

Christmas Day 2025

“His Love is Born”

December 25 at 9:30 am Immanuel Lutheran Church

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* 388

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: God’s Son has been born **C:** *In Bethlehem His love is born.*

P: His name is Jesus **C:** *The One and only Savior!*

P: He came as the Christ-Child **C:** *He came as the long awaited Messiah.*

P: He was the Promised One **C:** *He was God’s Light for all mankind.*

P: He is our Lord **C:** *He is our everlasting God.*

P: He was born in a stall **C:** *He was born “The King” of all!*

Confession: *I confess to God Almighty, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, I have failed to hold true to Your Commandments, I have failed to witness of the faith I possess, I have failed to stand up for Your principle and morals, and I have failed to hold the Christ-Child before the world as I should. Forgive me, for Your sake, and cleanse me of all my sin. I am a poor miserable sinner!*

Absolution: Almighty God, has given me the privilege to announce to you His grace, You have given me the privilege of standing in the Office of the Ministry, and this morning, in the Lord’s place and by His command; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit: Psalm 23

P: The Lord is my shepherd, **C:** *I shall not be in want.*

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures, **C:** *He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.*

P: He guides me in paths of righteousness **C:** *For His name’s sake.*

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **C:** *I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. **C:** *You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

P: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, **C:** *And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Christmas Prayer: Heavenly Father, this day we are given the privilege to celebrate the Birth of Your Son, the Christ-Child, the long awaited Messiah. We ask You to lead, guide, and carry us daily to enable us to be effective witnesses for Your Son, a true blessing in the lives of others, and ones who influence the world with Your goodness. Help us Lord to rejoice this day, celebrate the Wonder of Your gift, and live in everlasting hope. We pray this in the Christ-Child's name. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 379 vs. 1, 3, 4

O. T. Lesson: Micah 5: 2-5a *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of His brothers return to join the Israelites.*

He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And He will be their peace.

Epistle Lesson: Titus 3: 4-7 *But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 1-20 *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.*

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (Back of Hymnal)*

Hymn: *“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” 386*

Sermon *“His Love is Born”*

Hymn: *“ Angels We Have Heard on High” 368*

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Blessing of the Elements

Distribution: Hymn: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” 370*

P: Sing to the Lord a new song! **C:** *For He has done marvelous things!*

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us **C:** *And we have seen His glory!*

P: Glory as of the only Son of the Father **C:** *Full of grace and truth!*

P: His name shall be called: **C:** *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

P: Jesus is Born! **C:** *He is the Savior of all mankind!*

Closing Hymn: *“Joy to the World” 387*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Mary Burgeson, Organist

Silent night, holy night

*Today in the town
of David a Savior
has been born to you;
he is the Messiah,
the Lord.*

LUKE 2:10 (NIV*)



