

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Nativity of Our Lord & Savior

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023 – 10am

AS WE GATHER

It's Christmas morning, a day of celebration. It's Christmas, a time of joy. How God's people love to sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!" Isaiah says that there is joy for God's people for the Savior has come and He has brought His reward with Him. That reward is forgiveness, holiness and a right standing before God the Father for everyone who believes in this Infant who came to buy us back from sin and Satan with His own blood. Our prayer today is that His name will be raised up as a banner for all the nations.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

HYMN #379 "O Come All Ye Faithful"



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God

People: and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Pastor: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

People: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness,

People: but the darkness has not understood it.

Pastor: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

People: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: For the law was given through Moses;

People: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

Pastor: No one has ever seen God,

People: but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. (John 1: 1-18 portions)

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 52: 7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 1:1-6 (*God sent His firstborn Son into the world and we worship Him!*)

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

³ 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.

⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ 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"?

⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of St. Mark beginning at the 1st verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN #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.

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SERMON "Full of Grace and Truth" Pastor Dave

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

OFFERING "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinner reconciled
Joyful all you 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!

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 we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn king!

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: He has made that promise and so He sent Jesus

People: His name shall be Emmanuel, God with us.

Pastor: The promised Messiah's name is great.

People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Yet even more in this world He is called:

People: Our Savior, Our Brother, our Friend.

Pastor: The gift we needed more than anything else was a Savior. That is who Jesus is for each of us.
We silently confess our sins as we look in faith to the one born in Bethlehem.....

Pastor: And so He taught us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(We greet each other with our Lord's peace.)

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and every where;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Down in the lowly manger The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain