# Welcome to Emmaus Lutheran!



## CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2023

## GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE TO US: The Incarnation Promise: The Word became Flesh

As is the usual Christmas Day reading from John's Gospel, this brings us to the pivotal point of what the entire Old Testament has been pointing towards, all the way from the promise given to Adam and Eve, God the flesh. "In Him was life," is no empty phrase. All of the mercy, love steadfast love of God is wrapped up in this peace enfleshed for all mankind. God has brought us the promise in the manger, humble but carrying with him the entirety of salvation. Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus in Word and song!



**WELCOME!** What a blessing to gather together to worship the One True God! The Lord will bless your worship as he brings His gifts to you through Word and Sacrament. May we all respond with prayer, praise and thanksgiving. We invite you to prepare for worship in silence and prayer. Remembering your Baptism, you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross when you see this symbol + in the bulletin. If you are a guest, Pastor Olsen would love to meet you and we ask that you sign our Guest Book

located in the front hallway.



**WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN:** Worship is a time for the entire family to be together to hear the Word of God, for faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17). Therefore we encourage parents and children of all ages to sit together in the service. Understanding it is difficult for little ones to sit for long periods, *Totes for Tots* activity bags are available as you enter church *(by the information table)* for children to use during the worship service.

Each bag contains books and quiet toys. Please return the bags and their contents after the worship service. Thank you! A *Cry Room* is also available in the Preschool/Mrs. MacKenzie's room (east hall), where you can listen to the worship service.

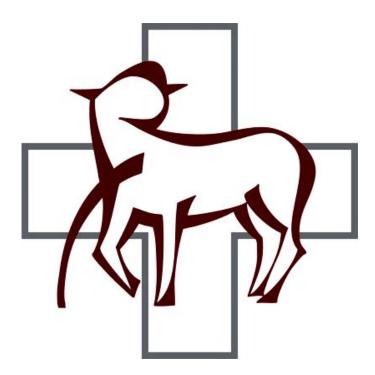
**DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORSHIP SERVICE?** If it is your first time, some things may seem foreign. Worship does not come naturally we have to learn it. It does not come on the first try; the first hour in a foreign country the language and customs may be foreign. The liturgy is the special activity of the baptized people of God. It has its own special language like we do in our workplaces. It has its own customs like we do in our families. Every Sunday we learn more of worship and faith. The liturgy is where God reveals Himself to us and gives us Hs gifts. Here we learn who He is and how to respond to Him. The words of worship come from the Scriptures and its form has been used for 2,000 years. So don't worry if it all seems strange. You learn by practicing - join us each week!

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord..." Psalm 122:1



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**RESTROOMS** are located on each side of the sanctuary. There is a baby changing table located in the girl's locker room on the west side. We also have a **Family Restroom** (handicap accessible & baby changing station) located at the southwest corner of the building, just outside the Church Office.



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Prelude

Welcome

### **Processional Hymn**

Congregation please stand and face the Processional Cross



### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

 $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

▶ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

		[Hebrews 10:22]
P	Our help is in the name of the Lord,	
С	who made heaven and earth.	Psalm 124:8
P	I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,	
С	and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.	Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

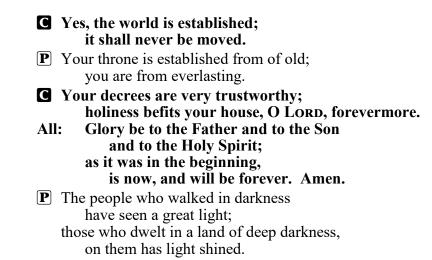
- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your 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.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

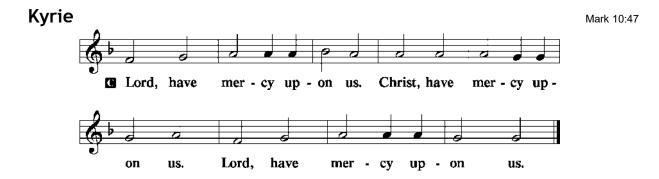
**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Introit

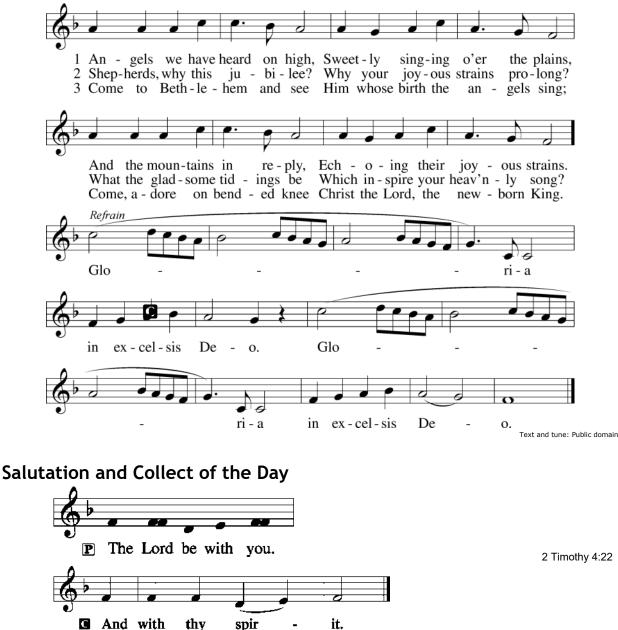
- The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
- C those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.







Gloria Hymn: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



#### **P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Old Testament: Isaiah 62:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." <sup>12</sup>And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

- **P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
  - and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
- C And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

#### Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

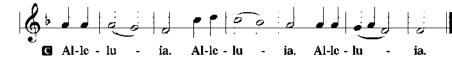
<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Procession**

Congregation please stand for the Gospel Procession.

#### Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Luke 2:(1-14) 15-20 P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter. G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

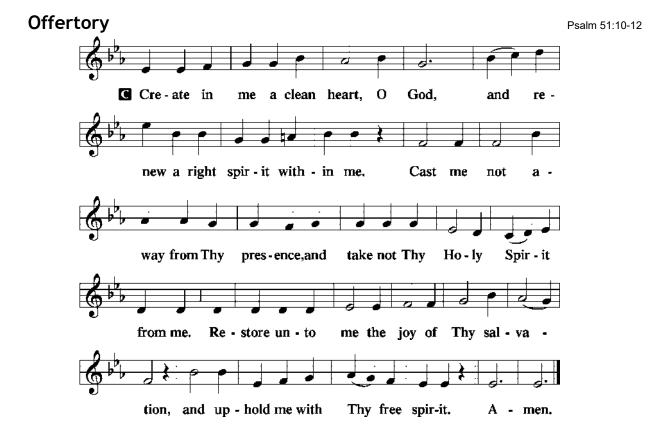
Congregation please remain standing for the Gospel Recession. You will be seated for the hymn.

#### Hymn of the Day 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



#### Sermon

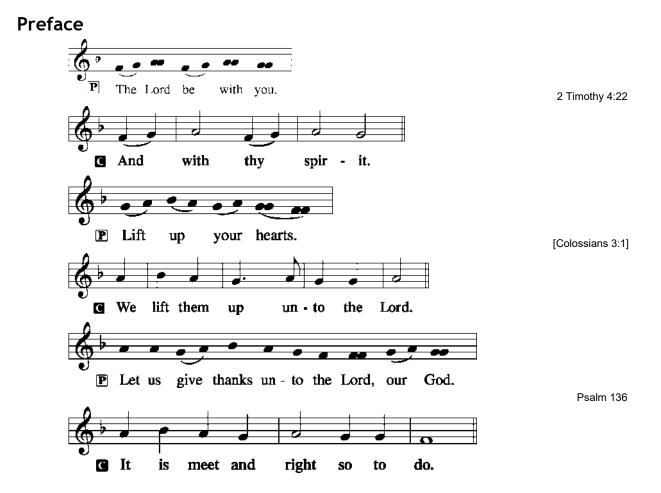
- **P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- **C** Amen.



#### Offering

The offering will not be collected during the worship service this morning. Please place your offering in one of the collection plates located at the back of the sanctuary. Extra offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart. If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at www.emmausfortwane.org and click on "Give Online" or use Vanco Mobile, available from the App Store. Thank you for your support of the ministry at Emmaus!

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



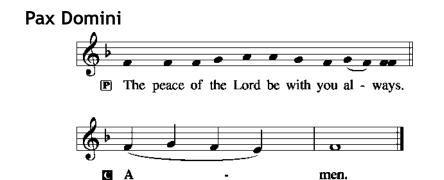
#### Lord's Prayer

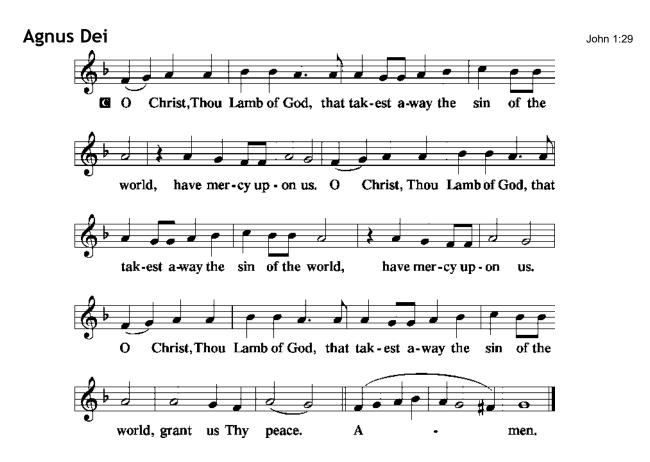
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





### Distribution

### **Our Holy Communion Practice**

In Holy Communion we are joined in a personal way with Christ and with one another as we receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, out of faithfulness toward God, and in sincere love that seeks to guard the spiritual well-being of all who would commune, Emmaus practices Closed Communion.

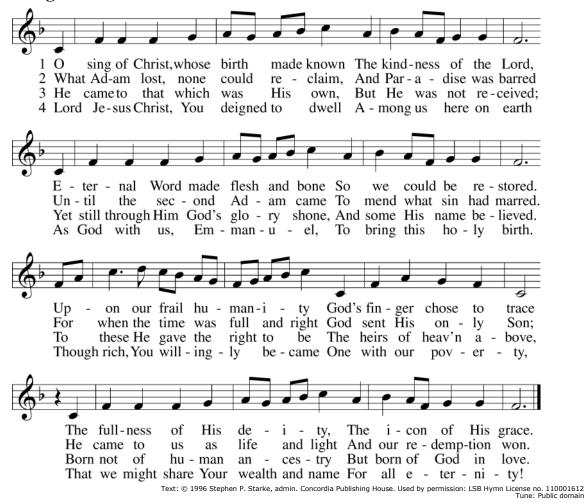
Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those communing together be unified in their confession of the faith, and also that those who commune unworthily do great harm to themselves. When a person partakes of the sacrament, he/she is also confessing his/her unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. Therefore, we ask you to refrain from communing if you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. All others are still welcome to come forward, crossing your arms to receive a blessing. Please speak with the pastor about receiving instruction to learn what Scripture teaches and our church confesses. We pray fervently for the day when Christ returns and all divisions will cease.

Thank you for respecting our practice.

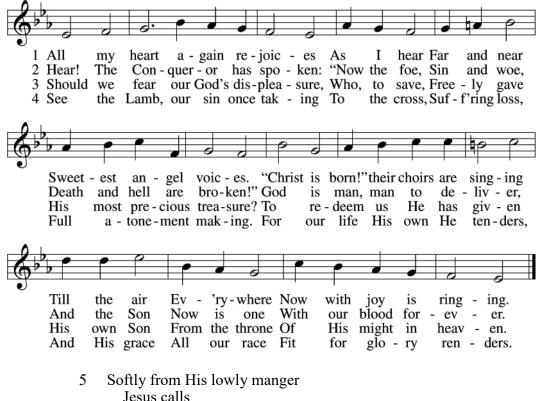


#### **Distribution Hymns**

#### 362 O Sing of Christ



360 All My Heart Again Rejoices



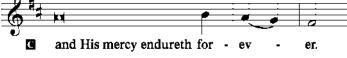
Jesus calls One and all, "You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you You are freed; All you need I will surely give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness! One and all, Great and small, Come with songs of gladness.
We shall live with Him forever There on high In that joy
Which will vanish never.

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#### Post-Communion Hymn 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice, vv. 3, 4



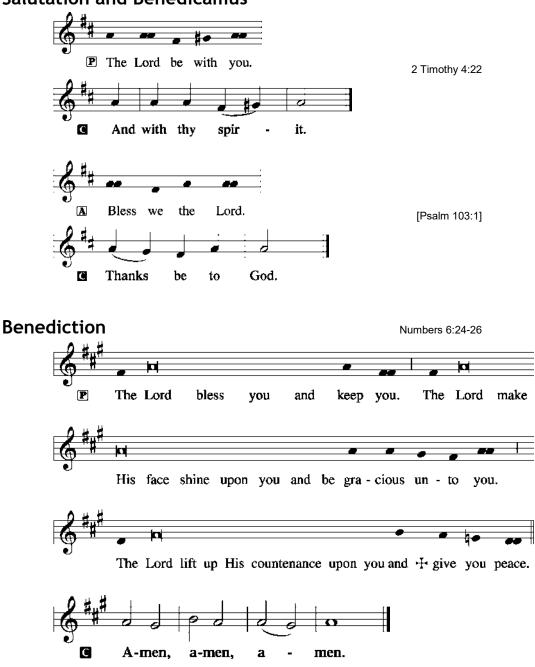


**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

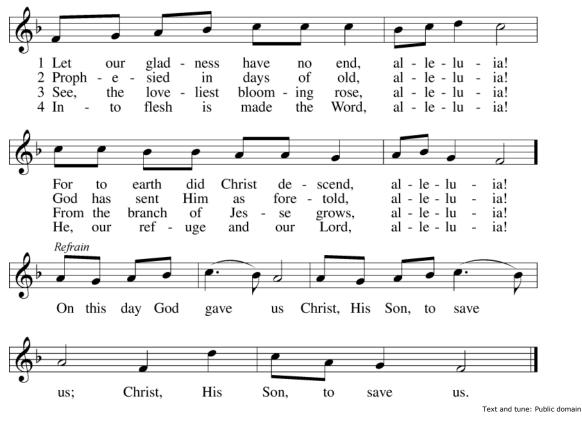
**C** Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus



Congregation please remain standing for the Recessional Hymn and face the cross as it is carried to the back of the sanctuary.

#### Recessional Hymn 381 Let Our Gladness Have No End



#### Announcements

#### Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- **C** Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

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#### Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Roy c. Olsen, III Acolyte: Erik Olsen Book Bearer: Hunter Durlacher Elder: Mr. James Heeren Organist: Mrs. Joann Olsen

#### **MISSION OF EMMAUS LUTHERAN:**

Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross, the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST through worship, life together, teaching and service.

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## This Week at Emmaus

#### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion Festival Service

> Tuesday, December 26 Church Office Closed

Tuesday - Friday December 27—30 NO School Sunday, December 31 1st Sunday after Christmas New Year's Eve

9:00 a.m. Divine Service - Holy Communion Our Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes will not meet. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th. Acolyte: Niko Spanos Elder: Jesse Steinbacher



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