



# Christmas Eve

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA Forest City, Iowa

Pastors Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

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December 24, 2021 3:00 & 5:15 p.m.

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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## PRELUDE:

2:30

"Amid the Cold of Winter/Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming" Steve Smith, violin, Linda Ferjak, piano  
"Joy Unto the World" Wed. Band-Pastor Zech, Elizabeth May, Geno & Antonio Lopes, Jason Slater  
"O Holy Night" Marie Fuller, Elizabeth May, Dr. Tim Schmidt  
"Little Drummer Boy" Dave Melby, guitar, Daniel Melby, drum  
"Peace, Peace" Bell Choir

4:45

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"O Holy Night" Marie Fuller, Elizabeth May, Dr. Tim Schmidt  
"Mary, Did You Know?" Mark & Joy Newcom, Amy Thorson, piano  
"Peace, Peace" Bell Choir

**\*\*NOTE TO CONGREGATION: Please hold your applause until the last musical gift is done.\*\***

VIDEO

GATHERING HYMNS: **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

#283 (vs. 1-3) ELW

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

#270 (vs. 1-3)

GREETING: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

SONG: **“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”**

#282

PSALM: Psalm 96 [read responsively by half verse]

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;

**Proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

Declare God’s glory among the nations

**And God’s wonders among all peoples.**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

**More to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

**But you, O Lord, have made the heavens.**

Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;

**Power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;

**Bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

**Tremble before the Lord, all the earth.**

Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

**Let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**  
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for you at your coming. O Lord,  
**For you come to judge the earth.**  
You will judge the world with righteousness  
**And the peoples with your truth.**

SONG: **“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”** #271 (vs. 1,2,4)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Christ, Be Our Light”** #715 (refrain only)

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.*** Conclusion: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

MESSAGE Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Angels We Have Heard on High”** #289

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: 3:00 “The First Noel” Olivia Banta, Peter Caterino, Karen Post

5:15 “A Child Is Born” Matthew Armstrong Senior Choir

OFFERTORY: **“What Feast of Love”** #487 (vs. 1,3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION: [from the pew]

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** #279 (vs. 1,4)

**“Away in a Manger”** #278 (vs. 1,3)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

READING: John 1:1-18

CANDLELIGHTING

HYMN: **“Silent Night, Holy Night!”** #281

BLESSING & DISMISSAL



## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

Organ: (3:00) Karen Post; (5:15) Amy Thorson

Brass: Dave Melby, Mark Melby, Daniel Melby, Dave & Dawn Rutt

Brass Director: Daniel Melby

Song Leaders: (3:00) Elizabeth May, Dave Melby; (5:15) Choir

Bell Choir Director: (3:00) Ruth Melby

Choir Director / Piano: (5:15) Linda Ferjak

Readers: (3:00) Mary Kingland; (5:15) Joy Newcom

Assisting Ministers: (3, 5:15) Ann Hunhoff

Sound Tech/Video: (3:00) Andy Buffington/Nic Determann; (5:15) Daryl Krieger/Tammy Krieger, Ken Ferjak

Ushers: (3:00) Kay Sorensen, Jan Buffington, Ray & Joan Beebe, Tina Berg, Mary Kingland; (5:15) Zach, Jenn, Luke & Ava Raulie, Tina Berg

Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

**RADIO BROADCAST:** The 3:00 Christmas Eve service is broadcast at 5:00 over KLOW-FM 107.3 Forest City. The broadcast is given in honor of Isaac Schneider's (Dec. 23 b'day) and with gratitude for our Immanuel family's prayerful support throughout his cancer treatments, and to God for answering those prayers! From John & Karen Monson

## **POINSETTIAS GIVEN:**

In memory of Ralph Holst from daughter Nancy & Doug Driscoll (red)

In memory of Patricia Bendickson from Tori, Ryan, Rylie & Nevaeh Eastvold (red)

In memory of Lanny Jenkins from Sandy and families (blue)

In memory of Aaron, Sr. & Connie Charlson from Aaron, Jr., Rita & Dirk Charlson (white)

## **THIS WEEK:**

SATURDAY: *MERRY CHRISTMAS!* church closed

SUNDAY: 9:15am Service of Lessons & Carols

MONDAY: church office closed

WEDNESDAY: (NO programming, meal, or worship)

FRIDAY: church office closed

SATURDAY: *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15am Worship

10:15am Coffee Fellowship, FH

6:30pm Nouwen Book Study: The Return of the Prodigal Son,  
Lounge/Zoom/recorded