



Children's Christmas Program
Immanuel Lutheran Church
December 14, 2025

Welcome to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family.

- ❖ We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.
- ❖ The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.
- ❖ We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.
- ❖ We have a toddler worship area in the middle-right section of our pews. This area is intended for children ages 0-3 accompanied by an adult(s) to sit during worship. Children 4K-6th Grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school during worship downstairs. This is a space for families to be fully engaged in worship, while providing quiet activities for young children to accommodate their natural need to move and be busy. Please follow posted guidelines for use of this space. Thank you!
- ❖ We have accommodated seating available in the middle-left and the front-right sections of our pews. Please feel free to utilize this space for those who may need it!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please note all **bold** text throughout the service are congregational responses

GATHERING HYMN

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

#242

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Week Three: The Candle of Joy –Geoff & Stephanie Mell & Family

Reader One: We have lit the candles of Hope and Peace, and we relight them now to remind us that our hope is in Christ and that we will come again to bring peace to the world.

(Light the first and second candles on the Advent wreath)

Reader Two: Today begins the third week of Advent, and we will light the candle of joy. When I look around, I see shadows of sadness, families who have lost loved ones, people in prison, people who are isolated and feel on their own...

Reader One: When I look around, I see shadows of grief, people dreading the holidays because of painful memories, or because they don't want to spend another Christmas alone...

Reader Two: In the face of sadness, we light a candle of joy...

Reader One: In the face of grief, in the face of loss, we light a candle of joy...

(Lighting the third candle in the Advent wreath)

HYMN

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah vs. 3

#240

**Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.**

Reader Two: May the light from these candles overwhelm the world.

Reader One: May the light from these candles say to all that God's joy is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Reader Two: Friends, be not afraid, God's joy is at hand!

Reader One: Let us pray:

All: God of Good News, as we await your coming we give you thanks for the joy we have in Christ Jesus. May all who seek such joy find it. For all who have ceased to believe in its possibility, may you work through us to show your joy already present. Come, God of Joy, come. Amen.

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1 & 3

#283

(Sunday School Children Come Forward During Hymn)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

A Night In Bethlehem

The actors tell the story of Baby Jesus's Birth in Bethlehem from the point of view of the characters they portray.

A full list of the cast can be found on Page 6 of the bulletin!

Scene 1: Mary

Scene 2: Joseph

Sunday School Sings: *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

Scene 3: The Innkeeper

Sunday School Sings: *Silent Night*

Scene 4: The Shepherds

Sunday School Sings: *The First Noel*

Scene 5: The 3 Kings

Sunday School Song: *Joy To The World*

Scene 6: The Conclusion

Sunday School Sings: *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

WORD FOR KIDS

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)

OFFERING RESPONSE

He Came Down

He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; Hallelujah forevermore!

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child (sing twice)

#297

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



Thank you to Today's Volunteers!

We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!

Greeters: Suzanne Kruse & Shannon Klug

Ushers: Dave Renslo &

Dean Schutte

Advent Wreath: Geoff and Stephanie Mell & Family

Presentation Clicker:

Live Stream: Cheryl Kuennen

Coffee and Refreshments: Sunday School (in the social hall following today's service)

Children's Christmas Program Cast:

Mary

Adamae Wiebke

Joseph

Jordan Wurm

Angel

Jeanette Rask

Innkeeper in Bethlehem

Drew Klug

Shepherds

Katelyn Kruse , Liberty Knutson, Kenzie Eglinton, Jaycelin Miller

2 Sheep

Aubrey Mell, Loralye Mikula

3 Wise Men/Kings

Matthew Ranzenberger, Tanner Schulte, Brecken Rye

Cook

Vance Becker

Servant

Bryson Schulte

Camel Handler

Bronko Knutson

Little Angels

Alanis Becker, Abigail Mell, Sylvia Mikula, Charlotte Wiebke, Pyper Eglinton, McKenzie Klug, Michaela Rask, Millie Senn, Estelle King

Animals (cow, sheep, camel)

Olivia Mikula, Brooks Rye, Callawyn Miller, Aiden King, Kaitlyn Schulte, and Brantley Klug

Star

Chase Wiebke

Back up Character/Stagehand

Lou Senn

Director

Aimee Wiebke

Thank you Emily for accompanying us on the piano, to the teachers and parents for helping with practices, and of course, the kids for putting on this great show!!! A big thank you to Aimee Wiebke for directing today's program! May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Additional News and Notes



Holiday Services



Sunday, December 21: Sweater Sunday

- Immanuel: Baby Shower for Mary, Mother of Jesus 8:30 am in the Social Hall
- Immanuel: 9:00 am Worship, Advent 4
- Wilmington: 10:15 am Worship, Advent 4

Wednesday, December 24:

- Immanuel & Wilmington Combined Christmas Eve Worship
Services at Immanuel will be held at 4 pm, 6 pm (family oriented), & 10 pm

Thursday, December 25:

- Combined Immanuel & Wilmington Christmas Day Worship:
9:30 am at Wilmington

Sunday, December 28:

- Combined Immanuel & Wilmington Lessons & Carols Worship:
9:00 am at Immanuel

Get It Wrapped

Let The Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group Help!

For a free will donation, simply drop your items labeled to and from with your phone number and we take care of the rest!

Immanuel Lutheran Church

419 East Grove Street Caledonia

December 14th From 2p-5p



Baby Shower for Mary and Baby Jesus:

BEFORE service on **Sunday, December 21 at 8:15 am**, the Engaging Children Task Force will be hosting a Baby Shower. This baby shower is in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Diapers and wipes were previously asked to bring as donation. However, the supply at the food shelf for these items is high.

Instead, if you could **please bring any of the following items that are in higher need:**

- Baby Food -Wipes -Sleepers
- Receiving Blankets -Pacifiers
- Teething Rings -Rattles

All gifts will be donated to SEMCAC to help other new families.

Thank you and we hope you can join us!

