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WOV - With One Voice  
CH - Celebration Hymnal  
LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

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## First Sunday of Christmas

December 30, 2018

### *“Joy to the World”*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;

Let ev’ry heart prepare him room

And heav’n and nature sing,

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And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and Giver of life. **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

### *Silence for reflection*

P: God of glory, God of peace,

**C: We confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than to look for the life that comes to us in Christ. We trust ourselves and others rather than you. Save your people, O God. Sustain the creation you have made. Free us to live boldly in and through your Word made flesh, Jesus, the Christ.**

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are indeed saved, our sins are washed away. In the name of Almighty God I declare to you that you have been forgiven. Renewed by the Holy Spirit let us live in hope and joy. God has come to live among us! Amen

Opening Hymn: *Away in a Manger* ..... **WOV # 644**

### The Greeting

P: Christ in born. Alleluia. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### The Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy (Spoken)

P: Kyrie Eleison – **C: Lord have Mercy**

P: Christe Eleison – **C: Christ have Mercy**

P: Kyrie Eleison – **C: Lord have Mercy unto us**

Hymn of Praise: *The Magnificat* ..... Insert

### The Salutation

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Verse: *Alleluia...* and Gospel Acclamation ..... **LBW p. 62**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52

### Sermon

Hymn: *Sing We Now of Christmas* ..... **CH # 275**

Nicene Creed..... **LBW p. 64**

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering

**I lay in fetters, groaning; You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning; You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me, A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.**

Prayer: *Merciful Father* .....LBW p. 67

The Great Thanksgiving .....LBW p. 68

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) .....LBW p. 69

The Words of Institution .....LBW p. 69

The Lord's Prayer .....LBW p. 71

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) .....LBW p. 72

*We will commune via Intinction today. Please form ONE line as you approach the altar and return on the SIDE AISLE to your seat. Thank you.*

**Note to our guests:** *As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

The Distribution

**I Wonder as I Wander** .....WOV # 642

**Let All Together Praise Our God**.....LBW # 47

Post Communion Canticle

***“Christ Lay in a Manger”***  
*(melody: Away in a Manger)*

**Christ lay in a manger; a crib was His bed,  
a crib where the ox and the donkey had fed.  
And why was this Baby asleep on the hay?  
To show us that Jesus would feed us one day.**

**For Jesus our Savior would suffer and die  
to offer His blood to His Father on high  
to pay for the bad things we think, do, and say—  
then rise from His grave on the first Easter Day.**

**Now Jesus our Savior who rose from the dead  
feeds Christians forgiveness in wine and in bread:  
His body and blood are the food they take in,  
the body and blood that redeemed us from sin.**

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Post-Communion Prayer.....LBW p. 74

Benediction and Amen.....LBW p. 77

Announcements

Closing Hymn: ***Cold December Flies Away***.....LBW # 53

Chimes and Postlude

**Welcome to worship at Emmanuel!** We pray that the blessing of the Twelve days of Christmas will bring you peace and joy. A blessed 2019 to all members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church! May God strengthen and grow our ministry according to His holy will.

**A huge Thank-you to Darren Marsh** who spent a week painting and “fixing” a number of stained and crumbling walls in the sanctuary and side rooms and re-painted the library. He gifted all labor and materials to Emmanuel and we thank him for his incredible generosity. Thank you, Darren!

**The flower arrangement** is in honor of Laurie Nack Bublitz' 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Her family invites you to help her celebrate today in the Fellowship Hall after worship. No gifts please, just your presence.

**In preparation of our Annual Meeting** on January 27, we ask that all committees, boards, auxiliaries and treasurers submit the reports of their 2018 work to the office not later than Friday, January 11. If possible, please provide your information in electronic form. If you are not sure what is needed from whom: please call the office and we will be happy to assist.

<b>This Week at Emmanuel December 31 – January 6</b>		
Wednesday, January 2	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, January 3	9:30 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
Saturday, January 5	2 - 5 pm	Ladies Tea
Sunday, January 6	9:30 am	Worship -Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

<b>Offering – December 23</b>	<b>Attendance: 72</b>
Current- \$6,591	Benevolence- \$25
Gifts and Memorial- \$250	Building- \$40

<b>December 24</b>	<b>Attendance: 207</b>
Current- \$3,676	

<b>December 25</b>	<b>Attendance:41</b>
Current- \$3,645	