

**December 24, 2024**  
**Nativity of Our Lord- Christmas Eve**  
**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH of NAVARINO**

*"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"*

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Candlelight Service



*Christmas Eve*

**Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and Announcements**

**Gathering Song**      **"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"**      Hymn #45

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.*

*(Time for Personal Reflection)*

*P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*P: Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise**      **"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**      Hymn #70

**Prayer - Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the rightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Bible Lessons**      **Micah 5:1-5**  
                                 **Psalm 96**  
                                 **Romans 5:15-21**

**Gospel Lesson**      **Luke 2:1-21**

**Message**              by Pastor Sabin

**Song of Praise        "Immanuel" with "What a Beautiful Name"**

*(Words are on the screen and also on the back page of the bulletin)*

**Apostle's Creed - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

**Prayers of the People of God**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Distribution**    Songs: "Away in a Manger" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Church lights are dimmed**



### **Candle Lighting**

P: As we light our candles, please listen to these words from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of John (John 8:12). Jesus spoke saying, "I am the light of the world; all who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



#### **Prayer**

P: Let us pray: Most Gracious God, we joyously celebrate the birth of your son whom you sent to us to be our light and show us your way to life. Remember your people this night and always. Let the brilliance of your loving grace dispel the gloom and bleakness of our lives. And let the glow of your gospel glisten strongly in us so that we may be your light to the world. In the name of your Son, our Savior and Light, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**C: Amen**

**Song**

**"Silent Night"**

Hymn #65

#### **Benediction (candles may remain lit)**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song**

**"Joy to the World"**

Hymn #39 vs 1,2,4

#### **Sending**

P: Go in peace! Shine the light of Christ!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Postlude**

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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#### **COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

*A special thank you goes out to the following for purchasing poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary this Christmas Season.*



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**Immanuel/What a Beautiful Name**

1. Our mighty God and Father  
sent us His only Son  
to give the world a Savior  
to be the Conquering One.  
Separated by our sin.  
Love came near to bring us back to Him.

**Chorus:** Immanuel.  
Immanuel.  
Immanuel.  
God with us.

2. Our mighty God and Father  
sent us His only Son  
to give the world a Savior,  
to be the Conquering One.  
Separated by our sin.  
Love came near to bring us back to Him.

**Chorus 2x**

**Bridge 2x:**

What a beautiful Name it is.  
What a beautiful Name it is.  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is.  
Nothing compares to this,  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus.

**Bridge End:**

What a beautiful Name it is,  
the Name of Jesus.

**Ending:**

Immanuel. (God with us)  
Immanuel. (God with us)  
Immanuel.  
God with us.  
God with us.  
God with us.  
God with us.