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

Christmas Day
December 25, 2020

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Organist: Charlotte Cole
Acolyte: Zach Badker

Prelude: *Organ/Piano Duet (Donna Schilling): "Joy To The World"* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

P: 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.**

P: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

C: Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hymn: ***When Christmas Morn is Dawning***LBW # 59

*1. When Christmas morn is dawning I wish that I could be
There by the manger cradle God's Son, newborn to see,
There by the manger cradle God's Son, newborn, to see.*

*2. How kind of you, our Savior, For us to come to earth.
Oh, may we not by sinning Despise your lowly birth.
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*3. We need you, O Lord Jesus, To be our dearest friend.
Your love will guard and guide us And keep us to life's end
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Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Epistle Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

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

*1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.*

Gospel Acclamation (spoken): **Alleluia. I am bringing you Good News of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

Hymn: ***The Bells of Christmas***.....LBW # 62 vv 1,2,3, & 6

*1. The bells of Christmas chime once more; The heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still With new year gifts of peace, good will.*

*2. This world, though wide and far outspread, Could scarcely find for you a bed.
Your cradle was a manger stall, No pearl nor silk no kingly hall.*

*3. Now let us go with quiet mind, The swaddled babe with shepherds find.
To gaze on him who gladdens them, The loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.*

*6. Come, Jesus, glorious heavn'ly guest, And keep your Christmas in our breast;
Then David's harpstrings, hushed so long, Shall swell our jubilee of song.*

Sermon: ***Light, Life, and Love***

Hymn: ***Love Has Come!***.....CH # 256

*1. Love has come a light in the darkness! Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on High!*

*2. Love is born! Come share in the wonder; Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*

3. *Love has come he never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us; Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to you, God on High!*

Nicene Creed.....LBW p. 64

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer: *Merciful Father*.....LBW p.87

P: Merciful Father, **C:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingLBW p. 88

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)LBW p. 89

The Words of InstitutionLBW p. 89

The Lord's Prayer.....LBW p. 91

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)CH # 302

1. *Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

2. *Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

3. *I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.*

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.*

Instructions for Holy Communion...*As we serve Holy Communion today, we will do so with each household being ushered up separately and the next household (individual, couple or family) waiting in the pew until the previous one has left the chancel area. Pastor will sanitize her hands between each group and will be the only person who prepares, serves and cleans up the vessels and the elements. After the consecration at the altar, Pastor will move to the middle of the nave where you will see three tables. The middle one will have a large plate with the bread/host. The side tables will have trays with wine. Pastor Z then will give you a wafer. Then you will be asked to take a cup of wine from the tray. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass on a plate that is in front of the first pew on both sides of the aisle.*

The Distribution

The Birthday of a King.....CH # 284

1. *In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light o'er the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)*

*Refrain: Alleluia! O how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King.*

2. *'Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much God gave to us that day;
From the manger bed what a path has led, what a perfect, holy way. (Refrain)*

What Can I Give Him?.....CH # 263

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring him a lamb;
If I were a wiseman I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.*

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How Great Our Joy!.....CH # 269

1. *While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings bro't an angel bright.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

2. *There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem a Child to day.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

3. *There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall redeem us all.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

4. *This Gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light.....CH # 264

1. *Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, And usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright But hear the angel's warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy, Our confidence and joy shall be.
The pow'r of Satan breaking, Our peace eternal making.*

2. *He comes, a Child from realms on high; He comes the heav'ns adoring.
He comes to earth to live and die, A broken race restoring.
Although the King of kings is He, He comes in deep humility;
His people to deliver And reign in us forever.*

Post-Communion Prayer

C: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around the gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and deed for the gift of Jesus. Amen

Benediction

P: May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts this day and always. **C: Amen**

P: May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations, until he brings us into his eternal kingdom. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

The Closing Hymn: **Holy Child within the Manger**WOV # 638

1. *Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near;
come as friend to ev'ry stranger, come as hope for ev'ry fear.
As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound,
As you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.*

2. *Once again we tell the story- how your love for us was shown,
When the image of your glory wore an image like our own.
Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace.
May the fire of your compassion kindle ev'ry land and race.*

3. *Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way,
So we see in ev'ry stranger how you come to us today.
In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you,
That our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.*

Postlude: "Postlude (Christmas)" transcribed by William Stickles

Please be seated after the closing hymn. You will be ushered out from the back of the sanctuary. Please exit through the double glass doors!

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel...we are pleased to have you here to join in the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. Merry Christmas!

Our condolences...to Ruth Neeley and family at the loss of her mother, Bernice Foell, on December 16th. May God comfort all who mourn.

Year-end deadline...for financial contributions to Emmanuel is Wednesday, December 30th at noon. Any funds received thereafter will be acknowledged on your 2021 statement.

New offering envelopes...are available to pick up

Poinsettia Gifts

Given by . . .

Jerry Navratil - To the Glory of God

Clarice Bartz - In honor of Loved Ones

Rod & Emi Kuntz - In memory of Loved Ones

Merlin & Lisa Bartz - In memory of Jane Buechele

Jane Dalluge & Family - In memory of Steve Dalluge

Phil & Gloria Hackbart - In memory of Loved Ones

Albert & Doris Ralph - In memory of Loved Ones

Charlotte Cole & Family - In memory of Loved Ones

Megan Rustad - In memory of Rufus & Doris Glassel

Dave & Candi Feldt - In memory of Gene & Janice Cole

Darren & Lori Marsh Family - In memory of Joanne Marsh

Mark Fredrickson - In memory of Ken & LaVerne Fredrickson

Randy & Sharon Hulshizer family - In memory of Olga Borchardt,
Bernice Foell, and Teri (Hulshizer) Bishop

Laurie Nack-Bublitz Family - In memory of Loved Ones
and Kuper Dean Malmin- Love you!

Michael & Solveig Zamzow - In memory of Neil & Audrey Zamzow
and Alfred & Gertraud Draeger

Teri & Mike Sorenson & Family - In memory of Rufus & Doris Glassel
and Bob & Louise Sorenson

Connie Rosenberg Family - In memory of Harper Grace Putz,
In honor of Olivia, Leighton, Nolan & Madelynn

Thank you to all who shared plants to beautify our sanctuary!

You may pick up your poinsettias after today's Worship

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2021 to all members and friends of Emmanuel

Lutheran ... We are sending our best wishes to each of you with praise and thanksgiving for another year of shared ministry. May these holy days be filled with the warmth of love and peace we seek and may we find blessings even in those moments that appear dark and hopeless. We greet you with words from an old Orthodox Liturgy spoken in preparation of the Nativity: *Today the virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded, with the angels and the shepherds; glorify Him who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, while remaining God in all eternity.* Let us hear the proclamation once again, receive the Christ of God and live joyfully as the people of God we truly are.

-Merry Christmas, Pastor Solveig and Michael Zamzow

