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Christmas Eve



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus

6:30 p.m. Friday Evening, December 24, 2021

Warm welcome to each of you on this Christmas Eve. This night we join the angels in celebrating the Word made flesh! If you are visiting with us, we are very pleased to welcome you and invite you to worship with us again, including tomorrow's Christmas Morning liturgy at 11 a.m.

We are singing the hymns and liturgy these days — grateful as we always are for the leadership of our Immanuel Choir. Because singing is a forceful way of breathing, the Task Force invites people who have not been vaccinated to sit in the balcony. It is an option that would help protect you.

Because of Omicron and the upsurge of COVID cases in our land, we ask that everyone wear a mask nowadays, even if you are vaccinated. We worry about the elderly and people with weakened immune systems.

Pastor Carol and I and our whole congregation extend warm greetings to you this Christmas Season. If you are new in town or do not yet have a church home, please consider joining our congregation. We have included a contact information insert in this worship folder, and we hope we can meet with you at your convenience. Send Pastor Carol an email sometime: ceafryer@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

Christmas Music

Sung by the Immanuel Choir

HYMN LBW 58

Lo, How a Rose Is Growing

ES IST EIN ROSE

1 Lo, how a rose is growing,
a bloom of finest grace;
the prophets had foretold it:
a branch of Jesse's race
would bear one perfect flow'r
here in the cold of winter
and darkest midnight hour.

2 The rose of which I'm singing,
Isaiah had foretold.
He came to us through Mary,
who sheltered him from cold.
Through God's eternal will
this child to us was given
at midnight calm and still.

- 3 The shepherds heard the story
the angels sang that night:
how Christ was born of Mary;
he was the Son of light.
To Bethlehem they ran
to find him in the manger
as angel heralds sang.
- 4 This flow'r, so small and tender,
with fragrance fills the air;
his brightness ends the darkness
that kept the earth in fear.

True God and yet true man,
he came to save his people
from earth's dark night of sin.

- 5 O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt all human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
who triumphed o'er our foe:
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven
and into endless day.

Text: German, 15th cent.; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
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ANTHEM

Ecce Concipiet

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Ecce virgo concipiet et pariet filium
et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.
Alleluia.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel, God with us.
Alleluia.

Christmas Concerto by Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
Rosa Lazon, flute; Theresa Salomon, violin

ANTHEM

Videntes Stellam

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Videntes stellam Magi,
gavisi sunt gaudio magno:
et intrantes domum,
obtulerunt Domino aurum,
thus et myrrham.

Seeing the star, the Magi
rejoiced with great joy,
and entering the house
they offered to the Lord gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.

ANTHEM

Maria Wiegenlied
Motomi Tanaka, soprano

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Maria sitzt am Rosenhag
Und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,
Durch die Blätter leise
Weht der warme Sommerwind.

Mary sits by the rose bush
and rocks her Jesus Child,
Gently through the leaves
blows the warm summer breeze.

Zu ihren Füßen singt
Ein buntes Vögelein:
Schlaf', Kindlein, süsse
schlaf' nun ein!

At her feet sings
a brightly colored bird:
Sleep, little child, sweet one,
now sleep!

Hold ist dein Lächeln,
Holder deines Schlummers Lust,
Leg deine müdes Köpfchen
Fest an deiner Mutter Brust!
Schlaf', Kindlein, süsse
Schlaf' nun ein!

Lovely is your smile,
lovelier still your slumber's delight.
Lay your weary little head
on your Mother's breast!
Sleep, little child, sweet one,
now sleep!

ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino
Michael Celentano, tenor; Peter Becker, bass-baritone

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows
Upon a winter night
Was born the Child the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced
And at His blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its king of Love and Light
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name,
The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth He came
That we with Him might dwell
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

BELLS

The people stand when the ministers enter from the sacristy.

Announcement of Our Lord's Birth

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

C Amen.

P I bring you good news of great joy: A Saviour has been born to us. Alleluia!

C **Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!**

P Hear the words of St. Luke:

When the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

P He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

C **We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

Candlelight Entrance Procession

The ministers work their way down the center aisle, lighting people's candles. In passing the light, please do not tip lighted candles.

HYMN LBW 45

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful
(See next page)

ADESTE FIDELES

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,

oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELIS, attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786

BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

P Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

C **Now he is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.** (*Baby Jesus is placed in the manger*)

P From eternity to eternity you are God,

C **And now we see you as a new-born child.**

P Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crèche, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

P Bless this Christmas crèche in which the wonders of that sacred birth are represented, that all those who behold it shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy Incarnation and may be filled with your heavenly blessing unto life eternal, through the same Christ our Lord who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Child of Bethlehem, for love of all made man: create in us love so pure and perfect that whatever our heart loves may be according to your will, in your name, and for your sake.

C **Amen.**

P Good Jesus, who emptied yourself of your eternal glory and became a little child for love of us: empty us wholly of ourselves, and make us little children, that we may love you wholly, as you love us infinitely.

C **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candle.

Liturgy of the Word

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE LBW 71

Angels We Have Heard on High
(See next page)

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - - -

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST LESSONIsaiah 9:2-7, RSV

Bible scholars say that this poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child. But the Church believes that it is a hope that goes beyond deliverance from Assyria. It is hope for the whole world: ...and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

²The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

³Thou hast multiplied the nation,

thou hast increased its joy;

they rejoice before thee

as with joy at the harvest,

as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian.

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 will be upon his shoulder,

and his name will 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,
upon 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 for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

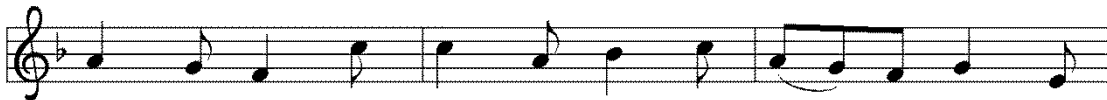
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SUSSEX CAROL

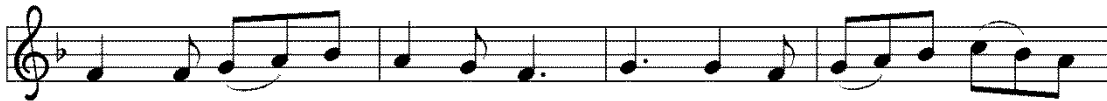
On Christmas Night



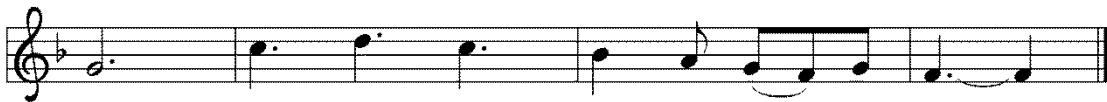
1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
sing, all for to see the new-born king,
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.
Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

SECOND LESSON.....Titus 2:11-14, NRSV

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation

of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Alleluia hymn and the reading of the Holy Gospel.

HYMN LBW 50

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN LBW 42

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Please sit after Pastor Fryer's opening invocation.

SERMON

NICENE CREED (*In olden days, it was customary for people to bow at the confession of the Holy Incarnation: "...and was made man."* This seems especially suitable for the great Christmas liturgies. If you would like to do so, the place is marked with italics in this text:)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became *incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

GREETING OF PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "The Peace of the Lord be with you."

Sit

THE OFFERING *You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:*



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The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

Offertory Anthem *Hodie Christus natus est* Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)
The Immanuel Choir

Hodie Christus natus est:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.

Today Christ is born:
Today the Savior appeared:
Today on Earth the Angels sing,
Archangels rejoice:
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 39

Joy to the World
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ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you. **P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord. **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Christmas

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer II

P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☑ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours,
al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

The Lord's Prayer

☑ **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 FRACTION. *The host is broken.*

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

✦ If you are home during this pandemic, worshipping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Anthem

Sylvian Joululaulu

Karl Collan (1828-1871)

Juli Borst, mezzo-soprano; Theresa Salomon, violin

Ja niin joulu joutui jo taas Pohjolaan
joulu joutui jo rintoihinkin.
Ja kuuset ne kirkkaasti luo loistoaan
jo pirtteihin pienoisihin.
Mut ylhäällä orressa vielä on vain
se häkki mi sulkee mun sirkuttajain,
ja vaiennut vaikerrus on vankilan;
oi, murheita muistaa ken vois laulajan!

Sä tähdistä kirkkain, nyt loisteesi luo
sinne Suomeeni kaukaisehen!
Ja sitten kun sammuu sun tuikkeesi tuo,
sä siunaa se maa muistojen!
Sen vertaista toista en mistään ma saa,
on armain ja kallein mull' ain' Suomenmaa!
Ja kiitosta sen laulu soi Sylvian
ja soi aina lauluista sointuisimman.

And now it is Christmas in my beloved north,
Is it Christmas as well, in the heart?
Bright Christmas candles spread their light forth,
To each little cabin and hearth.
But up in the rafters there hangs high above,
The cage that imprisons my soul's turtledove;
And quiet are now all the prisoners' groans,
But oh, who pays heed to a prisoner's moans?

Oh shine you, the brightest of stars in the sky,
On my Finland so far, far from here;
When finally your light in the darkness doth die,
Oh, bless you that land, oh so dear!
I never will find one of equal worth,
My dearest will always be my land of birth;
My country to praise, I sing Sylvia's song;
It e'er will remain as a song pure and strong.

HYMN ELW 273

All My Heart Again Rejoices
(See next page)

WARUM SOLLT ICH

All My Heart Again Rejoices

1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear, far and
 2 Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to
 3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and
 4 You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in

near, sweet-est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are
 us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that
 small, kneel in awe and won - der; love him who with love is
 death, I will nev - er per - ish: by your side in light e -

sing - ing, till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
 grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."
 yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.
 ter - nal I shall be end - less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: WARUM SOLLT ICH, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676

When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the post-communion blessing:

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☑ Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Let us pray. God our Father, we ask you to give us a new birth as we celebrate the beginning of your Son's life on earth. Strengthen us in spirit through this holy sacrament and let us share his life completely by living as he has taught; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

☐ **Amen.**

The people's candles are lighted. In passing the light, do not tip the lighted candles. The candles remain lighted through the Blessing.

HYMN LBW 65

Silent Night
(See next page)

STILLE NACHT

After the first verse in German sung by the choir, the congregation is invited to sing the complete hymn in English. You may lift your candle aloft for verse three.

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

Dismissal

SOLEMN BLESSING

☞ Our Lord Jesus Christ, who of old on this day appeared in the humility of a manger to the shepherds, give you peace.

He himself, who for us mercifully took upon himself our human infancy, protect and defend you.

Almighty God, Father † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LBW 60

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(See next page)

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

DISMISSAL

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in F - Resonet in Laudibus

Luneburger Tablature by Anonymous 17th century)

Parish Announcements

- ✦ About today's PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS: Unto us a Son is given! The white paraments and vestments symbolize gladness, purity, light and joy to all the world!
- ✦ The ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BANNER. Two trumpets are shown – one descending to announce the coming Christ and one ascending in praise for grace and thanksgiving for the coming Kingdom.
- ✦ THE CHRISTMAS STAINED GLASS WINDOW on the first page of this worship folder is from the Chapel at Wartburg, Mount Vernon.
- ✦ SUNDAY SCHOOL is on Christmas break. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th, 2022. Our THREE KINGS' PARTY will be held during Coffee Hour that day.
- ✦ CHRISTMAS MITTEN TREE. The Sunday School has a mitten tree once again this year. Kindly place your mittens directly on the tree either before or after this morning's liturgy. The mittens will be given to the Fraternité Notre Dame who will distribute them to needy children after Epiphany.
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Service Notes

Music Director and Organist..... Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
The Immanuel Choir:

Soprano Carol Fryer, Motomi Tanaka, Nancy Tepper

Alto/Soprano.....Ann Berkhausen, Juli Borst, Rosa Lazon

Alto Amy Bruce, Virginia Kaycoff, Nicole Karrs, Paul Lee

Tenor Michael Celentano, Ezra Halleck

Bass Peter Becker, Kelly-Ray Meritt

FluteRosa Lazon

ViolinTheresa Salomon

Assisting Minister and Preacher.....Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Presiding Minister Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Ken Richardson (husband of former choir member Lisa Richardson), Tony Cull, (friend of Donald Kerr), Minerva Rodriguez, (cousin of Ester Neubacher), Cynthia Uzzo, Charles Schramm (retired Music Director of this congregation).

Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer and the Staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church wish each and every one of you a Blessed Christmas and God's continuing strength, grace, and peace in the new year! We extend our warm thanks for your many Christmas cards, good wishes and kindnesses to us.

Online Giving to Immanuel

A Note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

Nowadays we have the option of giving online. Here is our QR code:

I find that if I simply point the camera on my iPhone to this code, a link comes up leading directly to our Immanuel online giving form. It is pretty easy.



Looking Ahead

Christmas Morning

11 a.m., tomorrow, December 25, 2021

The traditional Gospel Lesson is John 1, with its magnificent doctrine of the holy incarnation of our God. Pastor Carol preaches for us.

First Sunday of Christmas

11 a.m., December 26, 2021

Seminarian Lara Bhasin preaches for us.

Name of Jesus

11 a.m., Saturday, January 1, 2022

What a good way to start the New Year: bringing to mind the blessed Name given to us in Baptism -- Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. That good Name is given us both for our comfort and our encouragement in holiness of life. Pastor Carol preaches for us.

The Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord

11 a.m. Sunday, January 9, 2022



This year we combine these two major festivals into one: the visit of the wise men to infant Jesus and his baptism thirty years later. Pastor Gregory preaches for us.

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- ✦ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- ✦ Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- ✦ Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- ✦ A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- ✦ Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service,

either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.

- ✦ Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").

- ✦ If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

- ✦ This congregation is a member of the NALC – the "North American Lutheran Church." The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel W. Selbo.

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HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sundays at 10 a.m. in the undercroft
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room
PARISH SECRETARY	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
SEXTON.....	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER.....	Charles Derderian
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
PASTOR.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
SENIOR PASTOR.....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

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We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at

ceafryer@gmail.com.

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gp Fryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gp Fryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact either Pastor Fryer.
- ✦ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

