

FULL BULLETIN

December 24, 2022

3:00 & 7:00 PM

Worship

In person & Face

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at 10:30 AM WLBK

on 1360 Radio

About the Cover:

In the mystery of the incarnation, God's power and might have come to us in the form of a vulnerable infant! His holy arm has worked unexpectedly and magnificently by taking on our human flesh in order to save us. For when Christ grew to adulthood, He bared His holy arm in the power of the cross—outstretched for all to see His merciful and unending love.



The LORD
has bared His holy arm

Isaiah 52:10

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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511 Russell Road
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December 24, 2022
3 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. in person &
Facebook Live Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Theme for Worship: This evening as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we'll take some time to consider how the events of Jesus birth have reverberated throughout time. We'll remember those who anticipated the birth of Jesus, then see how the event itself has shaped human history. We will drill down to our own lives here in DeKalb, Illinois at the end of 2022 and the importance of Jesus' love and family, the Church, for us. A special messenger will aid us in the our contemplations tonight.

♪ Pre-Service Music

Words of Welcome

Before the Marvel of This Night

Silent Night, Silent World

C-J Motisi (3PM)

Adult Choir (7PM)

♪ Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

--LSB #379

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain**

ref **O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

- 2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain**

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

C **On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.** (*Isaiah 9:2*)

P For the grace of God that brings salvation

C **Has appeared to all people.** (*Titus 2:11*)

P Jesus Christ is born!

C Alleluia! Amen!

P On this holy night, we come to adore You, O Christ.

C **With devotion in our hearts, with praise on our lips, with joy in our souls, we worship You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Praise be to You, Father, for sending Your Son.

C **Praise be to You, Jesus, for becoming one of us.**

P Praise be to You, Holy Spirit, for creating living faith within us.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

♪ Hymn: "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

--LSB #377 (vs. 1 & 4)

1 On Christmas night all Christians
sing To hear the news the angels
bring, On Christmas night all
Christians sing To hear the news the
angels bring, News of great joy, news
of great mirth, News of our merciful
King's birth.

4 All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night,
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men
Now and forevermore. Amen."

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

--LSB #366 (vs. 1 & 3)

- 1** It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
- 3** All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace;
Of Him the angels sing.

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The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In 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. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ “Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

C-J Motisi, soloist

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

♪ “Angels We Have Heard on High”

--LSB #368

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

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The Message: “A Visit from Harvey”

Rev. Marty Marks

The Offering/ Announcements

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex; **plates** will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel is excited that we now have the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)*

♪ “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Adult Choir (7PM)

Prayer of the Church

- P** Father, with joy and wonder we gather around the manger on this night along with the whole host of heaven and recall how great is Your love for us, sending Your Son into our world wrapped in our flesh as a tiny child to forgive our sins.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**
- P** Jesus, on this night we recall how great is Your love for us. You gave up heaven, its perfection and joy, to live on earth as one of us, and become one with us, to redeem from our lost condition.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.**
- P** Holy Spirit, on this night we recall how great is Your love for us, gathering us together through the waters of Baptism and nourishing our faith through the Word and by the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift given, received in faith, and kept unto life eternal.**
- P** Gracious Lord, we pray that we not shut the Lord Jesus out of our hearts, but be ever ready to welcome Him as He comes to us still today, with the same awe His has birth inspired over the centuries.
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Everlasting Lord, we pray that we see Jesus not only as the baby of Bethlehem, but also honor Him as the Christ of the cross and recognize the majesty of the King of kings and Lord of lords, both humbly adoring and proudly proclaiming Him as our King and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Renewing Lord, let the Good News of Christmas inspire a renewing of hope, faith, joy, wonder, and witness in our hearts, our homes, in this congregation, and in the Church throughout the world. Empower us Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Comforting Lord, we lift up all those who lack joy this Christmastime due to afflictions spiritually, mentally, and physically. We lift up those who request our prayers, and those we name in our hearts (*time for silent prayer*). Finally Grant that the hope and promise found in a Savior born for them will give peace in times of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through the Savior born for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift. Amen.**

♪ “Away in A Manger”

--LSB #365(Choir Sings vs. 2 at 7PM)

- 1 **Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
- 2 **The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**
- 3 **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 take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

Service of the Sacrament

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts,

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C And also with you.

C We lift them to the Lord.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

♪ “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!

--LSB #386 (vs. 1 & 3)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

♪ “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

1 Infant holy,
Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing,
Little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging,
Angels singing,
Bells are ringing,
Tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping,
Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory,
Heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing,
Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing,
Greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

--LSB #393

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Celebrating His Birth in Song While Receiving the Lord’s Supper

♪ “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

3 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

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--LSB #380 (vs. 1 & 3)

♪ “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

--LSB #361 (vs. 1,3 & 4) (3PM)

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
- 3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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♪ “Oh, How Joyfully”

Adult Choir (7PM)

♪ “What Child Is This”

--LSB #370

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

**3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

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Candle Lighting

(The Pastor will light a solitary candle from the Christ Candle and hand it to an usher, who in turn lights the candles of the first person in each row at the center aisle. The flame is passed along to each person in the row. Please tip only unlighted candles. In light of Covid considerations, please attempt to make this a “touchless process.” Parents should determine if it is appropriate for their child to hold a lighted candle. After all have received the flame, the service continues.)

♪ “Silent Night”

--LSB 363

*Solo: Vs 1: Christel Springmire (in German)
The congregation will sing all three verses
after the German rendition is complete*

- 1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**
- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

The Candles are Extinguished

The Benediction

Silent Prayers

♪ “Joy to The World”

--LSB #387

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow**
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace**
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – December 24, 2022

Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan

	3:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Musicians	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i>	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i>
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Acolyte	Heather Allen	Irene Pringnitz
Radio Narrator	---	Chris Ewald
Slides	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Ted Stone
Communion Assist.	Rob Tiggelaar & Keith Nelson	Brian Pringnitz & Tom Sawyer
Ushers	Jennifer Allen, Keith Nelson & Danika Nelson	Dan Lohmeier
Greeter	---	Tom Sawyer

THIS WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE BROADCAST AT 10:30 CHRISTMAS MORNING;
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Poinsettias Adorn our Altar today in celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Poinsettias have been donated by the following:

Norm & Marion Gilbert

Rita Goodwin

Diane Griffith

Carolyn McQuillan

Linda Sons

Hayes, Laura & Beckett Tiggelaar

Rob & Tammy Tiggelaar

In loving memory of:

“Our parents,” by Dennis & Jane Schroeder;

“Dave Wiehle,” by Genese Wiehle;

“My parents, Ray & Lorraine Oldham,” by Gail Cantrell;

“My husband, Bob,” by Ursula Sarver;

“Amy Walker & Jim Milliorn,” by Chris & Audrey Cook;

“Bub & Wilma Meyer, Jeff Scoughton (son) & Dick Meyer (brother)” by Jean Scoughton.

In Honor of:

“God’s many blessings,” by Russ & Shannon Coulombe

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, and our father, Richard Buehler,” by Cheryl, Jeremy, Matthew & Shawn.

“To the glory of God for His many blessings in 2022,” by the Tiggelaar family.

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