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Christmas Morning



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus

11 a.m. Saturday Morning, December 25, 2021

Warm welcome, everyone, to all who are worshipping in Immanuel Lutheran Church this Christmas Morning as we celebrate the Word made flesh.

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.

We are delighted that you are here on Christmas Morning. If you do not already have a church home, please think of us, for we would rejoice to have you join this congregation. Just speak with me or send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com). God bless you and Merry Christmas!

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE *Von Himmel Hoch* from *Christmas Concerto*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE 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.

☐ He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

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

HYMN LBW 45

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

- 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

- O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!
- 2 The 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*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE, LBW 71 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

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*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10, RSV

A messenger races home to Jerusalem with the marvelous words: "Your God reigns!" Everyone will witness the salvation of God.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice,
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN ELW 292

Love Has Come

UN FLAMBEAU

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

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SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4, RSV

This letter opens with a lofty declaration of Jesus' preeminent status as the Son through whom God created the world and through whom our sins are cleansed. God speaks to us now through the Son, who is exalted even above the angels.

¹In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs.

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 43 *Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn* WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

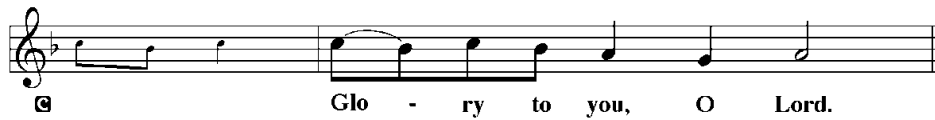
Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn,
A Savior unto us is born,
the Christ, the Lord of glory!
His lowly birth at Bethlehem
the angels from on high proclaim
and sing redemption's story!
My soul, extol God's great favor;
bless him ever for salvation;
give him praise and adoration!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742-1824; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937

HOLY GOSPELJohn 1:1-14, RSV

Before the Gospel:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the First Chapter.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God; ³all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

⁹The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. ¹¹He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 41

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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.

- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!
- 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;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

Please sit after the minister'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.

Lully, lullay, O little tiny child,
Born on this Christmas day.
In Mary's arms, so meek and mild,
By, by, lully, lullay.

Gently she rocks this tiny child,
His cradle a bed of hay.
While Mary sings so soft and sweet,
By, by, lully, lullay.

Angels are singing so clear and bright,
Come see the tiny babe.
Behold, a king is born tonight,
By, by, lully, lullay.

Offertory Hymn WOV 644 *Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his 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 you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

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.

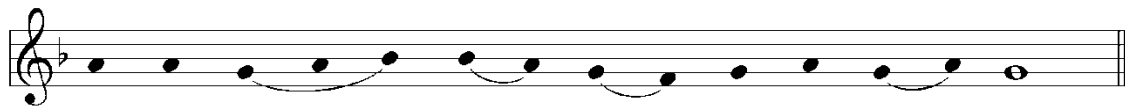
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al - so with you.



Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. Ⓑ We lift them to the Lord.



Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

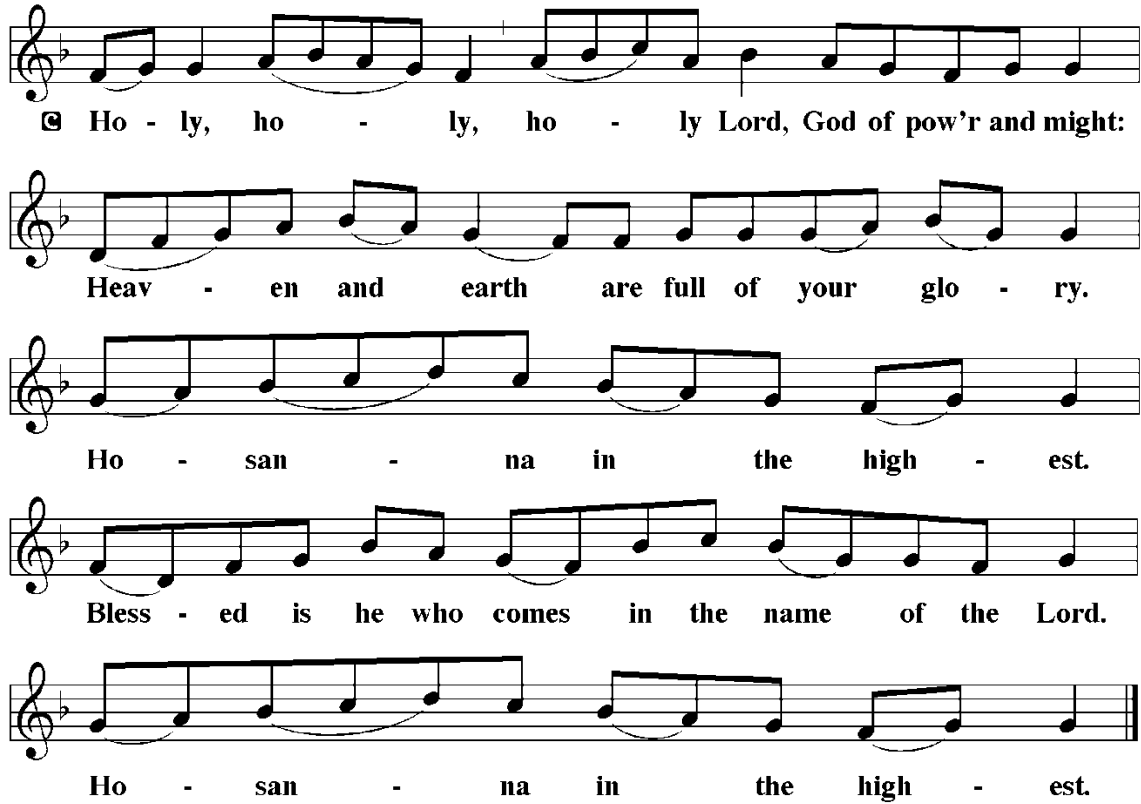


Ⓑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Christmas

Ⓐ 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

☐ 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.

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

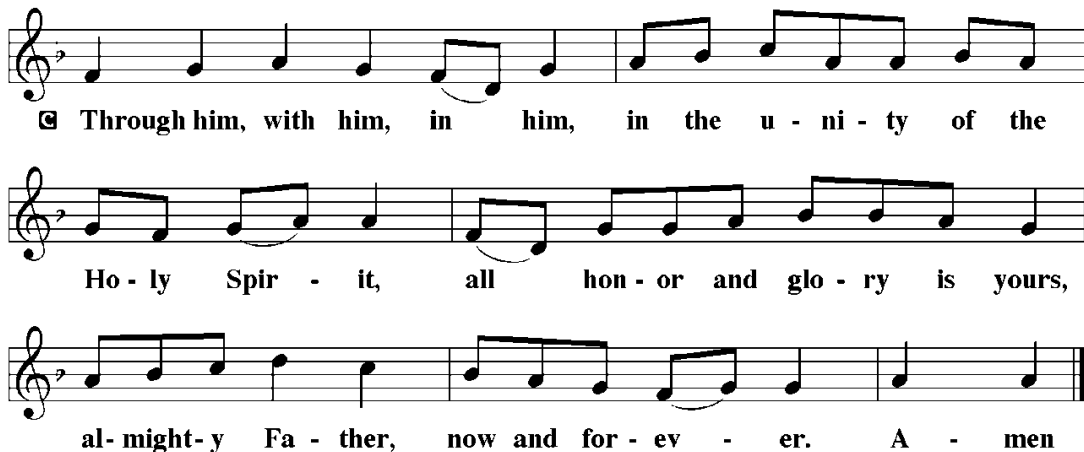
☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension 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 - migh - 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.

ANTHEM

Maria Wiegenlied Max Reger (1873-1916)
Motomi Tanaka, soprano

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!

HYMN LBW 40

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

- 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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

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

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen.

Dismissal

SOLEMN BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
 Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
 shining in the east beyond them far;
 and to the earth it gave great light,
 and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*
- 3 And by the light of that same star
 three wise men came from country far;
 to seek for a king was their intent,
 and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*
- 4 This star drew near to the northwest,
 o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
 and there it did both stop and stay
 right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
 full rev'rently upon their knee,
 and offered there in his presence
 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

Text: English traditional

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE *Noel sur les grands jeux* Louis-Claude Daquin (1694 - 1772)

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.
- ✦ 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
Immanuel Singers.....Motomi Tanaka, soprano
Michael Celentano, tenor
Peter Becker, bass
Assisting Minister and Preacher Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Presiding MinisterRev. Gregory P. 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

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

Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:

CHOIR.....Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128
 MEALS ON HEELS..... Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

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: gpfryer@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: gpfryer@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:

