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or later for a recording.

# The First Sunday of Christmas and The Name of Jesus

11 a.m., Sunday, January 1, 2023

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. When it comes to today's Bible Lessons, we have an embarrassment of riches. The liturgy guide suggests that this particular Sunday is *either* The Name of Jesus *or* The First Sunday of Christmas. But I cannot bring myself to neglect either festival, and so I am including both.

We are honored and delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send me an email ([gp Fryer@gmail.com](mailto:gp Fryer@gmail.com)).

God bless you this Christmas season and always!

In Christ,  
Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

## *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three*

PRELUDE

Improvisation

THE BELLS

*Please stand 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.

**C** Amen.

# The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 55

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866  
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

## 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

*Gloria*

**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
**B** 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, First Sunday of Christmas

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human

child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY, Name of Jesus

☞ Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON, Christmas 1 .....Isaiah 63:7-9, NRSV

*The LORD does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. His own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating the LORD's gracious deeds. The LORD trusts that his people will not act falsely.*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,  
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,  
because of all that the LORD has done for us,  
and the great favor to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely";  
and he became their savior  
<sup>9</sup>in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8, LBW, *spoken responsively, beginning with Lector*

Lector   <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
          how exalted is your name in all the world!

All       <sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of infants and children  
          your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

Lector   <sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
          to quell the enemy and the avenger.

All       <sup>4</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
          the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

Lector   <sup>5</sup>what is man that you should be mindful of him,  
          the son of man that you should seek him out?

All       <sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
          you adorn him with glory and honor;**

Lector   <sup>7</sup>you give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
          you put all things under his feet:

All       <sup>8</sup>**all sheep and oxen,  
          even the wild beasts of the field,**

Lector   <sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
          and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

All       <sup>10</sup>**O LORD our Lord,  
          how exalted is your name in all the world!**

SECOND LESSON, Name of Jesus.....Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV  
*St. Paul calls upon the Philippians to have the mind of Christ and therefore to be people of humility. The self-emptying obedience of Christ Jesus makes him worthy of praise by all of humanity.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
        did not regard equality with God  
        as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
        taking the form of a slave,  
        being born in human likeness.

    And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
        and became obedient to the point of death—  
        even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**C** 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 GOSPEL .....Matthew 2:13-23, RSV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Second Chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in

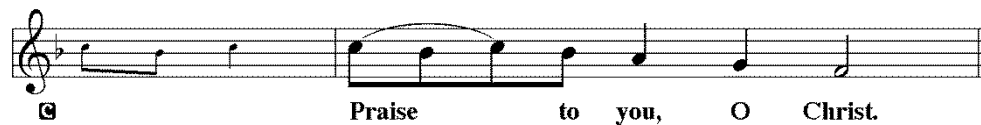
Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.”

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, <sup>20</sup>“Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

*After the Gospel:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN LBW 40

*What Child is This*  
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GREENSLEEVES



## What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898  
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

*Please sit after the minister's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.*

SERMON

*Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.*

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 QR code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:*

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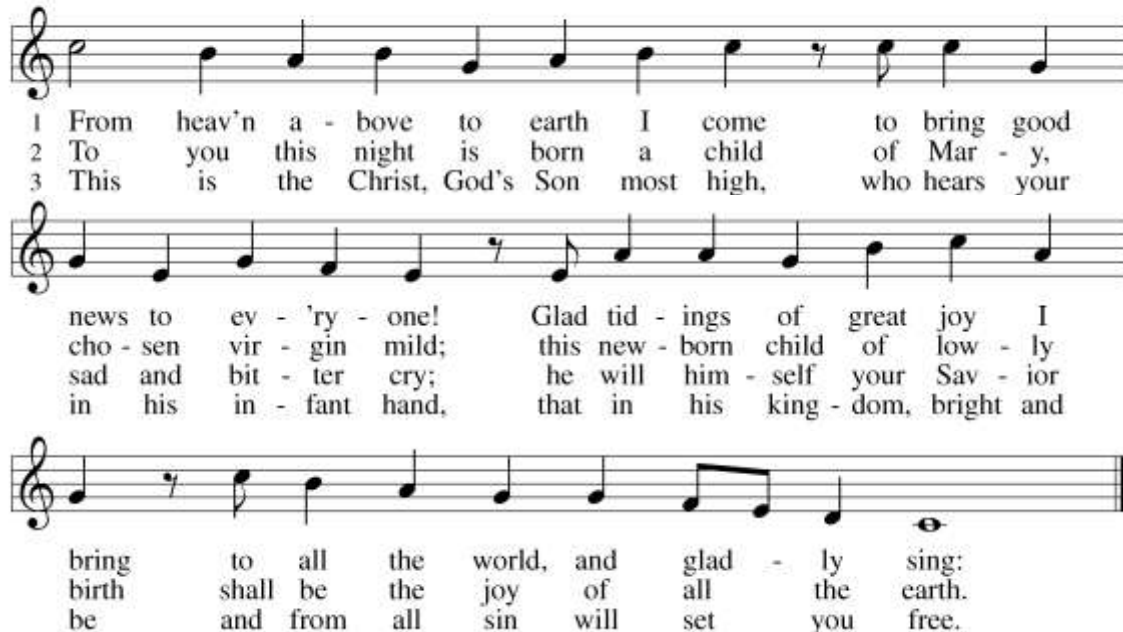
*The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar.  
The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.*

HYMN LBW 51, sts. 1-3, 12-14

*From Heaven Above*  
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VOM HIMMEL HOCH

## From Heaven Above



1 From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bring good  
2 To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,  
3 This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your  
news to ev - 'ry - one! Glad tid - ings of great joy I  
cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly  
sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your Sav - ior  
in his in - fant hand, that in his king - dom, bright and  
bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:  
birth shall be the joy of all the earth.  
be and from all sin will set you free.

- 12 O dearest Jesus, holy child,  
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,  
a holy shrine, within my heart,  
that you and I need never part.
- 13 My heart for very joy now leaps;  
my voice no longer silence keeps;  
I too must join the angel-throng  
to sing with joy his cradle-song:
- 14 "Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
who unto us his Son has giv'n."  
With angels sing in pious mirth:  
a glad new year to all the earth!

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

Music: VOM HIMMEL HOCH, V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539

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*Please stand as the Eucharistic bread and wine and the offerings are brought forward.*

## 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.

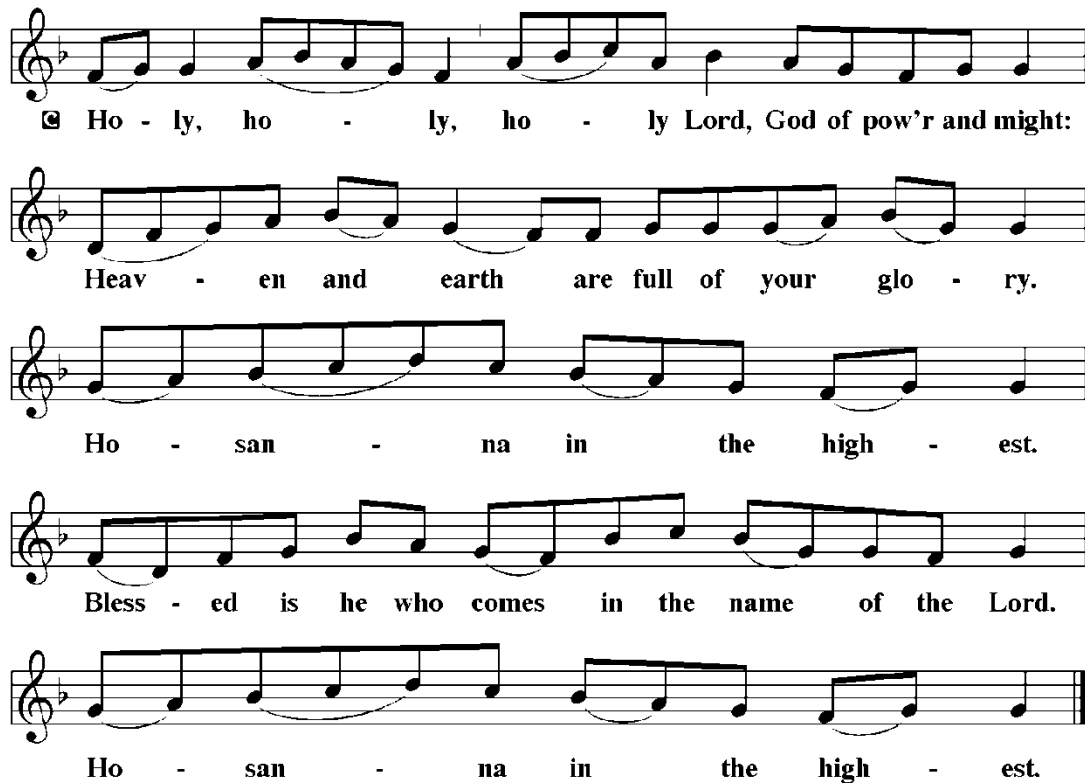
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving is presented in four staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with a square symbol (◻) indicating the start of a new phrase. The lyrics are: **◻** 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

**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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.

HYMN LBW 328

*All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name!*  
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CORONATION

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 the wormwood and the gall,  
 go spread your trophies at his feet  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7  
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

HYMN LBW 316

*Jesus, the Very Thought of You*  
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ST. AGNES



## Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*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.**

*Silence for reflection.*

## The Sending

### 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.

## At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## Improvisation

## 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!
- ✦ LUTHERANISM 101. Today's session is on prayer. Welcome! Let's gather in the Martin Luther Room during Coffee Hour.
- ✦ 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available, arranged nearly in alphabetical order on the table in the narthex. Please remember to take yours home. It saves us postage.
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## Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster .....	Zachary Schurman
Greeters.....	Luz Ortiz, Toshitake "Jazo" Ichikawa
Crucifer .....	Matthias Bhasin
Lector.....	Deirdre Grant
Presiding Minister.....	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Assisting Minister .....	Vicar Lara Bhasin
Preacher .....	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

## Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Asta Kibler (Karen Bazik's mother-in-law), Christine Maldonado (Ester Neubacher's niece-in-law), Matthew O'Donnell (son-in-law of our member Jim O'Donnell, of blessed memory)

# Epiphany Sunday and the Baptism of Our Lord

11 a.m. Sunday, January 8, 2023



Epiphany Sunday is a major festival of the church year. It celebrates the extraordinary good news that Christmas is not just for Israel, but also for the Gentiles, who are represented by the magi: “...there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-2, KJV) Also we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

## Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- ✦ Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- ✦ 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.

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HOLY COMMUNION ..... 11 a.m. Sundays  
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION ..... 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... 10 a.m. Sundays, undercroft  
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ..... 6:30 p.m. Martin Luther Room  
PARISH SECRETARY ..... Melissa Phillips  
SEXTON..... Gerry Britton  
PARISH BOOKKEEPER..... Charles Derderian  
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER..... Zachary Schurman  
SEMINARY INTERN..... Vicar Lara Bhasin  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE ..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer  
PASTOR..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

### *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR ..... Organist and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman  
zac.schurman@juilliard.edu  
MEALS ON HEELS..... Barbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

**W**e 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 [caefryer@gmail.com](mailto:caefryer@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](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact the pastors.
- ✦ 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:

