 29-32**

C: Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people, a light to lighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn **#281 "Silent Night" (Red)**

Closing Prayer & Benediction

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you have made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Closing - Flute Solo, Jennifer Schwartz **"Silent Night"**

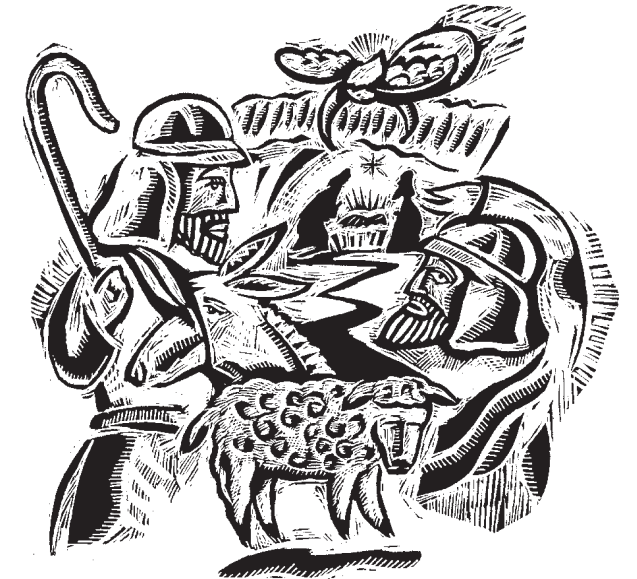
Postlude

SAVED

By Grace,

CALLED

To Serve



All Members: Ministers

**Christmas Eve
A Service of The Word, Carols & Light
December 24, 2007 - 11:00 p.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad
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ORDER OF SERVICE

As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.

As we worship, let God speak to us. As we leave, let us speak to each other.

-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **#277 "Away in a Manger" (Red)**

Christmas Dialog & Greeting

P: On this darkest of nights we have lit the candles of faith...

C: Into this darkness, into this sacred space and time, hope emerges,

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

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

C: In him was life, and the life was--and is--the light of all people.

-WE PRAISE GOD-

Hymn (Advent Wreath Candles Are Lit) **#295 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (Red)**

Verse 1-All; Verse 2-Women; Verse 5-All

Confession

C: O God, on this Holy Night we have come to hear the glad tidings of your Son's birth. We gather to hear the witness of the Apostles, the shepherds, and the angels, that the Messiah is born in Bethlehem. We rejoice that you have sent your promised Christ. We confess that we have failed to give adequate tribute to Jesus the Savior. Too often, we have neglected to come to your house of worship, and to listen to your Word. Too often we have neglected to love our neighbor, to forgive others, and to serve you. I have fallen short. And yet, by your bountiful grace you call me again, in love, to join my voice in praise of him, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Lord, forgive me for my sins. Gracious God, open my heart to your love. Help me, Holy Spirit, to humbly trust you, to listen to your voice and somehow to give witness to Christ's coming.

P: As we confess our sins, and repent of them, God is faithful and just and promises to forgive our sins, cleansing us from their power and stain. In Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Jesus Christ, our precious Savior, empower us to live lives of obedience as witnesses to his life and love. Amen.

Hymn (Altar & Lectern Candles Are Lit) **#296 "What Child is This" - Verses 1-2 (Red)**

Salutation

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence

and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

First Lesson **Isaiah 9:2-7**

^{9:2} The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ^{9:3} You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ^{9:4} For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ^{9:5} For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ^{9:6} For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ^{9:7} His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Second Lesson **Titus 2:11-14**

^{2:11} For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ^{2:12} training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ^{2:13} while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ^{2:14} He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Special Music **"O Holy Night"**

Hymn (Aisle Candles Are Lit) . . . **#282 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" - Verses 1, 3, 4 (Red)**

Alleluia Response **#172 "Halle, Halle, Halle-luiah" (Red)**

Holy Gospel **Luke 2: 1-14**

Congregation Responds **"Glory to You, O Lord"**

^{2:1} In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ^{2:2} This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ^{2:3} All went to their own towns to be registered. ^{2:4} Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ^{2:5} He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ^{2:6} While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ^{2:7} And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ^{2:8} In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ^{2:9} Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ^{2:10} But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ^{2:11} to you is born

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Monday-December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.Worship/Holy Communion

BAPTISM OF QUINN EISENBACHER

11:00 p.m.Candlelight Worship/Holy Communion

DECEMBER 25 - HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS DAY!

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.Fold Outreach

Next Sunday-December 30 - 1st Sunday After Christmas

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - NO ADULT STUDY

ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

Ministers	All Members	Altar Guild	Sandy Edwards
Presiding Minister	Daniel Belgum-Blad		Jolene Garberich
Council President	Bob Starz	Communion Assistant	Doug Hanson
Organist	Marion Kingery	Lector	Bob Starz
Secretary	Janelle Eisenbacher	Acolyte	Dylan Rossell
Sextons	Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	Ushers	Larry & Sheryl Stranberg

Thank You Carolers!

"Thank you to all the carolers who came to my home on Friday, December 21st."

Lucille Carlson

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS COSTS OF ALL ITEMS IN OUR BUDGET HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY SINCE OUR CONSTITUTION WAS WRITTEN AND

WHEREAS SOME CRITICAL MAINTENANCE ITEMS COULD EXCEED THE CURRENT \$2500 SPENDING LIMIT IN C12.05.c AND C12.05.d OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND

WHEREAS SOME OF THOSE CRITICAL ITEMS COULD NEED ACTION BEFORE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING COULD BE HELD

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL SPENDING LIMIT OF \$2500 IN C12.05.c AND C12.05.d BE CHANGED TO \$7500.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome To Worship At Immanuel!

We invite all visitors to sign our guest book in the entry of the church. We hope that you will find Christian friendliness which brings you back to worship with us again.

Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, the SW Minnesota and the ELCA Synod; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

Communion Invitation

All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Special Music Thank You

Thank you to Deb Hanson & Marion Kingery for their organ/piano duet and to Jennifer Schwartz for playing flute this evening.

Extinguishing Candles

Please extinguish your candle with care at the end of the service (being careful not to let the wax spill). Thank you!

Sweater Sale Fundraiser - 3 For 1

The youth sweater sale fundraiser will be ending soon. All sweaters are now 3 for the price of 1. All proceeds will benefit Immanuel's youth group.

Confirmation Class

There will be no Confirmation this Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

LBWs... If you are interested in taking home a Lutheran Book of Worship ("the green book" -- which was used here for many years before our new books) for a souvenir, or prayer book, you are welcome to do so! Contact the church office. The balance of the LBWs will be sent to a Lutheran church in Nebraska in January.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!