



Immanuel Lutheran Church

***Making known by Word and Action
The Healing Presence of God
And Christ Jesus
With us and with the world***



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When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins or call during the week.

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE – *We share a brief greeting of the Lord's peace.*

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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| 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth:
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. | <i>Refrain</i>
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King. |
| 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines His Infant Light. | <i>Refrain</i> |

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

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| 1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray. | <i>Refrain:</i>
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy. |
| 5 Now to the Lord sing praises
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all other doth deface. | <i>Refrain</i> |

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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| 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today! | 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this! |
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Please stand...

INVOCATION

P In the name of God the Father,

C who sent His only Son Jesus to us.

P In the name of God the Son,

C whose birth of the virgin Mary we celebrate this Christmastide.

P In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C who inspired the prophets concerning Jesus Christ.

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We confess our sins before God and each other, clinging to the certainty of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

C Lord God, the shepherds heard the message of the angels and went with haste to Bethlehem to worship Him. After they worshiped Him, they went out to witness to what they had seen. Unfortunately, there are times when our worship takes a back seat to other priorities that we have in life. Many times, our witness is woefully inadequate and at times misleading. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Fill us with Your Word and grace today and lead us as we live our lives as Your witnesses.

P When the goodness and living kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy. 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.

INTROIT

P When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

C Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.

P Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

C Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears,

P for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

C There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")*

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| 1 "Glory be to God on high!"
This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth,
Grace and favor for new Birth!
You we praise and glorify,
Worship You, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heav'nly King,
To Your name alone we sing:
"Praise the glory of Your name,
Now and evermore the same!" | 2 Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
Sole-begotten, holy One,
Born on earth from realms on high,
Born true man for us to die.
Lamb of God, You take away
This world's sin – grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit, You alone
Are most high, O God the Son,
And the Father, God above,
Praise we now Your glorious love. |
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

L The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday after Christmas is from Isaiah, chapter sixty-three.

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING**Galatians 4:4-7****L** The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter four.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE***by Mary Ellen Fricke**Please stand...***HOLY GOSPEL****Matthew 2:13-23****L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated...

HYMN *“Let All Together Praise Our God” vs. 1-4, 7*
Please stand for the final stanza

LSB 389

Please be seated...

SERMON

Please stand...

THE NICENE CREED

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the hospitalized: Walter Harbison

We pray for strength and healing for: Makenna Eversole, Donna Streuer, Mike Heidle, John and Ruth Roderick, Bev Page, Jensen Shutes, Dawn Campbell, Linda Pasquale, Rosalie Finet, Kyla Culotti, Rosemary Burmeister, Leslie Van Camp Stone, Del Krueger, Margie Souza, Dan Rull, Darlene Collins, Paul Teegarden, Dan Burmeister, Richard Wahlfeldt, Heather Christensen, Martha Elliott, Angie Lucas, Charlotte Schendel, Walter Harbison, Harvey Heerssen, Justin Fleming, Kevin Mixter, Jim Souza, Gregg Sacotnik, Joyce Owens, Joan Fleming, Linda Grinestaff, Jason Toms, Gabby Reynolds, Rodger Burgin, Toby Ceader, Sarah Koester, Tom Reese, Dottie Kliner, Mary Seifrig, Bruce Garrison, Carol Schafer, Tamara Fisher, Marilina Hutchison, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Jason Dawson, Keri Blankenbeckler, Judy Berg, Mike & Linda Borgward, Eric Wittmann, Kathy Howey, and Frank Hutnicke.

Please be seated...

OFFERING

Please stand...

OFFERTORY “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” vs. 8, 13 **LSB 358**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(Tune: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”)*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy Lord!**
God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav’n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due
Be forever, Lord, to You!

THE 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.” 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.”

AGNUS DEI *(Tune: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”)*

- 1 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!

Please be seated...

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“What Child Is This” **LSB 370**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” **LSB 359**

Please stand...

THE THANKSGIVING *(Tune: "From Heaven Above")*

- 1 Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of His word.**
- 2 As His own servants we depart
With His salvation in our heart.
His saving power He has made known;
His love through all the earth is shown.**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may continually be regenerated and renewed according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you in this holy season.

C and brighten our hearts with the light of His holiness.

P The Lord fill you with joy,

C and make us heralds of the Gospel.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

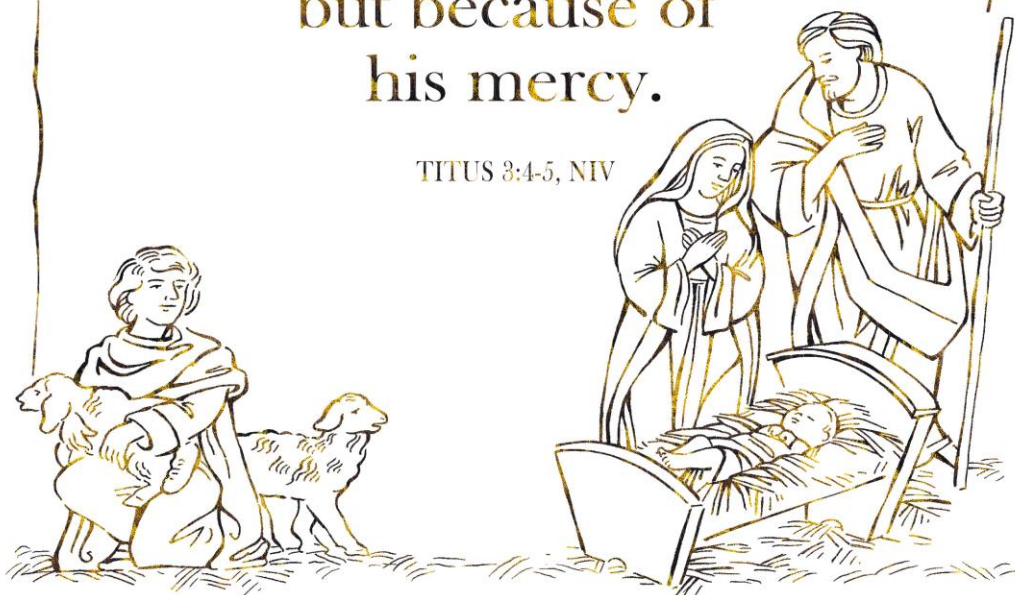
"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

LSB 388

POSTLUDE

But when the kindness
and love of
GOD
our
SAVIOR
appeared, he saved us,
not because of righteous
things we had done,
but because of
his mercy.

TITUS 3:4-5, NIV



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