

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
STORY CITY, IOWA  
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**December 24, 2015, 4:30 P.M.**

Stephen Anenson, Senior Pastor

Kurt Jensen, Associate Pastor

Zachary Bauknecht, Youth & Education Ministry Coordinator

*(Please pick up a candle as you enter the church.)*

*(Please do not applaud following the musical selections.)*

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Bell**

**Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**Opening Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Special Music** "In the Bleak Midwinter" Angela Schwartz

**Scripture** Luke 2:1-7

**Special Music** "Amen" Jerry Severson, Laura Severson

**Reading** Brad Skaar

**Offering**

**Special Music** "Still, Still, Still" Brad Waline

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-14

**Hymn** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

**Reading** Gloria Oberender

**Special Music** "Little Drummer Boy"  
Jacob Mollman, Kael Ammerman

**Special Music** "Carol of the Bells" Flute Solo - Kaia Skaar



<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 2:15-20	
<b>Special Music</b>	"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"	Chad Kammin
<b>Special Music</b>	"What Child Is This?" Kristine, McKenna and Kaylin Fuhrman	
<b>Meditation</b>	Pastor Anenson	
<b>Special Music</b>	"O Holy Night"	Lars Skaar
<b>Hymn</b>	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	
<b>Special Music</b>	"Let In the Light"	Senior Choir

#### Lighting of the Candles

*NOTE: Lighted candles should not be tipped. The unlighted candle should be tipped when lighting it from a neighbor's candle. Please deposit candles in boxes in the narthex following the service.*

<b>Hymn</b>	"Peace, Peace, Silent Night" Senior Choir & Congregation	
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<b>Prayer</b>	(The candles are extinguished.)
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**



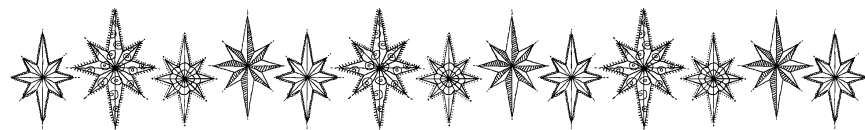
**Welcome** to our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service! May the Holy Spirit inspire us to share with others the love and the peace that Jesus brought to the world by His birth.

**We wish to thank** the Senior Choir and all the participants in this service for their contributions. Their songs are gifts to honor and give witness to the Christ who came to this earth in Bethlehem.

**Thank you** to Emily Anderson for ministering to us on the organ and the piano. Thanks also to Jim Oberender and Nicole Engelhardt for their help with the sound and microphones. Thank you to Gary & Judy Hested, Al Hermanson, Gloria Oberender, Jake Chodur and John Arthur for ushering tonight.

**We continue the celebration** of Christ's birth this coming Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Pastor Kurt will preach on the theme, "Simeon's List." We will also have a Christmas Carol sing as a part of the service.

**Members are invited** to bring leftover Christmas goodies for the coffee fellowship following the worship service this coming Sunday. If someone could put out the coffee and goodies that would be great.



**When we were small, Christmas was about presents.** Since then, we've learned it's about *presence* — God's presence with us in the form of Jesus our Immanuel!

**A little boy knelt beside his bed** to say his prayers on Christmas Eve. He finished his prayer, and rose to go to bed. Then suddenly he said to himself, "Oh, I forgot something." Kneeling again, he closed his eyes and prayed, "Dear Jesus, you have a Happy Birthday." Then with a smile he jumped into bed. He had remembered the most important thing.

