

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
December 7, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Magnell

CELEBRATION SINGERS                      *“Grace Alone”*

WELCOME AND GREETING

SONG    *“Hark the Glad Sound”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In Philippians we are called to “have the same mind as Christ Jesus,”

**who humbled Himself, took the form of a servant,  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.**

Standing before the One who stooped low to lift us up, let’s confess our sin: *(time for reflection)*

Let’s pray together:

**Merciful God, we confess that our hearts are often far from the mind of Christ. Where  
He was humble, we have been proud. Where He served, we have sought to be served.  
Where He obeyed, we have followed our own desires. Forgive us for failing to walk in  
His way. Lift us by the power of His cross and reshape us into His likeness. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself for us, has now been exalted and given  
the name above every name. Because of His death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven,

**Thanks be to God!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SONG    *“Nobody Loves Me Like You”*

READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

*This prophecy from Isaiah looks ahead to the Messiah.*

<sup>10</sup>Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign  
of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol  
or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will  
not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

<sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David!

Is it too little for you to weary men, that you  
weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord  
himself will give you a sign. Behold, the  
virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall  
call his name Immanuel.

READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*Christ lived among us and demonstrated humility and obedience.*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even

death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SONG

*“Take You at Your Word”*

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18–23

*As Isaiah predicted, God with us, Jesus, was born into this world.*

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to

take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

SERMON – He's Called: Immanuel

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION      *“O Come to the Altar”*

PRAYER AND BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

**Amen!**

CLOSING SONG

*“All the People Said Amen”*

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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