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Christmas Eve



Good evening and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this Christmas Eve, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact Pastor Luke at 414-427-9337 (office), or 402-389-2147 (cell).

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The Journeys of Christmas

Prologue: Our Trip Agenda

The melody of this first song by our children is from Ireland. It might be as old as the 7th century. The original words sum up the Christmas Story recitations and remind us that, as we've heard on so many Christmas mornings from John 1, Jesus is the Word incarnate ("made flesh"). The haunting melody accentuates that divine mystery. Tonight, new lyrics lay out the many journeys of Christmas.

Children's Song: Don Oiche ud I m'Beithl—Ireland

Sing of the Christmas journeys:
Of man choosing sinful ways,
God's promise of a Savior,
His grace in a manger laid.
Sing of His steps to Calv'ry,
His vic'try o'er death and sin.
Then sing it to all nations.
Through Christ we will live in heav'n.



Pastor: How many of you here tonight have traveled to get here, or are planning to travel during the Christmas season? It's a time of year when many of us try to spend time with loved ones, and often, that means a journey. Tonight, we'll hear about many journeys of the Christmas story, and we'll use carols from all over the world to help in the telling.

Often, we start trips with a prayer that the Lord would be with us and watch over us. We ask the same thing tonight to begin our service. Let us pray... (Prayer by pastor)

O God, You make this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light, Your Son Jesus Christ, who was born to us so long ago on Christmas night. We pray that as we have known and believe in Him, the Light of the world, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven when the journeys of our lives are over. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invocation

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P We begin this Christmas Eve worship service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God our Father in festive spirit on this Christmas Eve to worship Him and praise Him for the great Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. But we also must confess that we have sinned against Him and do not deserve to come into His presence. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You.**

**Some of my sins I know—the thoughts and words and deeds
of which I am ashamed—but some are known only to You.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask for Your forgiveness.

**Deliver me and restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and grant me Your peace.**

P As a called servant of Christ, I assure You that by the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We find rest for our souls in His peace and joy.

C Amen.

Pastor: Our first hymn includes what we have just spoken: An Invocation and a Confession. We ask for our Lord’s presence with us and acknowledge our sin, trusting in His forgiveness.

Processional Hymn: “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” (LSB 386)—Latin/German

Part One: An End and a Beginning

Isaac (Reading): The last way you'd want to start a journey is with a disastrous crash, but that's exactly how this story begins. God created a perfect world and set Adam and Eve in it. It should have been smooth sailing, a trip with no delays and no detours—doing God's work and living in perfect harmony with Him forever.

(1-2): Genesis 1:1, 10b: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... And God saw that it was good.

Sophie: Genesis 1:26,27: Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Ginny: Genesis 2:15-17: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Avary (Reading): Sounds pretty simple, right? But it was not to be. Here comes the crash. Satan tempted Adam and Eve, and sin entered the world. Encouraged by Satan, they thought they knew better than God and ate of the tree. They realized they were naked, but that was the least of their problems. God explained to them just how catastrophic this fall was:

Addy: Genesis 3:17b-19: "Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Isaac (Reading): Imagine their dismay—separated from God by sin, knowing they would die, and no longer able to live in the only home they'd known. It sounds like an ending. Final. A fiery wreck nobody could hope to survive, much less continue a journey in. But just like a first responder at the scene of an accident, God had a way to get them out of the wreckage.



Peyton: Genesis 3:15: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Isaac (Reading): With those words, God let them know the journey wasn't over, it was only beginning. There would be many thousands of years of waiting for the promised Savior. The first stop on our journey of carols is a poem by Frances Chesterton (wife of theologian G. K. Chesterton) using a traditional English melody. She used the metaphor of a journey to Bethlehem to reflect on sin separating us from God and express the Advent longing for the Christ child to come.

Children's Song: How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

How far is it to Bethlehem, not very far,
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, is He within?
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May we pet the creatures there, oxen or sheep?
May we peek like them and see Jesus asleep?
If we touch His tiny hand, will He awake?
Will He know we've come so far just for His sake?

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

Part Two: A Road Map

Sophie (Reading): Did anyone ever plan a trip for you that was a surprise? You might not have known what the plan was for the journey, but the one who planned it did. God always had a plan for salvation, and He revealed it a little at a time to the believers in the Old Testament. Listen to some of the pieces of the map he gave to them:

Theo: Numbers 24:17: I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel...

Sawyer: Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Wyatt: Genesis 49:10: The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Brianna: Isaiah 11: 1-2: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Regan: Micah 5:2: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Ginny (Reading): Knowing Jesus' lineage and that He was coming was important, but knowing what He would do was even more important, and God told them that as well—piece by piece.

Elly: Jeremiah 23:5-6; Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Solomon: In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Isaac: Zechariah 9:9: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Avary: Isaiah 53:5-6: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Addy: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Peyton: Psalm 22:16-18: ...they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.



Congregation: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Ginny (Reading): Jesus' name tells us who He is and what He does. This next song was actually written by two teenage girls. They set some of the names of Jesus to the tune of a Hebrew folk song. It's fitting that we travel next to Israel, the land of the people who first heard the promises of a Savior, and the land where the Savior was born!

Children's Song: King of Kings and Lord of Lords—Israel

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Sophie (Reading): Only one person could fulfill every one of these prophecies. But to do that, it had to be Someone who was both man and God. Jesus had to be man so that He could be tempted in every way like us. He had to be man so He would live under the law. He had to be man so that He could die. Jesus had to be God to be without sin. He had to be God so that His perfect life and death could be for everyone. He had to be God so that He could conquer death and rise eternally. Who Jesus is and what he does--the news of the gospel we hear tonight--is summed up in these centuries-old words, using an ancient plainsong melody. The writer of this ancient hymn was from Spain.

Congregation Hymn: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (LSB 384) – Spain

Theo: John 1:14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Sawyer: Galatians 4:4-5: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Wyatt: Philippians 2:6-8: [Jesus,] though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Brianna: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Reagan: Colossians 2:9: For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

Pastor: This English carol reminds us again of Jesus being God and man. The Latin refrain means, "Come, let us adore the Lord."

Children's Song: "The Snow Lay on the Ground"—England

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.

Venite adoremus Dominum.

Venite adoremus Dominum.

Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas gentle Mary maid, so young and strong,
Who welcomed here the Christ child with a song.

She laid Him in a stall at Bethlehem;

The ox and donkey shared the room with them.

Refrain

And thus that manger poor became a throne,

For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.

Oh, come, then, let us join the heav'nly host

To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Refrain

Part Three: A Joyful Arrival

(1-8): And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed

wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-7)

Peyton (Reading): This children's hymn was written to be sung while decorating the Christmas tree as a way for parents to teach their children about Jesus. Immigrants from Norway passed it along to the next generation in America. It even has a verse about becoming children of God through baptism.

Children's Song: "I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes"—Norway

I am so glad when Christmas comes,
The night of Jesus' birth,
When Bethl'em's star shone as the sun,
And angels sang on earth.

The little child in Bethlehem,
He was a king indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above
To help a world in need.

He lives again in heaven's realm,
The Son of God today;
And still he loves his little ones
And hears them when they pray.

I, too, shall sing my Savior's praise,
My joy, my crown, my Lord;
For he has made me his own child
By water and the Word.

And so I love each Christmas Eve,
And I love Jesus, too;
And that he loves me ev'ry day
I know so well is true.

(1-8): Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. (Luke 2:8-9)

(1-2): Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12)

(P-K): And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

(P-8): "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:13-14)

Addy (Reading): This popular German hymn is credited to Pastor Eduard Ebel. He may have written the melody or used a folk tune. The translation we'll use is Gerhardt Mueller's. The piece reminds us that the journey didn't end with us left dead in our sins, separated from God. The curse is lifted! We focus our attention on the continuing story and journey that unfold tonight.

Children's Song: "Fields Are Peaceful and White"—Germany

Leise rieselt der Schnee
Still und starr liegt der See
Weihnachtlich glänzet der Wald:
Freue Dich, Christkind kommt bald!

Fields are peaceful and white,
Christmas shines through the night,
Snowflakes like jewels appear,
Joyfully Jesus is here!

Carols echo on high,
Clear as stars in the sky,
Angels from heaven appear,
Joyfully Jesus is here!

Sin's dread curse now is gone,
Peace with God thru His Son,
Freed from all sadness and fear
Joyfully Jesus is here!

Sing and let us rejoice,
Join with glad heart and voice
Come, with the shepherds draw near,
Joyfully Jesus is here!



(1-8): So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. (Luke 2:15-20)

Pastor: Christmas Eve doesn't feel complete without singing one other German carol, Silent Night.

Congregation Hymn: "Silent Night" (LSB 363)—Germany

Part Four: The Reason for the Journey

Avary (Reading): Jesus is born! Is that the end? We've already heard in some of the prophecies that it's not. The journey of Christmas continues to the cross. Jesus was born to die for our sins and rise again for our salvation.

(K-2): John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Elly: Romans 5:8: But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Solomon: Matthew 28:5-6: But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

Isaac (Reading): This French carol reminds us that the journey continued. The story wasn't over with a sweet little baby in Bethlehem—it continued to the cross, and more importantly, the resurrection. It uses a traditional Basque melody and was translated into English by Sabine Baring-Gould. That name might be familiar, since he's also known for "Onward, Christian Soldiers."



Choir Song: "Sing Lullaby"—France

Sing lullaby
Lullaby baby, now reclining
Hush, do not wake the infant King
Angels are watching, stars are shining
Over the place where He is lying
Sing lullaby

Sing lullaby
Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping
Hush, do not wake the infant King
Soon will come sorrow with the morning
Soon will come bitter grief and weeping
Sing lullaby

Sing lullaby
Lullaby baby, now a-dozing
Hush, do not wake the infant King
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing
Then in the grave at last reposing
Sing lullaby

Sing lullaby
Lullaby! Is the baby awaking?
Hush, do not wake the infant King
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning
Conquering death, its bondage breaking
Sing lullaby

Pastor: Why do we study and meditate on the fall into sin and promise of a Savior? Why is it important that so many prophecies were made and fulfilled? What makes Jesus' coming, death, and resurrection the focus of our worship? It's not just a nice story from history that makes us feel warm and fuzzy at Christmastime. It was all done FOR US!

Isaac: 1 John 4:9-10: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Avary: Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Sophie: 2 Corinthians 5:15: and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

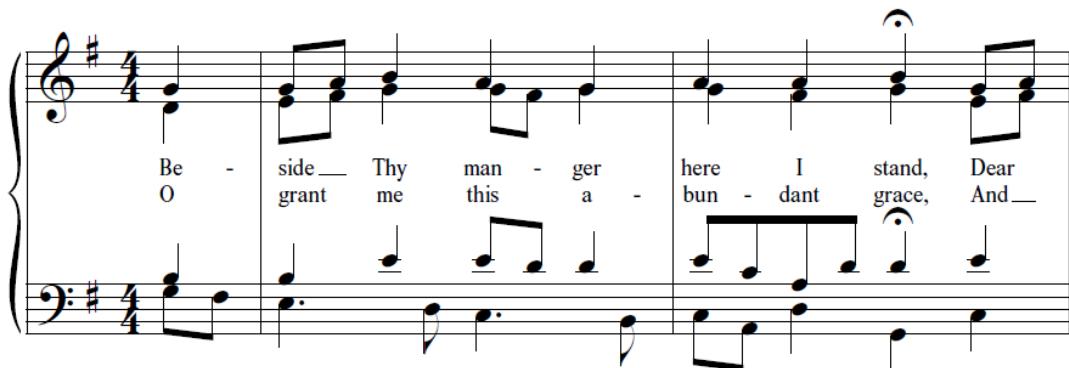
Ginny: Hebrews 9:28: ...so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Offering

We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Pastor: Paul Gerhardt's words in our offering hymn are the grateful response of the believing heart that has arrived at the manger and understands it is for me.

Offering Hymn: "Beside Your Manger Here I Stand"—Germany



The musical notation consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The treble staff starts with a quarter note 'B' (flat), followed by a quarter note 'O'. The bass staff starts with a quarter note 'B'. The lyrics are: Be - side grant Thy me man this ger here bun - dant I stand, stand, grace, Dear And. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The bass staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.

Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior, A gift of love with -
 let it be Thy pleas - ure That I may be Thy

in dwell - my hand To thank Thee for Thy fav - or. O
 my - ing - place, Dear Sav - ior, Sweet - est Thy Treas - ure! O

take of - fer - ing; My heart, my soul, yea,
 let me be Thy man - ger - bed, Then shall I lift my

ev - ry - thing is Thine to keep for - ev - er.
 low - ly - head With joy be - yond all - meas - ure.

Christmas Eve Prayer (Pastor) *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.

Part Five: Sharing the Experience

Sophie (Reading): After a journey, there's a lot to share! We tell others about what we did on our travels and show them pictures of the places and scenery we experienced. Christians do the same thing! We are witnesses of Christ—people who can't help but follow the Lord's direction to share the things we have heard and seen! What a blessing to know that He promises to be with us as we share the good news!

Peyton: Mark 16:15: And he said to them,
"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to
the whole creation."



Addy: Psalm 96:3: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Avary: John 20:21: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Ginny (Reading): May we always respond with excitement like Isaiah:

Isaac: Isaiah 6:8: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Ginny (Reading): The word "noel" comes from Latin and means "birth" or "to be born." But it can also be used to refer to a Christmas carol. This African Christmas carol is based on a Liberian folk song, and the original words translate "don't cry, little girl, don't cry." Isn't it wonderful to know that we no longer have reason to cry?! God's gospel message is for everyone in the world. Our final song serves as a reminder to...

(3-8): Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Children's Recessional Song:

"African Praise Noel"—Africa

Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel.

Sing we all Noel!

Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel.



Epilogue: One Journey Leads to Another

Pastor: No matter how great a trip is, it's good to be home at the end. We have an even better homecoming to look forward to! Jesus promises us in His Word,

John 14:2-3: "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Congregation: But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

Benediction

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"—Victorian England

(Music and lyrics on next pages – p. 18-19)

Thoudidst leave Thy ____ throne and Thy king - ly crown, WherThou
 Thou cam - est, O Lord, as the liv - ing Word That ____
 Whenthе heav - ens shall ring and the an - gells sing At Thy

cam - est to earth for ____ me; But in Beth - le - hem's home was there
 should set Thy peo - ple ____ free; But with mock - ing ____ scorn and with
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,

found no ____ room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O
 crown of ____ thorn They ____ bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. O
 "Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee." My

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this evening.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:
12/24/25



Christmas Eve Worship & Children's Program – 6pm
Christmas Eve Ushers: Darren Mueller, Matt Weibye, Eric Williams
Christmas Eve Slideshow: Jordan Albrecht

Tomorrow – Christmas Day Worship Service – 10:30am

Christmas Day Ushers: Bryon Nelson, Sr., Brian Naumann,
Bryon Nelson, Jr.
Christmas Day Slideshow: Caleb Gerbitz

Church Cleaning: Team #9 (12/20-12/26); Team #10 (12/27-1/2)

This Sunday:
12/28/25

Choir – 8am
Worship – 9am
No Sunday School or Bible Class (Christmas Break)
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 10:15am

Thank You! – Thank you to the children of our congregation and school for bringing us the Christmas message in word and song this evening! We also want to express our thanks and appreciation for our musicians, directors, choir, and all of the parents and volunteers who helped with our Christmas program. Your willing service to the Lord and to our congregation is greatly appreciated!

ILC Professor Christmas Gifts – One way by which we praise God and express our thanks for the gift of His Son is through our gifts of love to others. With that in mind, we would like to gather a gift for the professors who serve our church body at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire. Monetary gifts may be placed in the box on the hall counter. Make checks out to “Messiah.” The deadline is **Sunday, Dec. 28th**.

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