

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2025

We will follow Morning Prayer on page 207.

HYMN – 335 “To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”

OPENING VERSES

M: O Lord, open my lips,

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: To us the Christ is born:

C: praise and thanks to God!

In place of “OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD” we will sing
hymn 339 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

⁸Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people,

he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The Lord will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 1:1-9

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.

⁵For 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”?

⁶And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷In speaking of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels spirits,
and his servants flames of fire.”

⁸But about the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

HYMN – 343 “Once in Royal David’s City”

GOSPEL - John 1:1-14

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

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The 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.

HYMN - 353 “Joy to the World”

SERMON – Hebrews 1:9

“Anointed With Joy”

In place of “WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD” we will sing **hymn 344 “What Child Is This”**

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN – 347 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”



Serving today at Immanuel:

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Video Taping: Mark DeVries **Power Point:**

Altar Guild: Donna Telecky

Ushers: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Craig Kohls, Carl Hoffmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks

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and
Clifford's Christmas Day birthday.*



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