

# First Sunday after Christmas

## December 26, 2021

*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*Fargo, North Dakota*

*Pre-Service Music / Welcome*

**Opening Hymn**     *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*     **LSB 389**

**Invocation, Confession, Absolution**     **LSB 184-185**

### **Introit**

*Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

P: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**C: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P: The Lord has made known his salvation;

**C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis** (*sung*)     **LSB 186-9**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**     (*LSB 189*)

P:♪ The Lord be with you.

**C:♪ And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray... O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:♪ Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**     *Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

R: The Old Testament reading for the First Sunday after Christmas is from Exodus, chapter thirteen.

The Lord said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Then Moses

said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. . . . “When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

R: The Epistle reading is from Colossians, chapter three.

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia**

*(LSB 190)*



### **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:22-40*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the

Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Creed** (8:15) **Apostles’ Creed;** (11) **Nicene Creed** [LSB inside back cover]

### **Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” **LSB 367**

**Sermon** “*Waiting Until the Wait is Over*” **Luke 2:22-40**

**(8:15) Welcome New Members**

**Offertory** (*sung*) **LSB 192-193**

**Offering** (*Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.*)

### **Prayer of the Church**

**Service Without Holy Communion – 8:15 am**

**Hymn** *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”* **LSB 366**

**The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction**

*Announcements*

**Closing Hymn** *“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”* **LSB 937**

**Service of the Sacrament – 11 am**

*(Guests and Visitors please refer to our guideline in preparation for Holy Communion printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)*

**Communion Liturgy** **LSB 194ff**

**Distribution Hymns**

*“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”* **LSB 624**

*“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”* **LSB 358**

*“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”* **LSB 366**

**Post-Communion Liturgy** **LSB 199ff**

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