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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1 & 2, 2023

Welcome to Worship! Happy New Year! "The Light shines in the darkness," the Apostle John writes. This is the joy of Christmas! Jesus, our Light, has come! But on this day the Church recognizes the depths of the darkness of our world into which the Light of the world was born as recall the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem. Jesus comes into our darkness that He may bring light, comfort, the forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Bible Classes will begin on January 15.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel. Thank you!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing. Gluten free wafers are available in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

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THE PRELUDE: "From Heaven Above" -Held

THE HYMN: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Hymn 374

- 1 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undeified, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.
- 2 Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.
- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undeified But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!

THE INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

THE CONFESSION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.**
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 ABSOLUTION

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.**

THE KYRIE

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.**
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.**
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!"

- C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.**
- Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

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THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (we pray together)

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

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 63:7-14

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4-7

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:13-23 C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the

death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

THE HYMN: "Let All Together Praise Our God"

Hymn 389

- 1 Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name.
- 5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.
- 6 He is the key and He the door To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- △ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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THE SERMON: "One Got Away!"

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+++ 11:15 THE APOSTLES' CREED, page 159

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY: Page 159

+++ 9:00 THE INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION, page 160

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 392, 624, 385

392 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. Refrain

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624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.

2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.

3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.

4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing To Christ, God’s Lamb, our Priest and King.

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385 From East to West

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev’ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting king.
- 2 Behold, the world’s creator wears The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares, His fallen creatures all to save.
- 3 For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of His grace.
- 4 And while the angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High, The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- 5 All glory for this blessed morn To God the Father ever be;
All praise to You, O Virgin-born, And Holy Ghost eternally.

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THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: “Joy to the World”

Hymn 387

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Joy to the World" -Schalk

Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Lector:** Pastor Fredstrom

Liturgists: Pastor Rodriguez & Pastor Blumenberg **Organist:** Mrs. Debbie Lambert

Vicar Farney is leading worship at Peace Lutheran Church this morning.

Immanuel's mission is to connect people to the life, calling, and community of Christ. Founded in 1870, Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. Please take a brochure from the Information Center or visit us on-line at www.immanuelseymour.com.