



1st Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2014

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Emanuel

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.

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1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
A Service of lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 28, 2014

9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Roses and Angels* Jeremy Young

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *Joy to the World* Red Book #267

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

P Holy One,
the beginning and the end,
the giver of life:
Blessed are you,

C for the birth of creation.

A Blessed are you,

C in the darkness and in the light.

P Blessed are you,

C for your promise to your people.

A Blessed are you,

C in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

P Blessed are you,

C for Mary's openness to your will.

A Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

C the Word made flesh.

P Sing to God a new song!

C A song of hope, joy, and peace throughout the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

FIRST READING CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #272

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock
 in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

SECOND READING CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem #279

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

THIRD READING CAROL

Away in a Manger #277

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And 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.

FOURTH READING CAROL

What Child Is This? #296

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-16

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And 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!”

¹⁵ When 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.

FIFTH READING CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #276

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

P Please stand.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 2.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for the revelation to the Gentiles
and for the glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

L Please be seated.

MEDITATION

Pastor Bill Ruth

HYMN

That Boy-Child of Mary

#293

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

A In his light, draw all to the manger

C to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

P In his light, draw all to the manger

C to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

A In his light, draw all to the manger

C to sing for joy with the angels.

P In the brightness of his life

C cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger.

A It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray

Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

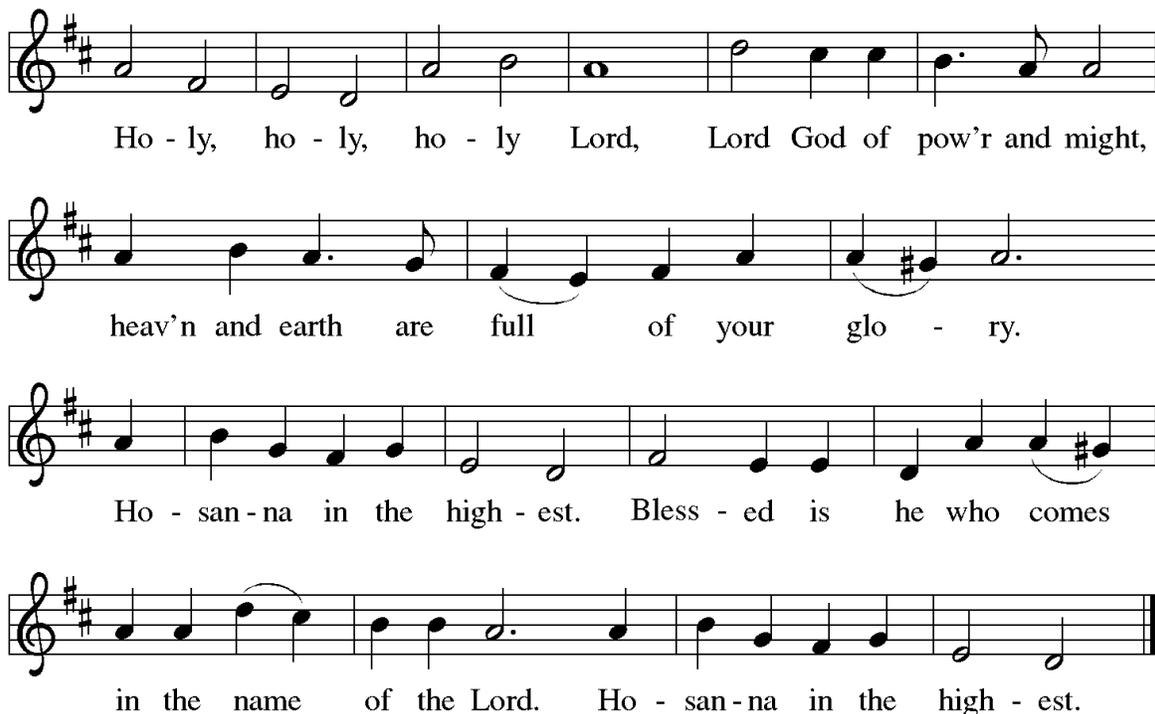
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

Please be seated.

We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

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THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Bill Ruth
Assisting Minister..... Paula Barton
Readers William Teaney, Bill Reinheimer,
..... Lois Owen, Sue Wilke, Mike Epting
Communion Assistant..... Bill Reinheimer, Lois Owen
Home Communion Minister Suzanne Wilke
Usher/Greeter..... Fox Family
Altar Team Lois Silva



Announcements



The flowers this morning are given by Willaim Teaney in loving memory of Myrick and Dora Locke. It would have been their 90th wedding anniversary on December 29th.



The Christmas Banners are donated by:
Arie & Paula Kroeze and Dick and Pat Norquist

Adult Bible Study is taking a break and will resume in the New Year.

2015 Altar Flowers Calendar has been posted in the Narthex.

Year-End Financial Plan – Don't forget Emanuel!

Another year is about ended. Have you fulfilled your pledge? Have you considered making an extra donation to Emanuel Lutheran Church or a special donation to the Endowment Fund? This is the season for giving! These donations are deductible on your taxes and may help you save paying extra taxes.

The Endowment Fund earnings help pay for the maintenance and upkeep on our facilities and campus. An example was helping pay for the extermination of our unwelcome guests, the "TERMITES". Only the earnings of the Endowment Fund can be used for capital expenses and ministries. This means the fund will be earning money in perpetuity for our church.

The Finance Committee appreciates your donations and we thank you for your Time, Talent, and Tithing support of Emanuel Lutheran Church. We wish you all a Christmas full of wonder and joy, a celebration of the birth of our Lord!

On behalf of the members of the Finance Committee,

Robert Reuter, Treasurer

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THUR 1	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4
ECHOES DEADLINE		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Communion Service
	Day Care Closed thru Jan 1		Adult Bible Study will resume in the new year.			10:45 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ J. Hardin's	No Confirmation Class					

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Jan 4	Pastor Lee Heim	Bill Reinheimer	L. Owen K. Reuter	Lois Owen	Emily Cline	Owen Family	Rue Knoll
Jan 11	Pastor Bill Ruth	Barbara Crawford	P. Kroeze D. Santana	D. Santana K. Reuter		Clarke Family	Rue Knoll
Jan 18	Pastor Bill Ruth	David Holtz	P. Barton W. Teaney	Paula Barton	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/ Knoll	Rue Knoll

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

January 4 Epiphany	January 11 Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11



Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests: **New Prayer Requests:** Dan Farrell—healing from surgery (Waggoner)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Marilyn Rowland

Our Homebound Members: Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Betty Mason; Esther Johnson

Our Family: Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Harry Belletto (Ixcot); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Claudette Gaydon (Lori Skustad's aunt); Rusty Skustad (Skustad); Reta, Edgar, Bianca (Wise); Riegan family (Scott)

Our Friends: Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Melissa Gates (D. Norquist); Alice Cumbie (D. Norquist); Kathy Laughton, Loy Rodriguez & Lorna Sloan (Hardins); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Laura (a friend of the Norquists)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.