



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 25, 2022, 9:30 am / NO Monday 6 pm Service

Christmas Day

COVID Protocol
Update: Council has
lifted COVID
protocols,
but encourages
awareness of
ongoing county
numbers and
personal health.

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card and
place the card in the
offering plate.
Thank you!

As on the first day of
creation, on this
Christmas Day the
Word illumines the
world, shining forth
to bring all things
into being. Today we
celebrate the incar-
nate Word, God
becoming flesh to
live among us in the
person of Jesus
Christ then and now.
Emboldened by the
good news of
Christ's birth, along
with the shepherds,
Mary and Joseph,
and all witnesses to
the light of Christ,
we declare to the
world that we have
indeed seen and
been transformed
by the arrival of "the
salvation of our
God." O come, let us
adore!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life, **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Angels, From the Realm of Glory

#275

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful and unseen God, **the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. ¹⁰Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD, A City Not Forsaken.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart. (Ps. 97:11)

God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

¹²They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."
Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Titus: 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Word of God.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

HYMN

Love Has Come

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GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to.....

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us

go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Rell Spickerman

HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Amen.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)



MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#270

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praisewe praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION HYMNS*What Child is This*

#296

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#276

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

#282

*(Please stand as you are comfortable.)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

#290

POSTLUDE

NOTICE: Although I've ordered our Contribution Envelopes in June, 2022, they are NOT here yet. I've called the Company several times, and they have said that they are having trouble with their manufacturer. They are working 24/7 trying to get all of their requests out, and we have been moved up on the listing, but I still have not received the envelopes. SO..... I will have available BLANK white envelopes at the entrances to the sanctuary and you can use them if you'd like. Just, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BLANK ENVELOPE. THE ENVELOPE # IS NOT NECESSARY. You can also use your own blank envelope at home (if you have envelopes at home), just make sure your name is on the envelope. IF the Contribution Envelopes come before we have to do this, ignore this message.
Thank you very much for your patience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 25—January 1, 2022



* **BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 94th Birthday to *Betty Lukkarinen* on December 31st.

* **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour coordinator for December is FAITH FORMATION. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee hour.** Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact Paulette Patron (475-4776) with your date & item. Thank you.

* **PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM (PKKW).** This fall over 300 youth have been given warm winter clothing and the need continues to grow. Desperately needed are warm winter coats sizes 6-12 and water repellent gloves/mittens. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Your donations can be placed in the boxes located at the West entrance.

* **TIME & TALENT FORMS / ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORMS** These forms can be filled out and brought to the church at anytime. PLEASE consider your call to serve our Lord and this congregation by completing the *Estimate of Giving* form for 2023 and the *Time & Talent* form for 2023. (If you don't fill out a new *Time & Talent* form, your choices from the past will remain.) Place the form(s) in the Offering Plate or send it to the church office as soon as possible. We are "Together Into God's Future."



* **NOVEMBER 15, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discussed and endorsed use of dishwasher anytime dishes are used to fight the spread of germs
- Discussed the need for volunteers for Sunday Snow Shoveling. Congregation members are encouraged to sign up for Sunday morning shoveling on the sign-up sheet located in the church entry way (NOTE-We are also still in need of Tech persons. Want a little cash for your volunteering at the church? Sign up to be a Tech person - get trained today!)
- Acknowledged the resignation of Laurie LeSage from the position of Parish Administration / Bookkeeper effective December 8, and reviewed the updated job description for that position
- Established a Nominating Committee to fill:
 - o Two positions on Church Council for 2023
 - o Three voting members of the NGLS Annual Meeting
 - o Endowment Committee members
 - o Three members of the FLLC Annual Meeting
- Approved needed repairs to the organ at a cost of \$3,864.00
- Established Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 10:45 am as the date for the 135th Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will be held in hybrid form with attendance in person or via Zoom

* **CONFIRMATION UPDATE** During this 'Call Process', Confirmation will look a little different this year. The confirmation classes **will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month** for fellowship and service opportunities **from 6pm - 8pm**, with dinner provided. Classes will be combined with

confirmands from Immanuel, Prince of Peace in Harvey, & Messiah in Marquette. These sessions will allow the youth to learn & connect during this important part of their faith walk. This new program is still being cultivated with the help of new team leaders. If anyone has questions, please email Hayley Smith, Hayley-smith@hotmail.com, or call/text 906-367-4295. **NOTE: There is 1 more Confirmation Retreat. The 3rd Confirmation Retreat** will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey on Saturday, February 25th, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm.



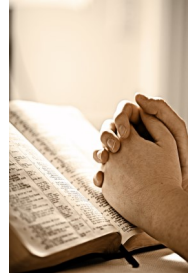
KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Nancy Burton, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Cheryl, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Peggy Jackson, Tom Johnson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Marian Kulju, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola (Sue Cohan's mother), Delores Reichel, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Molly Taseris, and all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.

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

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## **SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Rell Spickerman***

**Organist/Pianist/Musician: *Judy Hallgren***

**Choir Director: *Connie Lindblom* / Choir Accompanist: *Vicki Lempinen***

**Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / NO 6 pm Monday Service**

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

### **VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

|                                 |                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS         | — <i>Reuven Romback</i><br>— <i>Alice Mutkala</i><br>— NO SERVICE |
| 6:00 pm                         | — NO SERVICE                                                      |
| 9:30 am LECTOR                  | — <i>Alice Mutkala</i>                                            |
| 6:00 pm                         | — NO SERVICE                                                      |
| 9:30 am COMMUNION<br>ASSISTANTS | — <i>Linda Dillman</i><br>— <i>Alice Mutkala</i><br>— NO SERVICE  |
| 6:00 pm                         | — NO SERVICE                                                      |
| 9:30 am TECH TEAM               | — <i>Tyler Moore</i>                                              |
| 6:00 pm                         | — NO SERVICE                                                      |



**(COMMUNION SET-UP FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER — *Terry & Sue Cathcart*)**

# DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

**IN DECEMBER . . . our mission emphasis is Room at the Inn, our area emergency night shelter for adults.**



Room at the Inn opened Marquette's first ever permanent homeless shelter on December 24, 2020 above the Room at the Inn Warming Center. Local churches had operated a rotating shelter between churches for nearly 14 years. The improved shelter is a 30-bed emergency shelter with 24/7 shelter access. Over 1600 meals are served per month.

The Warming Center continues to provide a warm and friendly location for shelter guests to gather, socialize, eat and - of course- to warm up during cold days.



Room at the Inn provides food, shelter & assistance for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. Room at the Inn serves primarily Marquette area residents.

Donations of money and food for meals is much appreciated. Food donations are under stricter regulation so best to check directly with Room at the Inn or check the Beacon for suggestions. Volunteers are

always welcome!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use December's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$ 690.00 in November to the  
***Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations & Maintenance.***  
 The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS    ~ ~    December 25, 2022 - January 1, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

[www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org](http://www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org)

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|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b><i>Christmas Day</i></b><br>- 9:30 am - Worship Service<br>- 9:30 am - <b>NO</b> Sunday School<br>- 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship<br>- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women) |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS</b><br>- 6:00 pm - <b>NO</b> Worship Service                                                                                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - 10:00 am - <b>NO</b> Bible Study<br>- 6:00 pm - <b>NO</b> Choir                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | - 10:00 am - Quilting                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | - 9:30 am - Worship Service<br>- 9:30 am - Sunday School<br>- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship<br>- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)                                            |

