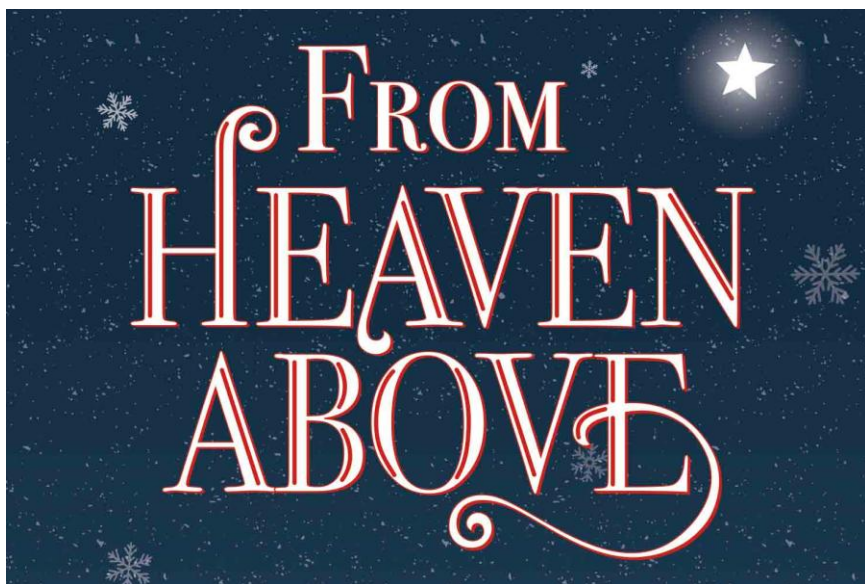


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# From Heaven Above

Reflecting the joy within his family, Martin Luther wrote this hymn for his children's Christmas Eve celebration either in 1534 or 1535. The pattern of a pre-Reformation singing game gave Luther's simple hymn structure. Stanzas 1–5 report what the angels said. Stanzas 6 and 15 give voice to the family's response, while stanzas 7–14 make application of the angel's good news. Originally, Luther used the tune of the singing game, especially since the hymn was sung in the family. When the hymn began to be used in church services, Luther provided as a new tune the one used here.

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## Assisting You in Worship

The LSB references are found in the hymnal (Lutheran Service Book) in each pew rack.



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# Evening Prayer

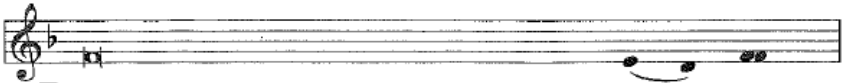
+ *In Nomine Jesu* +

Organ Prelude

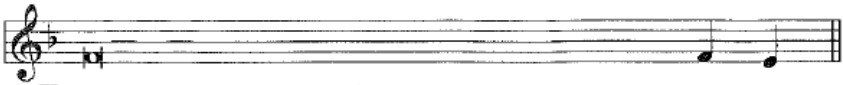
Ringling of the Bell

*Please stand and face the back of the church. The Christ candle is a reminder of Jesus, our Savior and the Light of the world, who promises to come and be present where two or three are gathered in His name (St. Matthew 18:20).*

Service of Light



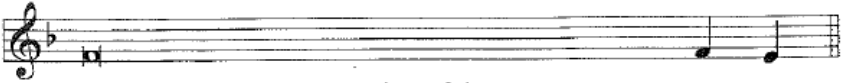
**L** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.



**C** The light shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness has not understood it.



**L** On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.



**C** We have seen His glory, the glory of the  
one and only Son who came from the Father.



**L** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.



**C** In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Phos Hilaron		LSB 244
Thanksgiving for Light		LSB 245
Psalmody	Psalm 141	LSB 245
Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High		<b>LSB 368</b>
Stanza 1	All	
Stanza 2	Congregation	
Stanza 3	Children	

## FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

St. Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: Away in a Manger		<b>LSB 364</b>
Stanza 1	Little Children	
Stanza 2	Children	
Stanza 3	All	

Recitation

    Children:       From heaven above  
    **Congregation: to earth in love!**

Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come		<b>LSB 358</b>
Stanza 1	Children	
Stanza 2	Congregation	

St. Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful		<b>LSB 379</b>
Stanza 1	Children	
Stanzas 2 & 3	Congregation	

Recitation

Children: From heaven above

**Congregation: to earth in love!**

Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come **LSB 358**

Stanza 5 Children

Stanza 6 Congregation

St. Luke 2:15-20

Youth Group Choir: Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Recitation

Children: From heaven above

**Congregation: to earth in love!**

Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come **LSB 358**

Stanza 13 Children

Stanza 14 Congregation

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Recitation

Children: From heaven above

**Congregation: to earth in love!**

Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come **LSB 358**

Stanza 15

All

Sermon

Offering

Candlelight Service

*The ushers will light the candles of those sitting along the center aisle, and they in turn will light the candle of the person sitting next to them. Never tip the lit candle, rather, tilt the unlit candle and place its wick in the flame to light your candle.*

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night **LSB 363**

Litany **LSB 249**

Prayers **LSB 251**

Lord's Prayer **LSB 251**

Benedicamus & Benediction **LSB 252**

*Candles may be extinguished*

Recessional Hymn **LSB 387**

Organ Postlude

## Participants in the Service

Mary: Mallory Hrabik

Joseph: Ezra Tang

Shepherds: Cullen Hohman, Oliver Hohman, Benjamin Hrabik

Angels: Mya DeLong, Clara Hofker, Hannah Hofker, Jade Surman

Wise Men: Oliver Hofker, Maverick Hrabik, Eli Surman

Speakers: Miles Kuebler, Baylie DeLong, Lucas Yelkin, Jaydin Down, Eli Surman, Oliver Hofker

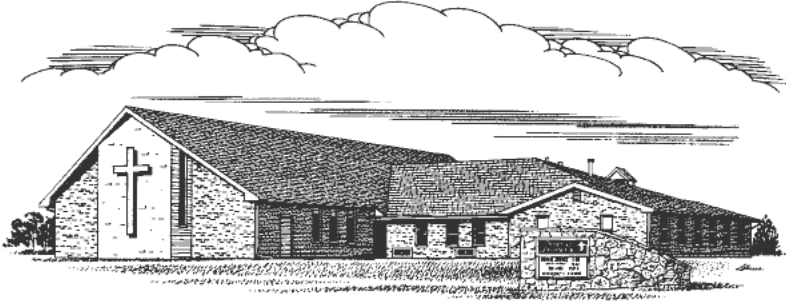
Directors: Bobbi Hohman, Leah Obenland, Elizabeth Hofker, Rachel Hrabik, A.J. Reimer

Youth Group Choir: Madison Kuebler, Brooklyn McDowell, Emilyann McDowell, Hailee McDowell, Laine McDowell, Charlie Reimer, Henry Reimer

Organist: Barbara Hohman

Acolyte: Lucas Yelkin

Pastor: Rev. Scott Porath



You are always welcome at Immanuel!

Christmas Day Service      December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Schedule

Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Youth (grades 9-12)	10:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Class	10:15 a.m.

Epiphany Divine Service      January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.