

Immanuel Lutheran Church * St. Charles, MO

Second Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, January 2, 2022—8:00 & 9:30 am &

Monday, January 3, 2022—6:30 pm

Chosen

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises
of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
1 Peter 2:9*

January
Memory
Verse

* - Congregation will rise

Opening Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” - #380

*Order of Worship “Divine Service Setting III”

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Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

*Alleluia

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

(Sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **(Sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Nicene Creed**

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Hymn

“Within the Father’s House” - #410

Sermon

“The Best Wisdom for a New Year” - 1 Kings 3:4-15

Offering

***Offertory**

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***Offering Prayer**

***Prayer of the Church**

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***Special Intercessions**

- † The family of Jane Klinghammer who died on December 30th;
The family of Cleo Bekebrede who died on December 31st.
- † Don Kuhlmann who celebrated his 89th birthday on December 24th;
Esther Davis who is celebrating her 95th birthday on January 1st.
- † 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; *new additions*: Teresa Doer, Rev. Dennis Schwab (retired Senior Pastor at Zion, Harvester)
- † Pastor Schmieding who has COVID and is in quarantine until Epiphany;
All others who are sick with COVID and other seasonal illnesses.
- † Hospitalized this past week: TJ Duello, Sue Burgdorf, Jim McCormick, LH Kinsey

***Service of the Sacrament**

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Distribution

Distribution Hymns

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” - #386

“God Loves Me Dearly” - #392

***Nunc Dimittis**

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***Thanksgiving**

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***Post Communion Collect, Salutation & Benedicamus**

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***Benediction**

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***Closing Hymn**

“Joy to the World” - #387

***Postlude**

Participants

Preacher Rev. Allen Schade
Liturgist Vicar Matt Gerzevske (8:00); Rev. Ryan Taylor (9:30)
Organist..... Mr. Loren Muench (Sunday); Mr. Josh Freund(Monday)
Student Greeter Alyssa Lindemann (8:00)
Student Usher Melaina Beilsmith (9:30)
Sound Technician..... Mark Krueger (8:00); Adrian Archer (9:30)

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.

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/

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