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The Second Sunday of Christmas

11 a.m., Sunday, January 2, 2022

Warm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is the Second Sunday of Christmas. We do not always reach this Second Sunday, but when we do, the Gospel Lesson is always from John 1. This morning, I mean to preach on that glorious Gospel.

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. Also, we worry about the elderly and people with weakened immune systems — we worry about them for Coffee Hour in the undercroft. It is the same as in restaurants: people take off their masks to eat. So, we are seeking to comply with NYC vaccination mandates: Please do not eat in the undercroft unless you are vaccinated.

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 Season!

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE *Pastorale in F: Alla Siciliana* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE BELLS

Please stand for the start of the liturgy when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the

entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the
✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☛ Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN WOV 643

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

- 1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

- 2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

- 3 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

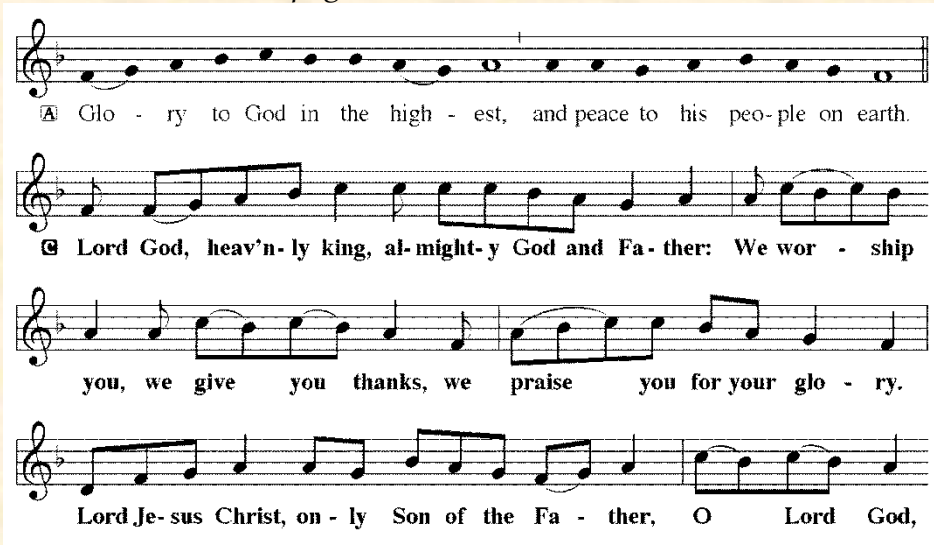
- 4 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

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 (*Next page*)



☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

☑ Lord God, heav'n-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther: We wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,

Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone
are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-14, RSV

The LORD promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over the LORD's gifts of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; the LORD will give gladness instead of sorrow.

⁷For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘The LORD has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the woman with child and her who is in travail, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I am a father to Israel,
and E'phraim is my first-born.

¹⁰“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands afar off;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.
¹³Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
says the LORD.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21, LBW



- Cantor ¹³Worship the LORD, / O Jerusalem; *
 praise your / God, O Zion;
- All ¹⁴**for he has strengthened the bars / of your gates; *
 he has blessed your chil- / dren within you.**
- Cantor ¹⁵He has established peace / on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the / finest wheat.
- All ¹⁶**He sends out his command / to the earth, *
 and his word runs / very swiftly.**
- Cantor ¹⁷He gives / snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoar- / frost like ashes.
- All ¹⁸**He scatters his / hail like bread crumbs. *
 Who can stand a- / gainst his cold?**
- Choir ¹⁹He sends forth his / word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the / waters flow.
- All ²⁰**He declares his / word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judg- / ments to Israel.**
²¹**He has not done so to any / other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. / Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14, NRSV

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made know as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPELJohn 1:1-18, RSV

Before the Gospel:

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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.

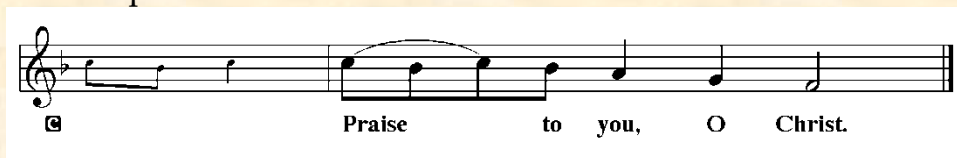
⁹The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. ¹¹He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name,

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. ¹⁵(John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

After the Gospel:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 51

From Heaven Above, verses 1-4

VON HIMMEL HOCH

- 1 From heav'n above to earth I come
to bring good news to ev'ryone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to all the world, and gladly sing:
- 2 To you this night is born a child
of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
this newborn child of lowly birth
shall be the joy of all the earth.

3 This is the Christ, God's Son most high,
who hears your sad and bitter cry;
he will himself your Savior be
and from all sin will set you free.

4 The blessing which the Father planned
the Son holds in his infant hand,
that in his kingdom, bright and fair,
you may with us his glory share.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
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Sit

SERMON

Silence for reflection, and then stand for the Creed.

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 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

THE PEACE

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

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace 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 *Schlafe, mein Liebster* from *Christmas Oratorio*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Juli Borst, mezzo-soprano

Schlafe, mein Liebster, genieße der Ruh,
Wache nach diesem vor aller Gedeihen!
Labe die Brust,
Empfinde die Lust,
Wo wir unser Herz erfreuen!

*Sleep, my dearest, enjoy your rest.
wake after this so that all may thrive!
Be comforted,
feel the pleasure
with which our hearts are joyful!*

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



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

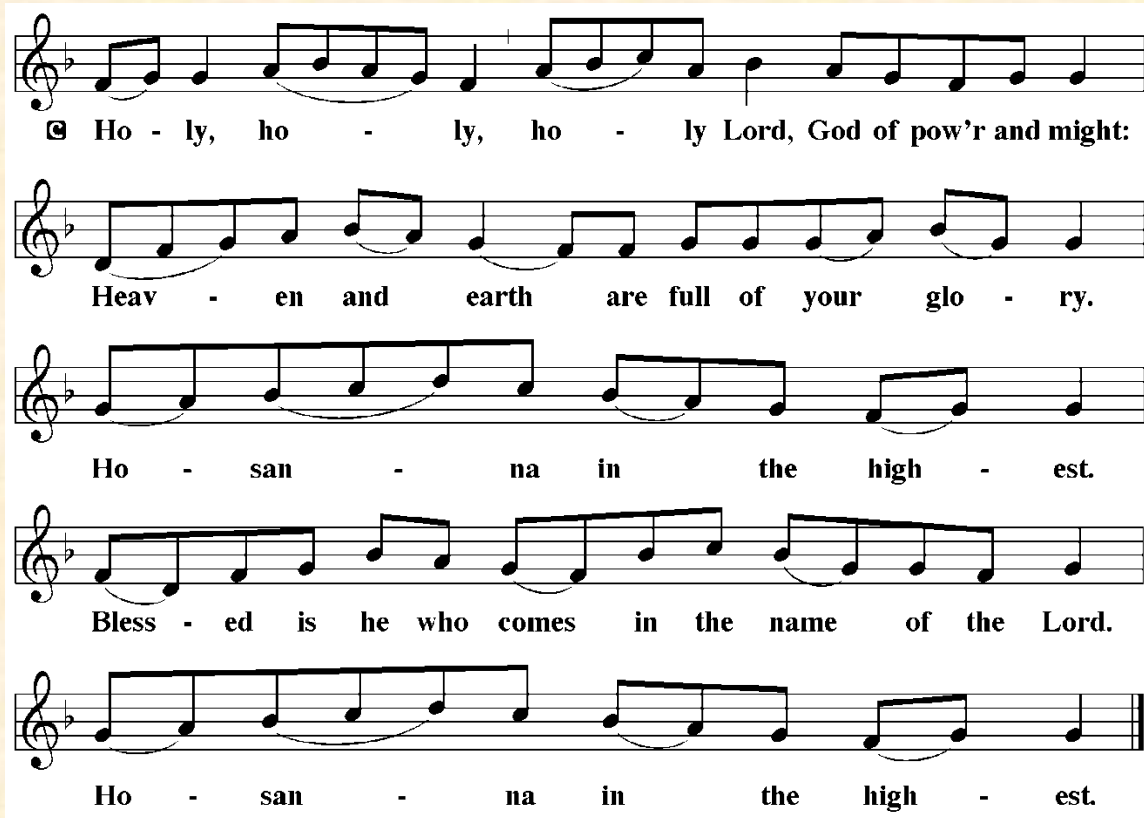


G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

☐ 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 - 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

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of six staves of music in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves form a complete phrase: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated on the next two staves. The final two staves conclude with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men'. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

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 meditation *Pastorale in F: Aria*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Communion Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter
(next page)

CRANHAM

In the bleak midwinter

Christina Rossetti

Gustav Holst

In the bleak mid-win - ter, Fros - ty wind made moan,
Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, Nor earth sus - tain;
An - gels and arch - an - gels May have ga - thered there,
What can I give him, Poor as I am?

Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;
Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way When he comes to reign;
Che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim Thronged the air;
If I were a she - pherd I would bring a lamb,

Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble place suff - iced The
But his mo - ther on - ly, In her mai - den bliss,
If I were a wise man I would do my part, Yet

In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
Lord God Al - migh - ty, Je - - sus Christ.
Wor - shipped the Be - lov - ed With a kiss.
what I can I give Him Give my heart.

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.

Dismissal

BLESSING

HYMN LBW 73 *All Hail to You, O Blessed Morn!*

WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

- 1 All hail to you, O blessed morn!
To tidings long by prophets borne
fulfillment you have given.
Oh, greatest and most blessed day
when unto earth in glorious ray
shone out the grace of heaven!
Young and old their voices blending,
praises sending unto heaven
for this noblest of earth's children!

- 2 True God, the Father's Son, is he;
yet truly one of us, that we
might find in him a brother.
He comes with peace and love to live
on earth, our erring race to give
such help as could no other,
seeking, caring for the loveless
and the hopeless, all the lost ones
thirsting for unfailing fountains.
- 3 He will, like us, shed bitter tears,
will know our needs, yet still our fears
and send his Spirit's power.
He will reveal his Father's will,
our cup of woe with mercy fill
to sweeten sorrow's hour.
Struggling, suff'ring, he, by dying,
dearly buying our salvation,
opens wide the gates of heaven!
- 4 For our redemption still he comes.
In him shines, like a thousand suns,
God's mercy, clouded never!
Now all who will on him believe,
who follow him, he will receive
and as his flock will gather.
He will guide us, walk beside us,
and uphold us, till in heaven
we shall be like him forever!

Text: Johan Olof Wallin, 1779-1839; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978© 1978
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Pastorale in F: Allemande* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.
- ✦ VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Our regular winter Voters' Assembly is set for Sunday, January 23. If you would like to become an official member of the Voters' Assembly, please mention your desire to Pastors Carol or Gregory Fryer, who will present your name to the Assembly. Our Constitution gives this rule: "The Voters' Assembly shall consist only of such members who have reached the age of eighteen, who are diligent in worship, regularly partake of the Lord's Supper and live a life in conformity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

- ✦ 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
 Cantor Juli Borst, mezzo-soprano
 Greeters/Ushers.....Toshitake “Jazo” Ichikawa, Luz Ortiz
 Lector Domingo Quilems
 Preacher and Assisting Minister..... 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).

Looking Ahead

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

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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: 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:

