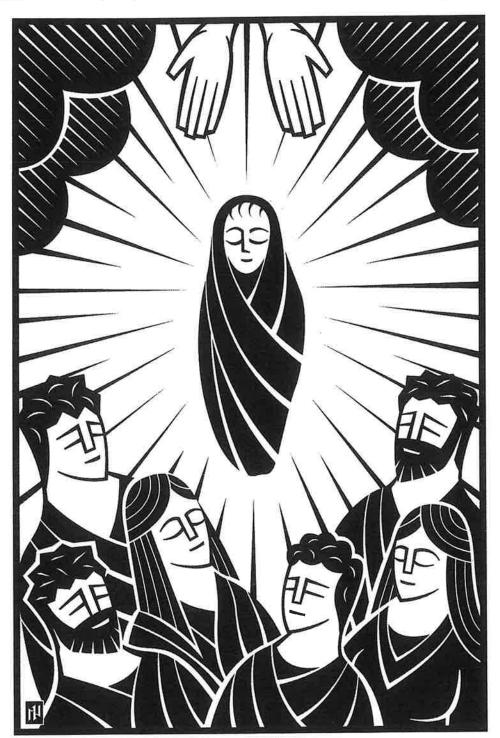
Christmas Day Divine Service at 10:00 a.m.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER

Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

AS WE GATHER

Christ comes. He comes for sinners. He comes for the whole world. The Christmas Gospel is more than simply an historical account. Today we greet the morning in the knowledge of the glory of God revealed in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. This Christmas celebration recognizes with joy that God was in Christ "reconciling the world to Himself" (Il Corinthians 5:19). Let the celebration begin!

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. +

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Selections for Christmas Morning

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

(Please stand, as you are able, and turn to face the processional cross) THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn 379

THE INVOCATION AND PREPARATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Come, let us observe the feast. Come, celebrate the solemn festival. It

is a truly wondrous mystery. On this day the ancient slavery of sin is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is lifted, sin is forgiven, error corrected, truth restored, the voice of mercy speaks, a heavenly way of life comes to earth, angels converse with men, and men speak

to angels.

People: Why is this?

Leader: Because God has come to earth that man may dwell in heaven. He has

come to earth from heaven and yet His glory is intact here on earth. Though He is God, He became man; not denying Himself to be God but embracing humanity. Though He is the eternal Word, He became flesh. He did not become God. He already was God. But He became flesh so that He whom heaven could not contain, a manger would this day receive. He was laid in a manger so that He, through whom all things are fed, might receive an infant's food from His virgin mother. So, the Creator of all ages, as an infant at the breast, nestling in the

Virgin's arms, shows us the face of God.

People: Come, let us worship Him, Christ the Lord.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: We confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Leader: Almighty God has had mercy on us and has given us His own Son to take on our flesh and die in our place to save us from sin. By His life given for us, we have forgiveness and hope. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathbb{B}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten

Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Beautiful and their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he

appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? 6And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." 10 And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; "they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (Choir sings verse 1)

Hymn 384

(The sequence hymn is a more festive form of the Alleluia and Verse. Once, there were over 900 sequence hymns. Now only a few are used for the high church festivals. This Christmas sequence hymn was written c. 400 A.D. During the sequence hymn, the reader will move to the center of the sanctuary to read the Gospel from the midst of the people.)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

THE CHRISTMAS CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the wisemen, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free us from sin, death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas and by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" (Please stand for verse 5)

Hymn 367

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors at the end of the service.

THE OFFERTORY: "Son of God, Which Christmas Is It?"

Choir

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we give thanks to You for our creation, our life, and all Your gifts. But we especially give Your thanks that, in many and various ways, You spoke Your Word of grace,

comfort, and truth, first through Your holy prophets, but now in these last days by Your very own Son, whose coming into our flesh we celebrate this day. By His coming, He has brought us forgiveness and new, eternal life. Help us to live in Him even as He lives in us. Lord, in

Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Cause the joyous message of Your angels—of Your glory and peace to

all—to resound in our country and throughout the world. Bless, guard, and guide all in the authority of government in our land. Prosper the preaching of the Gospel by Your church, keeping all pastors and

teachers steadfast in Your word of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Renew our hearts and those of all Your people in the joy and peace of

Your salvation and help us to reflect Your love for all in all that we say

and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are in any need in these days, for the lonely and

abandoned, for the wayward and the hopeless, for those in trouble or despair, and for the sick and dying, bring Your saving Word of mercy, forgiveness, health, healing, and hope by faith in Your Son, the Savior

of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant Your blessing to rest upon our families—husbands, wives,

children, grandparents, and other relatives. Bind our hearts together by Your own gifts of love. Remembering those whom You have called into Your nearer presence, we give You thanks. Keep us in the same saving faith that we may be numbered among those You have redeemed for eternal life in the day of resurrection. Lord, in Your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

Leader: With joy and great thanksgiving, we greet the Word made flesh, in

whom the Father has manifested the fullness of His saving glory, for us and for all people, that beholding the glory of His incarnate Son, we may believe in Him whom the Father has sent and, believing, have life

in His name. Now, therefore, with all the hosts of heaven and with the faithful throughout the earth, with angels and archangels to lead our praises, let us join their endless song of praise:

THE SANCTUS (Tune: Savior of the Nations Come)



THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Tune: Away in a Manger)



(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served at the Communion Rail) When Jesus said, "This is My Body...This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not

merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Sing of Christ"

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

"Go! Tell It on the Mountain"

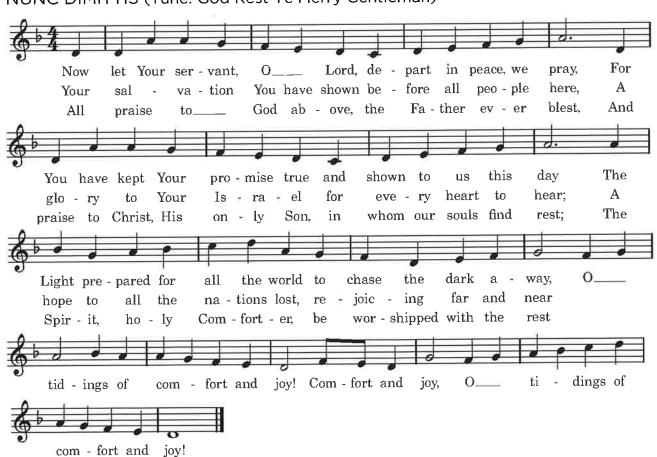
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Hymn 386

Hymn 388

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Tune: God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman)



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in

loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Bless we the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Joy to the World" Hymn 387

THE POSTLUDE

SERVING

Organist Myra Schmidt
Acolyte Jayda Rogers

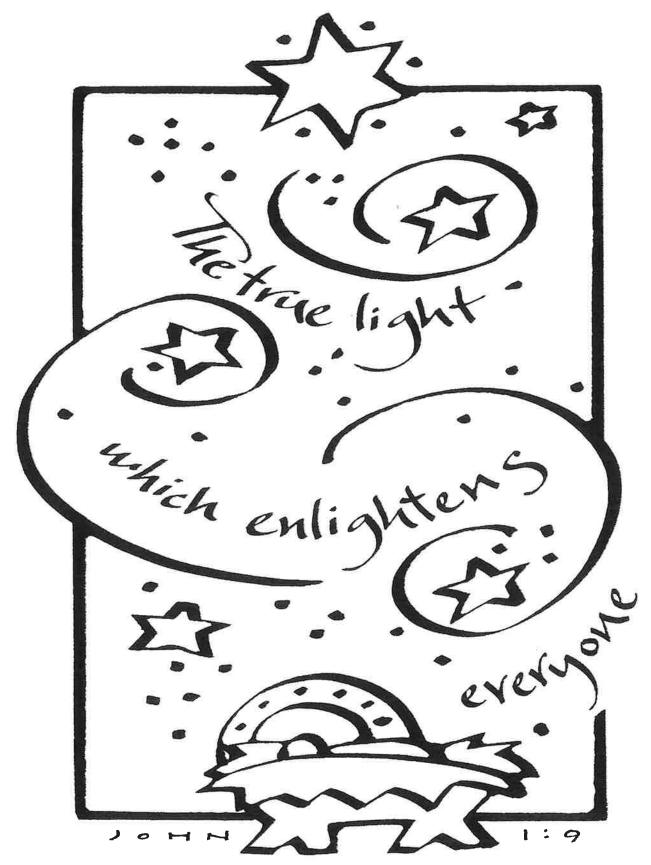
Processional The Vanderford Family

Usher Crew Troy Hockemeyer, John Wright, Mike Shively

Altar Guild Tammy Bair, JoAnn Bender, LuAnn Bender, Tina Bruce

Communion Kevin McGuigan, George Lin, Troy Hockemeyer, Doug Perry

Audio Engineer Chris Fair



This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at https://www.visualfaithmin.org.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

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362 O Sing of Christ



- 1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
- 2 What Ad-am lost, none could re claim, And Par a dise was barred
- 3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re-ceived; 4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored. Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred. Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved. As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son; To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove, Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace. He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won. Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love. That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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373 See amid the Winter's Snow



- 1 See a mid the win ter's snow, Born for us on earth be low,
- 2 Lo, with in a sta ble lies He who built the star ry skies,
- 3 Sa cred In fant, all di vine, What a ten der love was Thine,
- 4 Teach, O teach us, ho ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,



See, the gen - tle Lamb ap-pears, He who, throned in height sub-lime, Thus to come from high - est bliss Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee Prom-ised from e - ter - nal years. Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim. Down to such a world as this! In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

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Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



- sing we, now re joice, 1 Now
- 2 Come from on high to me;
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine
- where shall joy be found? 4 Oh.

Now raise to heav'n our voice;

Thee. Ι can - not rise to The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.

Where but on heav'n-ly



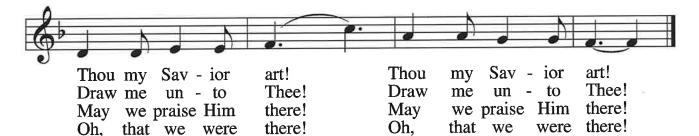
from whom joy stream - eth wea-ried spir - it, Cheer my Death was reign-ing o'er us an - gels sing - ing Where the

man-ger lies; Poor in a pure and ho - ly Child; O Through sin and van - i - ty With all His saints u - nite,



so bright - ly beam - eth Not Through Thy grace and mer - it, He o - pened for us Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing

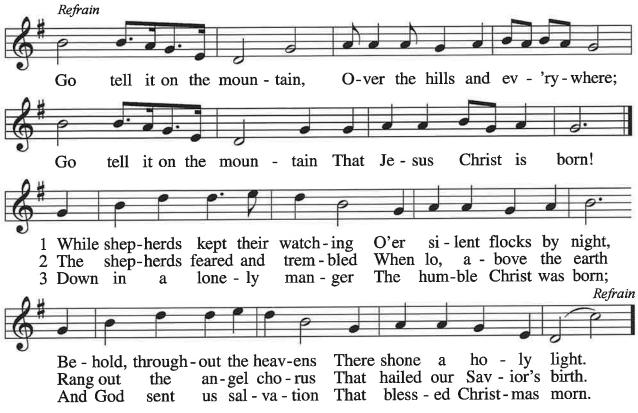
The sun in yon-der skies. Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild, Α bright e - ter - ni - ty. In heav'n-ly joy and light.



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Oh,

Go Tell It on the Mountain



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