



1st Sunday  
of Christmas

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Sunday, December 26th, 2021

Monday, December 27th, NO 6PM SERVICE, OFFICE CLOSED

## 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

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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### 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.**

### SOLO by Linda Stanaway

*"What Child Is This?"*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, **and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people. Israel.

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

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

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

## PSALM 148

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forever and ever,**

**giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The Lord has raised up strength for the people**

**and praise for all faithful servants,**

**the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ well in you richly. Alleluia. (Col. 3:15, 16)**

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to

*Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.*

*Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.*

them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Lord.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Terry Cathcart**

**SONG**

*Love Has Come*

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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 come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You come to us in the diverse splendor of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You come to us through people whom the world forgets. Poor shepherds and an imprisoned Paul announced your good news. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You come to us through those who have died yet live with you forever. We give thanks for Stephen, deacon and martyr, who gave his life to tell the story of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

<b>MEAL</b>
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## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **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**

**Piano/Organ Duet by Connie Scanlon and Vicki Lempinen**  
**"Birthday of a King"**

## **SONG AFTER COMMUNION (sung to God Rest You Merry Gentlemen)**

**1.) Oh, thank the Lord and sing His praise,  
What He has done proclaim!**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
And proudly bear His name**

**Who leads His thankful people forth  
His promises to claim**

**Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,**

**Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!**

**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!**

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

*All baptized  
Christians who  
believe this  
true presence  
are welcome  
and encour-  
aged to  
receive Holy  
Communion  
today.  
Parents, please  
assist your  
child(ren) if you  
wish them  
communed.*

*We believe that  
the true body  
and blood of  
Jesus Christ is  
in/with/under  
the bread  
and wine.*

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKS OF December 26, 2021—January 2, 2022

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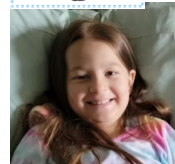
\***BIRTHDAYS:** Happy 87th Birthday to *Bettie Ahola* on January 1st.

\***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.

\***PHOTO DIRECTORY PICTURES**—If you haven't had your picture taken for the new church photo directory and would like to be included in its printout, please call the office. You can still email or send in a picture of yourself. This is for sharing name/face recognition, not a studio portrait. The Directory will be released in 2022. Thank you for participating.

\***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 IS UNDERWAY!** There is **NO Sunday School today**. But, if you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. Come to the church Sunday mornings for 9:15 am where class meets in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School has a Facebook page to share up-to-date information. Go to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church Negaunee' on Facebook and click on the Sunday School





Offering Envelopes



Fundraiser

Baby Essentials



group. For in-person classes, we follow Immanuel’s Church Council policies which recommend wearing masks. Masks must be worn by unvaccinated persons. Sunday School Schedule: 9:15-9:25am – DROP-OFF, OPENING; 9:30am – INSTRUCTION; 10:15am – JOIN FAMILIES FOR HOLY COMMUNION , 10:30am – DISMISSAL. (Although worship attendance is encouraged, if you are unable to attend, you can make arrangements to have your child (ren) picked up at 10:15am.

**\*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://immanuelnegaanee.weebly.com/apply-for-job.html>. Please pray that God sends the right person.

**\*2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES CAN NOW BE PICKED UP FROM THE OFFICE.**

**\*PAINTING FUND RAISER** - The Painting Project in the sanctuary is complete. 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 \$9,514.00. 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.

**\*HARD-COPY PHONE DIRECTORY** Did you indicate on your *Name, Address, Phone, Email Update Sheet* that was mailed to you that you would like a hard-copy phone directory? The 1st draft editions are available on the table in the hallway, approximately across from the office. There’s a limited number printed at this time.



**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 – *Reuven Romback & Walter Scanlon*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – **NO SERVICE**

9:30 am LECTOR – *Paulette Patron*

6 pm LECTOR – **NO SERVICE**

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Julie Mager*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – **NO SERVICE**

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore, Luanne Skrenes*

6 pm Tech Team – **NO SERVICE**



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## **DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION**

**DECEMBER'S MONTHLY 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 and 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 \$ 870.20 in November to Lutheran World Relief.  
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December 26, 2021—January 2, 2022

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

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

- Sunday**            **1st Sunday of Christmas**  
- 9:30 am    - **NO** Sunday School  
- 9:30 am    - Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)  
- 10:30 am   - Coffee & Fellowship  
- 7:30 pm    - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday**            **OFFICE CLOSED**  
- 6:00 pm    - NO Worship Service  
- 7:00 pm    - NO Confirmation Class
- Wednesday**      - 10:00 am   - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)  
- 6:00 pm    - **NO** Choir Practice  
- 3 -7:00 pm - Hall Reservation
- Thursday**         - 10:00 am   - Quilting
- Friday**             **OFFICE CLOSED    ~~ HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**  
- 10:00 am   - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday**            - 9:30 am    - Sunday School  
- 9:30 am    - Worship Service (also live streamed & recorded)  
- 10:30 am   - Coffee & Fellowship  
- 7:30 pm    - AA Group Meets (men & women)