



1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2015

A Service of Word & Carols

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 2015

THE WORD & CAROLS

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Joy to the World
Trumpet Tune, Trio, Canzona

Michael Helman

WELCOME

Sue Wilke

ENTRANCE HYMN

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Red Book #288

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.

C Amen

P Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy. (*Silence for reflection.*)
God of peace,

**C We confess that we are not at peace—
with others or with ourselves.**

**We bring to you all that tears us apart:
discord in our families, violence in our world,
our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us.**

Reconnect us to one another and to you.

**Let peace reign over all the earth,
through the Prince of peace,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us,
God has given us grace upon grace:
forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,
love that can heal every broken heart.
Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
in the name of † Jesus our Savior,
you are free from all your sins.
Rise, shine, for your light has come.

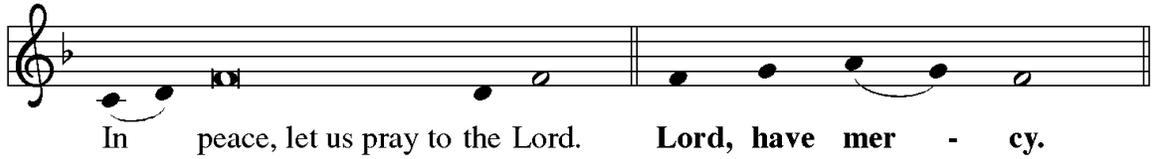
C Amen

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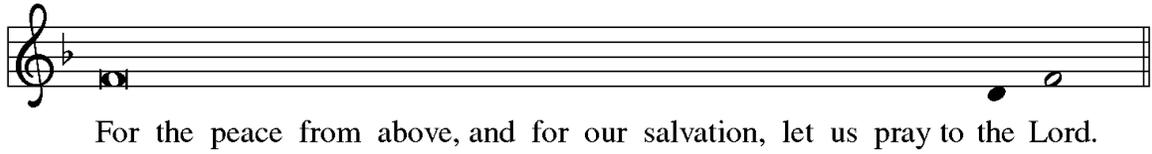
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C And also with you.

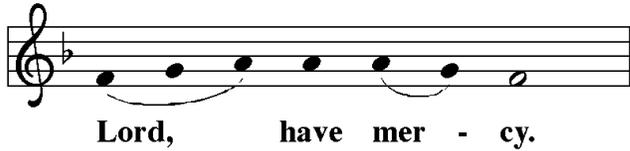
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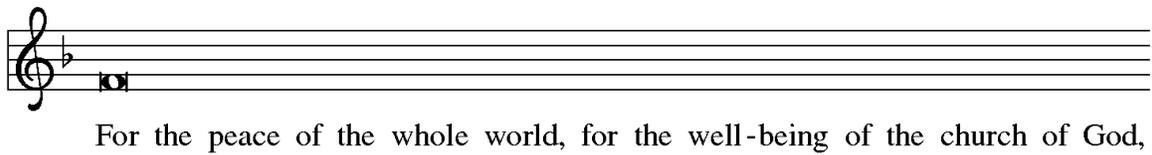
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



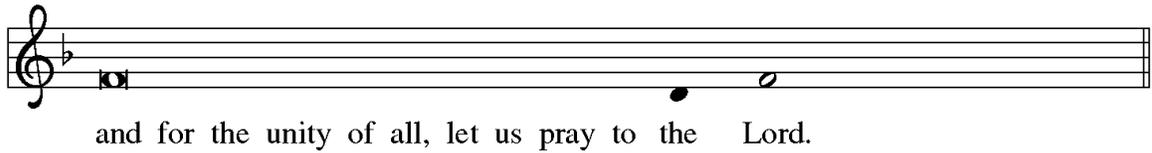
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



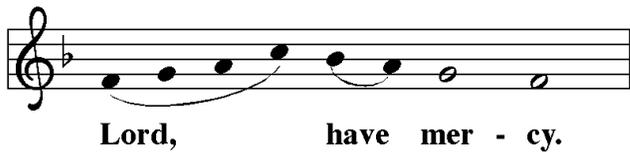
Lord, have mer - cy.



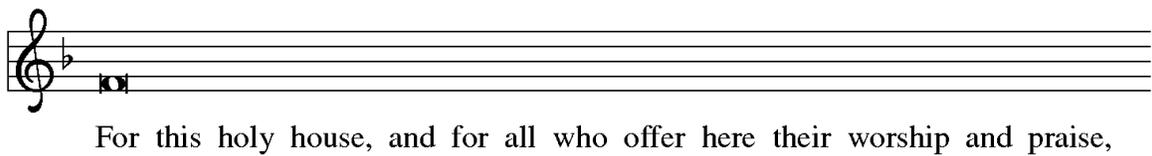
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



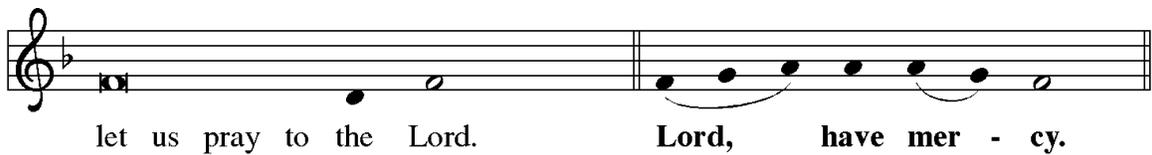
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray together....

C 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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

Richard Norquist

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord GOD said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

CAROL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Red Book #254

SECOND READING: Genesis 22:15-18

Pat Norquist

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Red Book #257

Verses 1 & 4

THIRD READING: Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Lois Owen

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

- 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.
- 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.

CAROL

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Red Book #282

FOURTH READING: Micah 5:2-5

Barbara Crawford

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

- 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.

CAROL

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Red Book #279

FIFTH READING: Luke 1:26-38**Paula Barton***The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.*

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then 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.

CAROL*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

Red Book #251

SIXTH READING: Matthew 1:18-23**Peter Cousins***Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.*

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."

CAROL*Of The Father's Love Begotten*

Red Book #295

SEVENTH READING: Luke 2:8-16**William Reinheimer***The shepherds go to the manger.*

⁸ In 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!”

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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

CAROL*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Red Book #276

EIGHTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11**Mike Epting***The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

CAROL*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Red Book #302

NINTH READING: John 1:1-14

Kathleen Reuter

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

¹ In 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.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 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.

¹⁰ He 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.

¹⁴ And 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red Book #283

DIALOGUE

David Holtz, Sue Wilke

HYMN OF THE DAY

From Heaven Above

Red Book #268

Verses 1-3, 14

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the 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

A Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Reflection

Michael Helman

OFFERING PRAYER

A Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life
with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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**

BLESSING

P May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.

C Amen

A May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.

C Amen

P May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.

C Amen

A And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Red Book #290

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fantasy

Michael Helman

THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

Presiding Minister David Holtz

Assisting Minister Sue Wilke

Acolyte Chris Schmidt

Readers..... Paula Barton, Peter Cousins, Barbara Crawford, Mike Epting, Dick Norquist,
..... Pat Norquist, Lois Owen, Bill Reinheimer, Kathleen Reuter,

Usher/Greeter Clarke Family

Altar Care Lois Silva



Announcements

Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude, as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.



The flowers on the altar today are given to by Van and Sue Allen to the glory of God in memory of their son, Charlie Allen.



The Nativity banner was donated by Dick & Pat Norquist celebrating 50 years of marriage.

The Wise Men banner was donated by Arie & Paula Kroeze in memory of Robert B. Cummings.

The Lamb of God banner was donated by Yvonne Troedson in honor of her family, children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Thanks be to God!

- **No Choir Rehearsal**
- **Text Study** resumes January 5, 2016.
- **Thursday Adult Bible Study** resumes January 7, 2016.
- **Confirmation Class** resumes January 10, 2016.



Family Promise

Get a jump on your 2016 New Year's Resolutions to walk closer to God's live by signing up for Family Promise (January 24-30) on the chart in the Narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THUR 31	FRI 1	SAT 2	SUN 3
ECHOES DEADLINE		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	NEW YEAR'S EVE	NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Worship Service
	Gospel Mission Ministry		Girl Scouts New Year Event			NO Confirmation Class. Resumes 1-10-16
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study						

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Jan 10 Baptism of our Lord	Pastor Lyn Crase	Kathleen Reuter	S Wilke Z Cline	Sue Wilke	Emily Cline	Shank/ Skustad	
Jan 17 Epiphany 2	Pastor Lyn Crase	Eric Obermeyer	L Owen B Crawford	Barbara Crawford	Kailyn Knoll	Owen Family	
Jan 24 Epiphany 2	Pastor Lyn Crase	Garry Hayes	D Holtz Y Troedson	David Holtz	Emma Hoover	Petersen/ Troedson	

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

January 10 Baptism of our Lord	January 17 Epiphany 2	January 24 Epiphany 3
Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Kathy Nichols—health (Skustad); Rich Crawford—healing (Crawford)

Our Members: Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Kelly Dailey; Gary Knoll; Pat & Jack Smith; Bill Fox; Tom Watkins; Elaine Urch; Jill Klenz

Our Homebound Members: Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Esther Johnson, Shelda Fritts, Alma Johnson

Our Family: Sharon (Owen); Elisabeth Maddox and baby Julianne (Jones); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Ian & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Cameron Brown (Tina La Vornia); Sean Sizemore (Sizemore); Keegan Lyons (Turner); Joy & Michael Morgan (Scott); Joyce Morgan (Scott); Dona Molet (Dieterich); Vince and family (Ixcot); Elizabeth Parchem (Nelson); Carla Thurston (Thurston); Janet Sullivan (Hollmann); Gregory & Alley Taylor (Scott); Erin (Clarke)

Our Friends: Tom Aja (Crawford); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family, Bethany Metcalf & family (Reinheimer); Jennifer Turner, Pam & Tom (Dieterich); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Georga Butterfield (Petersen); Emmet Pletschette (Smith); Priscilla Pino, Don Rousseau (Ixcot); Felicia & Kendra (Barton); Dennis Medford (Silva); Jerry & Barbara Larson (Clarke); Steven Perry (Crawford); Nathan Yarbrough (Marquez); Jerry Larson (Clarke); Anthony Pino & Aaron (Pino)

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

T/Sgt. Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Ramstein AB, Germany and **SSgt. Joey Sabel, USMC** in Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hawaii (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Capt. Tim Kramer** (Megan Armes' brother) will be in Kuwait through June of 2016, **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.