
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 26, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (LSB #368)

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
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?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**
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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

Pastor: “Humble yourselves under God’s mighty hand,

People: **That He may lift you up in due time.”** *(1 Pet 5:6)*

Pastor: “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,

People: **That we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”**
(Heb 4:16)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (From Psalm 111, spoken together.)

¹ Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. ² Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,



giving them the lands of other nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

HYMN: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (LSB #393)

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing,
Little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging,
Angels singing,
Bells are ringing,
Tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping,
Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory,
Heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing,
Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing,
Greet the morrow;
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:10-13

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’ ¹¹ For the LORD will ransom Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. ¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—the grain, the new wine and the oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. ¹³ Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH: (*Sung, LSB p. 190*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (*Responses sung, LSB p. 190,191*) Luke 2:41-52

Pastor: The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 2

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴¹ Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Pastor: Here ends the Gospel.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior. I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

SONG: “More Precious than Silver” (Lynn DeShazo)

Lord, You are more precious than silver.

Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds

And nothing I desire compares with You. (Repeat)

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SONG: “Thou Art Worthy” (Karen Eagan)

Thou art worthy, Great Jehovah.

Thou art worthy, Mighty God.

Thou art worthy, Abba Father.

Thou art worthy, Lamb of God. (Repeat)

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SERMON: Luke 2:49 “Get Into Your Father’s Things!”

OFFERTORY: (Sung, LSB p. 192)

Create in me a clean heart,

O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence;

and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Father in heaven, You made Your Son the firstborn among many brothers.

People: **Open our eyes to see Your salvation for all the world. Stir our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to support the mission of Your church.**

Pastor: As we share Your love and truth,

People: **Help us make use of every opportunity You give us to proclaim the good news about Jesus as the Savior with others.**

Pastor: Eternal God, our lives are in Your hands.

People: **Preserve and protect our lives from every harm and danger. Also help us as Your people to respect life and care for the lives of our fellow man.**

Pastor: Lord God, as Your baptized children, holy and dearly loved,

People: **You have clothed us in Christ’s righteousness. Now may Jesus’ compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness for others shine out in our lives more and more.**

Pastor: Heavenly King, You rule the nations of the world, giving government to oppose injustice and oppression.

People: **Give wisdom and truth to all who serve in positions of authority, that they may serve faithfully to promote all that is good, and serve Your purposes in hindering all that is evil.**

Pastor: Precious Lord, Your mercies are new each day. Show forth that mercy on those who are in distress, especially...*(special requests)*...Grant them healing, relief, and a peaceful spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer and answer them in accordance with Your good will.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,

People: Trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" (LSB #390)

**Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.**

**To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.**

**We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.**

**Christ, our Lord And Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us,
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.**

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Memorial Gift

Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a beneficiary recipient from the John and Ida Mae Dolny Trust. The amount received by Holy Emmanuel was a substantial amount. The funds will be used to improve the heating and air conditioning systems for our Christian early childhood center of the church. This section is our primary Outreach Program and has been in existence for almost 25 years. The Dolny donation allows repairs to be made prior to the full winter season. The donation was perfectly timed.

Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church is deeply grateful to the Major General John Dolny Family for the very generous and thoughtful donation. The donation truly is a blessing.

May the Spirit of our Lord bless and comfort the Dolny family in this Christmas season and always.



***If you would like
to take home a
poinsettia, you may
following today's
Worship service.***



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Adult Bible Class:

Meets on Sundays at 8:30am-9:15am.

Also meets on Tuesdays at 11am-noon.

Location: Church fellowship hall.

Topic: Both classes are the same. We are currently finishing up our look at the book of Revelation.

Scripture References

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Luke 2:49

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

Psalms 2:1

⁷ I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

Matthew 3:16,17

¹⁶ ...At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Acts 17:24-28

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷ God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Colossians 1:19,20

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Psalms 122:1

¹ I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Psalms 119:97,103

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long... ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Isaiah 64:6

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

1 Peter 2:2,3

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

⁴⁹ *“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”*

1. Why should our main interest be in the Lord?
2. What did Jesus know as a boy?
3. How did the Father’s love impact Jesus?
4. In what way(s) is God our Father?
5. What does our baptism reassure us of?
6. Why did Jesus go to the Temple when separated from his parents?
7. What does Jesus’ life embody?
8. What attitude should we have when it comes to Advent services?
9. Why are we left feeling guilty when we compare our life to Jesus’ life?
10. What is Jesus’ primary role for us?
11. How does Jesus’ saving work change us?
12. What does our heavenly Father do when we want to get into his things?