Pastors

Rev.Steven Wigdahl, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Rick Bliese, Associate Pastor Rev. José Lebrón, Associate Pastor Will Kittinger, Resident Pastor Ian McMichael, Resident Pator

Worship Participants

7:00

Assisting Minister – Carolyn Heier Lector – Melissa Schrader Acolyte – Ray Schrader Ushers – Tom & Norine Petruzelli, Jamie Hickman, Hal Williams Altar Guild – Diedre Milligan

9:00

Greeters – Ann Jones & Beth Supensky Assisting Minister – Rick Boe Lector – Jeff Heier Acolyte – Maridee Boe Ushers – Hal Williams, Donna Rhode, Tom & Karen Palmer Altar Guild – Diedre Milligan

Musicians:

The Emmanuel Choir
Doug Denisen—Guest Director
Jan Gazdic—Soloist
Denise Larson--Soloist
Sharon Denisen—Flutist
Martie Miller—Flutist
Joyce Finlay--Organist





Christmas Eve, 2018 7:00 p.m. © 9:00 p.m. Holy Communion

December 24, 2018 • 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDES FOR THE NATIVITY

Chansons de Noel

Joyce Finlay, organist

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Sharon Denisen, Martie Miller-flutists Joyce Finlay, pianist

Christmas Images

Sharon Denisen, Martie Miller-flutists Joyce Finlay, pianist

The Angels' Song

Jan Gazdic, Denise Qarson--duettists Joyce Finlay, pianist

Gilent Night

Martie Miller, flutist Joyce Finlay, pianist Rutter

arr. Davis





The assembly stands.

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth, when man and woman were formed in God's own image; long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom; eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges; a thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father, willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy, was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

PROCESSIONAL

The Emmanuel Choir Gloria Vivaldi

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. Unknown, st.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,
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.

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. Amen.

GREETING

Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!
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.



He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.



God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
 You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,

⁴For 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.

as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.



God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace. ⁶For 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.

⁷His 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

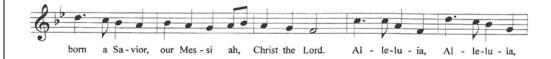
¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION







The assembly stands.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

May the Living Word dwell in our hearts!

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven Wigdahl

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY:





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

In joy and wonder, we pray for the church, those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

(Each petition ends...Hear us, O God) **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.



O Holy Night

Adam

Jan Gazdic, soloist

Emmanuel Choir

Sharon Denisen, flutist

Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'til he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices. Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born. Oh night divine, Oh night divine. Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord! Oh praise His name forever! His power and glory, evermore proclaim. His power and glory, evermore proclaim.

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

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. Amen.

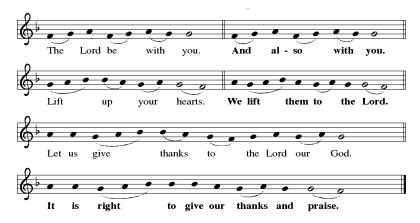
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you," or similar words.



Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a quest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you on this Holy Night. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members, associate members and friends, the vision and ministry of Emmanuel depends on your giving, and we thank you in advance for your generosity. The time of offering is a significant act of worship, and we now worship God with our tithes and offerings.



DIALOGUE

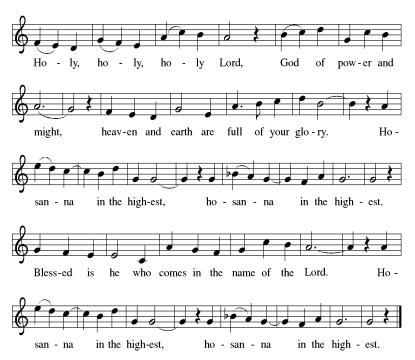


PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS







Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward.

Gluten Free wafers are available. Simply ask as you receive communion.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER The Season of Christmas

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time.

you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung by Congregation)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

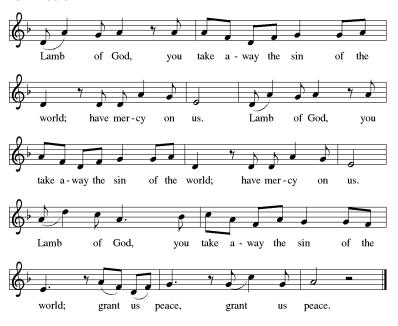
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal.

Come, behold and receive your God.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC



What Child Is This

- What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
- Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
 The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
 Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

"This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth
and lying in a manger."



Luke 2:12, NRSV

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898





CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

CAROL

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

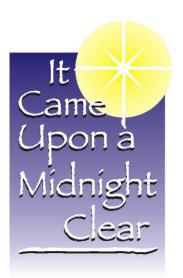
Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Text: English traditional

CAROL

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.

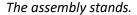
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*







THE COMMUNION BLESSING

May Christ's body and blood strengthen your faith for life and service. Go now in peace and joy, celebrating the blessings of this Holy Night!

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey.
As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us.
Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM Suo Gân (Welsh Lullaby) arr. Burrows Emmanuel Choir Sharon Denisen, flutist

Hush my darling, night is falling, stars are calling, "Lullaby." Hush my darling, I will warm you. Naught shall harm you. Lullaby. Though the cold winds blow and bellow, you are safe now do not cry. Hush and let my song caress you, calm and bless you. Lullaby. May your sweetest dreams enfold you. I will hold you. Lullaby. In the morning light will meet you, joy will greet you. Lullaby. Shepherds come to bid you welcome. Angel voices fill the sky. Know that peace and hope surround you. Love has found you. Lullaby.

CELEBRATION IN CANDLELIGHT

A Reading from John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The 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. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who 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.



Response following the reading:

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

His light scatters the darkness.

Come, Lord Jesus, illumine our hearts.

that we may carry your light to a fallen world.

The acolyte will pass the light to the ushers who in turn will light the candle of the worshiper at the end of each pew. As you receive the light, please pass it on to the person next, or close to you, until all candles are lighted.

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSINGS

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

Amen.

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

Amen

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

Amen.

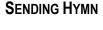
And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please extinguish your candle.







Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

Emmanuel Lutheran Church wishes everyone a
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Please join us for Sunday Services here at
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
December 30, 2018
7:45, 9:30, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.
All services with Holy Communion

Bilingual at 11:00 a.m., Emmanuel Community Church Pebblebrooke Center; 15205 Collier Blvd., suites 201 & 202

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The poinsettias on our altar tonight are given by the following people. Thank you to all who have given these beautiful flowers.

Shirley and David Benson in memory of our parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker.

Paul Bentson in memory of Marion Lunde Bentson.

Ann Berlam in memory of her parents Madeline & Lee Elmore and her brother, Mickie Elmore.

Gary and Jola Boe in honor and memory of Family & Friends.

Karen L. Carlson in memory of her husband, Jim Carlson.

Philip & Kimberly Collins in memory of Family & Friends.

Joyce & Doug Finlay in memory of our parents, Rev. Dr. Will and Bernice Curry; Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin Finlay.

Carolyn and Richard Faust in honor our grandchildren, Stephanie, Chad, Aaron and Zack.

Leonard and Joanne Glenn in memory of Larry & Shiley Ellis, Alfred & Stephanie Glenn and Everett Glenn.

Ruby Johnson and family in memory of Orville Johnson.

Jerry and Linda Knutson in honor of Christ's birth.

Alice and Richard Krautsack in memory of our parents.

Margaret Krueger in memory of Rollo Krueger.

Alf Larson in memory of family and friends.

Donna and Greg Lindberg in memory of Marie & Sandy Sandill and Ida & Hy Lindberg.

Bruce and Kay Philp in honor of our family.

Eileen and Heidi Nix in memory of our loving parents Majken and Kelly Stenquist and Nicole Hampton, our dear friend.

Nancy Nodell in honor of my World War II Veteran husband, Jack Guddie.

The Omonte Family in memory of Cathleen Kendra (Grandma Mamie) and Jack Pinedo.

Don and Kate Pierson in memory of Barbara Pierson and Stuart Thompson.

Ray and Melissa Schrader in honor of Our Emmanuel Pastors, Resident Pastors and Staff.

Lea and David Smith in memory of Smith and Cole families.

Kristen Sonneborn in memory of Orwin and Doris Marks.

Ellen Wolfe in memory of Grandon Wolfe.

Jerry Wolfe in memory of Sandy Wolfe.

Lynn E. Wuesthoff in memory of her parents, Louise & Winfred Wm. Wuesthoff and Donald H. Kolb.