



# *Second Sunday of Christmas*

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson

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January 2, 2022 9:15am in person / live stream / on the radio

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**C: Amen.**

L: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

L: Holy God,

**C: we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: “**The Bells of Christmas**”

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### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14 *Joy at the gathering of God’s scattered flock*

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20 [read responsively]

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup>**who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup>**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup>God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup>**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup>**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 *The will of God made known in Christ*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Alleluia"**

#175

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18 *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

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APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

baby Ruby Sue Albertsen

Lois Holst

family of Phil Olson

Dean Anderson

Roger Johns

Ashley Rayhons

Liam Bartleson

Mike Korth

Mark Sutton

Hazel Barloon

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Missionary Karen Anderson

Donna Gilbertson

Carolyn Newcom Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes  
family of Jesus Ochoa, Sr.

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: **"Lamb of God"**

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**"Let All Together Praise Our God"**

#287 (vs. 1,2,3,5)

**"The First Noel"**

#300

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: **"Love Has Come"**

Senior Choir

OFFERTORY: **"We Are An Offering"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: **“What Child Is This”**

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Ken Korth

Scripture Reader: Ray Beebe

Organist: Amy Thorson

Choir Director: Audrey Olmstead

Song Leaders: Choir

Audio/Video: Karl Wooldridge/Carson Strukel

Altar Care: Jeanette Neuman

Ushers: Beenken family

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Communion Servers: Kathy McEnelly, Becky Stumme, Mary Kingland

Coffee Fellowship: Kitchen Service Group