

Immanuel Lutheran Church \* St. Charles, MO

First Sunday after Christmas  
Sunday, December 26, 2021 – 8:00 am



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.  
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.  
(Isaiah 9:2, 6a)

December  
Memory  
Verse

\* - Congregation will rise

Opening Hymn

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” - #374

\*Order of Worship “Prayer & Preaching”

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Old Testament Canticle (Sunday)

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“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.”

<sup>3</sup>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. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

<sup>11</sup>“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, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.”

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord  
<sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,  
<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation  
<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."  
<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."  
<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.  
<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Response: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Common Responsory

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Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**People: Refrain: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. **Refrain**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **Refrain**

## \*The Apostles' Creed

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## \*The Lord's Prayer

### Hymn

"Let All Together Praise Our God" - #389 v. 1-2, 5-6

### Sermon

"The Emperor's New Clothes"

### Hymn

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" - #384

## Offering

## \*Offering Prayer

## \*Prayer

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## \*Prayers & Special Intercessions

- † The family Hugh Kinder who died on December 18th;  
The family of Diane Maurer (former ILS teacher) who died on December 19th.
- † Max Russell Ermeling and Reina Joyce Tonjes who are being welcomed into God's family this weekend through Holy Baptism.
- † Gladys Kraemer who is celebrating her 97th birthday on December 29th.  
Betty Thiele who will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 31st.
- † Dave & Grace (Schwane) Poertner who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 31st.
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)* For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)* Tim Aubuchon, Claire Brown, Jodi Lombardo Bubenzer, Dr. Jim Bryant, Lonna Cook, Joni Duncan, Glenn Erschen, Donna Feise, Paige Fosher, David Gabrhel, Christopher Goodman, Doris Gregory, Dorothy Hallemeier, Bill Herman, Terri Joseph, James Kayser, Jeanette Koechner, Mitch Konrad, Brenda Larson, Angie Luetkenhaus, Diane Maurer, Dean McAlexander, Susan Miller, Gary Rice, Rev. Mike Schempf, Marilyn Sprung, Julie Stevens, Dale Stivison, Nicole Taylor, Frank Thompson, Richard Toedebusch, Randy Ziegler
- † Hospitalized this past week: Miles Anderson, Dennis McDonald, Don Gilliland, LH Kinsey

\*Morning/Evening Prayer

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\*New Testament Canticle (Sunday)

\*Blessing

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\*Closing Hymn

“Go Tell It On the Mountain” - #388

\*Postlude

### Participants

**Preacher** ..... Rev. Ryan Taylor  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Karen Haak  
**Sound Technician** ..... Ethan McCollister

### **Ministry Expansion**

As previously approved by voters, Immanuel will be purchasing property in mid-January to expand our ministries. A short-term bridge loan is needed. Congregation approval is needed – Eligible voters will cast ballots the weekend of January 15,16,17. A CLT member will be available after today’s service (in the Atrium) to answer any questions.

### **LHS News**

LHS Wishes You a Blessed and Joy-Filled Christmas! (Their office will be closed until January 3.)

### **Senior Book Club – January 6th, 11:00 am, FH LL**

All enjoyed the Christmas book. Soon we will be discussing a short memoir. For questions or to join this new venture, call Chris Flandermeyer at 636-925-0126.

**Immanuel Men** - We are called in scripture to be spiritual leaders in our households. Let's make 2022 the year. We have 3 weekly men's bible studies: Wednesdays at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Thursdays nights at 8:00 pm in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall, or Saturday mornings at 8:00 am at the Crooked Tree coffee shop. Give one a try. Call the Church Office (636.946.2656) if you have any questions.

### **Merry Pairs Sing Along & Dinner – Sunday, January 16th, 3:00 pm, FH**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to go out as group and sing to shut ins, then return for Italian Meal in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 12th. All Married Couples are welcome to join us, we have lots of fun, lots to share and typically have lots to eat (including desert). Bring a side, salad or desert. For RSVP or to get more info talk with Ruth Wiley, Call/ Text Debbie Poertner 636-248-0288 or email daniel.poertner@yahoo.com .

### **Link to *The Chosen* Page on Website:** [ImmanuelStCharles.org/the-chosen-bible-study/](https://ImmanuelStCharles.org/the-chosen-bible-study/)

The page includes the link to the Group Guide and Google Meet. Join Pastor Ryan on Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 pm.