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Sunday & Monday, January 2& 3, 2022

2nd Sunday
of Christmas

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition.**

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. + In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord (st. 1-3)* **#286**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* **#295**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a 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,

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

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 become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women 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 give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

*Worship the
LORD, O Jerusa-
lem; praise your
God, O Zion.
(Ps. 147:12)*

PSALM 147: 12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia. (Ps. 98:3)

GOSPEL: John 1: 1-18

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In 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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

*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 eter-
nal salvation.*

*John begins his
gospel with this
prologue: a
hymn to the
Word through
whom all things
were created.
This Word be-
came flesh and
brought grace
and truth to the
world.*

⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 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 or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

Cold December Flies Away

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THE NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

- 2) Lord, let your servant go in peace,
 Your word has been fulfilled.
 My eyes have seen the saving work
 Which for the world you willed:
 The glory of your chosen race
 As light for all revealed
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy,
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!
- 3) Oh, praise to God the Father,
 And praise to God the Son,
 And praise to God the Spirit,
 Most blessed Three in One.
 As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be
 While endless ages run!
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy,
 Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
 As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the
 world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

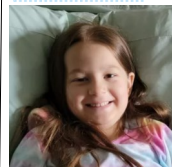
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKS OF January 2, 2022—January 9, 2022

* **BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 80th Birthday to *Julie Mager* on January 9th.

* **SUPPORT FOR ARIANNA PAANANEN** A GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/9db84b12>) is assisting the Paananen family with expenses related to Arianna's cancer treatment. Ari is 10 years old, and on August 9, 2021, was diagnosed with a brain tumor and has been doing treatments at Mayo in Rochester, MN. Ari just completed radiation treatment. THE TUMOR IS GONE! PRAISE GOD! Her ongoing care will continue to include trips to Mayo. Thank you for your prayers and other support.

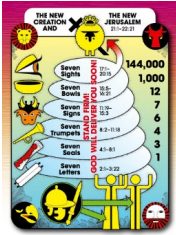
* **GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our ongoing congregational mission. Electronic giving is available on our website or through the GivePlus app. (Note: Immanuel absorbs the following processing fees on electronic gifts: giving via debit/credit card 2.75% + \$0.45 per transaction and giving via ACH 1.00% + \$0.45 per transaction.)

* **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There is **NO Sunday School today**. Watch for announcements for next week. If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is always open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. The class meets at 9:15 am and classes start at 9:30 am. Go to the Facebook page for updated information, or you can always call the office (906-475-9161). Bring your child(ren) to worship with us.





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*** REVELATION STUDY...** will begin Thursday, January 6, at 6:00 PM both in-person (fellowship hall) and online (church website). No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your Bible. Pastor Steve will provide study materials in downloadable and printed form. Explore this strange and wonderful final book of the New Testament that is best understood as a series of seven broad cycles each beginning either with the life of Christ or the beginning of the Christian Church and completed by the coming of Christ for judgment of the world.

*** LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION** Sign up by January 7 for the Synod’s 2022 Lifelong Faith Formation Classes (nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation). The 2022 winter schedule is:

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew - 8 Sunday evening sessions
- The Samuel Series: Prayer and the Spiritual Life - 7 Monday morning sessions
- The Big Picture Bible Discussion - 4 Tuesday evening sessions
- The Book of Ezekiel, Part II - 10 Wednesday evening sessions
- Anishinaabe Culture - up to 3 Thursday evening sessions

Dialogue with the Islamic Resource Group - 2 sessions on a Thursday and Friday evening
For more information, see nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation or contact Deacon Lori Ward at lori.ward@nglsynod.org or 615-519-1969 (cell).

*** WE’RE HIRING: We are in need of a part-time custodian.** If you are interested, you can pick up an application from the office or go to: <https://immanuelnegaunee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>. Please pray that God sends the right person.

*** 2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES WILL BE PUT IN THE OFFICE AFTER JANUARY.**



*** PAINTING FUND RAISER** - The Painting Project Fund Raiser is on-going. Consider making a donation to this **Sanctuary Painting Fund Raiser** that was voted on after worship, November 1st. We will be raising \$15,000 to help with some of the cost involved with this Project. Thank you for any donation you can make. It will all help with the cost. Right now the total in donations is \$13,614.82. Thank you to all of you who have donated.

*** CARE CLINIC** A baby’s play-pen can be found in the Stewardship area of the church where any Care Clinic items can be placed. Needed items include: Onesies, Bibs, Socks, Newborn Hats, Sweater & Hat Set or a Hooded Sweatshirt or a Little Jacket, Sleepers, A New Outfit, Receiving Blankets, A Rattle, A Small Toy, A Hooded Towel, Washcloths, Shampoo, Lotion, Bath Bar, Diaper Rash Cream, Nail clipper, Wipes, Diapers, or Financial Support (checks made out to ‘Immanuel’, and in the memo line write ‘Care Clinic’). Thank you for any donations you may be able to make. Pastor Tom & Luanne Skrenes are handling this Project.

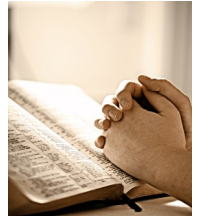


KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Nancy Burton, Jonelle Collins, Gerry Davidson, Billy Jo Kaufman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, John Meier, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Linda Sjolund, Bob Sylvester, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Steve Solberg*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Alice Mutkala & Deb Moyer*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Ron & Cheryl Ulvila*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Alice Mutkala*

6 pm LECTOR – *Mike Frustaglio*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Jean Manginen*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Corey Holcomb*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Luanne Skrenes*

6 pm Tech Team - *Need Volunteers*



JANUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

JANUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS is our Tanzanian companion ministry relationships. Many miles separate us, but we discover God's blessing of strengthened faith and vitality in the relationships we develop visiting and being visited by our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ.

January's above-and-beyond offerings will go to our Immanuel Companion Congregation fund, encouraging travel and connections between Yombo Lutheran Church of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Immanuel.

Stay tuned as future trips are planned!!!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use January's mission emphasis envelope from your **2022 offering envelope box** or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,225.25 in December to *Room at the Inn*.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



