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The Gift of Sharing Peace

December 4th, 2022
adapted from Divine Service GIA

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Share with us Your Peace, our coming King!

People: Pour out Your Gifts to us today.

Pastor: Work in us to share Your Peace with each other.

People: Wherever there are fractures in our life, fill us with Your Peace. Wherever there are fractures in others' lives, help us bring peace, hope, and love to mend. Wherever there are fractures in our relationships, it brings us to peaceful reconciliation.

Pastor: You are forever present, O Lord, undistracted in Your care for us and always sharing Your peace.

People: Amen!

(As we sing verses 1&2 of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," the Advent Candles are lit.)

Verse 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Verse 2

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SIN

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for personal self-examination.)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: have mercy on us. We confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and as an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority I forgive you all of your sin in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

KYRIE

Pastor:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through-out the

world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor:

For Your peo-ple here, who have come to give You praise, for the

strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor:

Help, save, and de - fend us, O, God.

People:

A - men.

PROMISE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE

P: The Lord is with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: King of Peace, fill every part of earth with Your goodness. Continue to guide us, Your people, in the ways of Your peace so that we mature as Your Body. We pray that You work through us to share Your peace so that it would be known and experienced by others. We lift this prayer to You, our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CORNERSTONE CHOIR

“Bring Us Hope”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 26:2-15 (Responsively)

R: ²Open the gates,

C: that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.

R; ³You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,

C: because he trusts in you.

R: ⁴Trust in the LORD forever,

C: for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

R: ⁵For he has humbled
the inhabitants of the height,
the lofty city.

**C: He lays it low, lays it low to the ground,
casts it to the dust.**

R: ⁶The foot tramples it,
the feet of the poor,

C: the steps of the needy.”

R: ⁷The path of the righteous is level;

C: you make level the way of the righteous.

R: ⁸In the path of your judgments,
O LORD, we wait for you;

**C: your name and remembrance
are the desire of our soul.**

R: ⁹My soul yearns for you in the night;
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.

**C: For when your judgments are in the earth,
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.**

R: ¹⁰If favor is shown to the wicked,
he does not learn righteousness;

**C: in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly
and does not see the majesty of the LORD.**

R: ¹¹O LORD, your hand is lifted up,
but they do not see it.

**C: Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed.
Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.**

R: ¹²O LORD, you will ordain peace for us;

C: you have done for us all our works.

R: ¹³O LORD our God,
other lords besides you have ruled over us,

C: but your name alone we bring to remembrance.

R: ¹⁴They are dead, they will not live;
they are shades, they will not arise;

**C: to that end you have visited them with destruction
and wiped out all remembrance of them.**

R: ¹⁵But you have increased the nation, O LORD,
you have increased the nation; you are glorified;

C: you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:14-22

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined

together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:67-79

⁶⁷ And [John's] father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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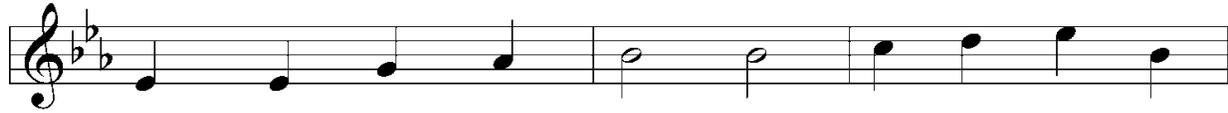
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Once He Came in Blessing"

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

*During this time while we are worshiping together in person and virtually,
we pray you consider electronic giving or mailing in your offering.*

For options, please contact the church office.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Deacon: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR OUR SHINING STAR FAMILIES

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION FAMILY PRAYER

On the screen

LORD'S PRAYER

On the screen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us.

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C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

C: Grant us Your Peace.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of the incarnate Christ, who came and dwelt amongst us, is with you now and always.

C: Amen.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” *LSB 636 vv. 1,3,5*



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther



gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.

Verse 5

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor:



May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.

May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

People:



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men.



CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTRIBUTIONS

- “O COME, O COME EMMANUEL” Lutheran Service Book #357, Public domain; Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; *Psalteriolum Cationum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; Tune: French, 15th cent.; setting: C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944
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- “LORD, BID YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE” Lutheran Service Book

Serving Our Lord Today (Please contact the office to sign up for Children's Messages or to be an Usher. Please see Nancy Peterson to be a Reader.)			
Pastor	Rev. Bart Loos	Deacon	Paul Lang
Elder	Ryan Hart	Children's Message	Jim Alfama
Reader & Acolyte	Carolina Hodgeon	Audio Video	Justin Alfama
Altar Guild	Nancy Peterson	Pro Presenter	Kevin Patrick

First Lutheran Staff			
Pastor	Rev. Bart Loos	Deacon	Paul Lang
Preschool Director	Nancy Durkovic	Admin. Asst.	Sophie Killian
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Live Stream Worship Options

You are invited to join us weekly for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in-person or online. Join us online on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/flcmb/live> and YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/FLCYoutube>. The audio from recent sermons is available —at <http://flcmb-org.transistor.fm>

eGIVING

If you would like to financially support the mission and ministry of First Lutheran Church and Circle of Love Preschool, eGiving is available at <https://www.tinyurl.com/FLCGiving>

Regarding Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a family meal. We invite you to join us in this meal. If you are our guest this morning and have any questions regarding the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor Bart Loos or Deacon Paul Lang before the service. As you prepare to receive this family meal, it is helpful to ask yourself these questions:

- Am I a baptized Christian who trusts in Jesus Christ alone for salvation?
- Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- Do I desire to live in the strength of the Holy Spirit and walk in the path of righteousness revealed by God's holy laws?

Activities this Week

December 4th, 2022 – December 11th, 2022

For details on the church calendar, please visit <http://www.flcmb.org/events>

Sunday 12/4	9:30 am	Sunday Worship (In-person & live on FB)
	11:00 am	The Missio Dei Bible Study Sunday School
	12:00 pm 2:30 pm	Christmas Radio Program Rehearsal LWML Christmas Party
Monday 12/5	10:00 am	First Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday 12/6	9:40 am 4:30 pm	COL Chapel Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 12/7	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Pre-service Meal Advent Midweek Vespers
Thursday 12/8	5:00 pm 5:45 pm	A Circle of Love Christmas! A Circle of Love Christmas!
Friday 12/9	5:00 pm 5:45 pm	A Circle of Love Christmas! A Circle of Love Christmas!
Saturday 12/10	9:00 am	LWML Zone 5 BOD Meeting
Sunday 12/11	9:30 am	Sunday Worship (In-person & Live on FB)
	11:00 am	The Missio Dei Bible Study Sunday School
	5:30 pm	Christmas Concert & Radio Program

November 27		October Totals:		Fiscal Year (Sept-Oct)	
Offering	\$4,090	Income	\$25,530	Income	\$49,181
Other	\$1,125	Expenses	\$27,922	Expenses	\$59,825
Total	\$5,215	Over/(Under)	\$(2,392)	Over/(Under)	\$(10,644)
		M&M Plan	\$(3,515)	M&M Plan	\$(9,840)

Our November Monthly Mission is:
Pacific Lutheran Junior & Senior High School

Our October Monthly Mission is:
Lutheran Church Charities
\$190.00

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

Birthdays

5: Josephine Rahmel; 6: Brent Young; 7: Kennedy Snode; 8: Eleanor Kittle; 9: Alexandra & Jack Britt; 9: Emmelyne Itow

Please add to your prayers

Carol Berman's father-in-law, Jay, and husband's aunt, Karen, diagnosed with cancer again + Kay Wells, undergoing surgery on Dec 8th + Elizabeth Hodgeon's Aunt, Sheena, struggling with cancer + Lynn Imamoto's sister-in-law, Justine, undergoing treatment for melanoma + Lukas Lubs + Ken Redeker's cousin, Dave Nierman + Pastor Scott Jonas, in recovery + Karen Bearns, undergoing health issues + Becky Guichard + Nancy Klomp + Emily Mendes, struggles with epilepsy + Ingeborg Aguirre, struggling with declining health + Russell Lawrence Jr., (friend of Julie Fellows) healing from pain, + John Durkovic + Cheryl James + Mary Carlson + Karla Burkee + Max Schaller + Gabby (Elizabeth's Friend) + Ava + Norma Iaia's husband and son

Homebound members

Pastor John Durkovic, Olive Scarcliff, Bonnie Stull, Terry & Denise Hlebasko

Ongoing Prayers

The ministries of First Lutheran Church & Circle of Love Preschool, Pacific Lutheran Junior/Senior High School, the South Bay Community, elected officials, our nation, unemployed and underemployed, Armed Forces, medical professionals, victims of COVID-19 Pandemic/Endemic, victims of natural disasters, and those who are traveling.

Please continue to pray for these cancer patients

Heather Rogers, Joe Laliberte, Beth Braun, Joan Lewan (Carol Berman's Mother-in-Law), Joe DeMello (friend of the McCombs' family), Michelle (Julie Fellows' friend), Anna Baker's friend Gail Chambers, Elvia Ocampo's family (sister Rosalia and nephew Eddie), Itow family friends (Vincent Ortiz, Melissa Campbell, Dema Tajiri), and Diana (Becca Itow's aunt).

Please continue to pray for those who mourn

Persecuted Christians, the Hennies Family, the Itow Family, the Meyers Family, the McCombs Family for the passing of Cathy Fioretta and Ryan McCombs, and the families of John Peters, Shirley Gilbert, Carlos, Norma Iaia's brother-in-law, Art Vanick, Joyce Rodgers, and Carol Berman's aunt Lisa.

Announcements

Please submit all announcements by Monday evening.

Thank you!

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY

We look forward to seeing you at our annual LWML Christmas Party today at 2:30pm. We will have a Gift Exchange (max value \$15), and Charity gathering of school supplies for Orphan Grain Train.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES & MEAL

Come join us for our Advent Midweek Service on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30pm with a dinner preceding at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars also for Wednesday, December 14th for our last Advent Midweek service.

A CIRCLE OF LOVE CHRISTMAS!

Join us next Thursday and Friday December 8th & 9th for A Circle of Love Christmas. Both days, the program will begin at 5:00pm and 5:45pm.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Next Sunday, on December 11th we will be having our annual Christmas concert at 5:30pm. Come join us for a time of singing, skits, and story-telling!

NEXT GEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Party on Monday, December 19th at 5:30pm. Details to come.

FLC 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Next year is the 75th anniversary of First Lutheran Church of Manhattan Beach!! Join us as we dive into FLC's history throughout the years and plan the celebrations to commemorate this event! If you would like to join the 75th Anniversary Committee, please contact the church office at flcoffice@first-lutheran.com

2023 FLOWER CHART

The 2023 chart to sign up to place flowers on the altar is now available in the narthex. You can place the flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones and you are encouraged to take the flowers home after worship! The cost is \$50.