



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

First Sunday after Christmas



Saturday, December 30, 2017 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 31, 2017 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Guest/Member Cards can be found in the card holder of the pew in front of you. We invite you to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate when we receive the offering. When you fill out these cards each week you make it possible for our pastors to more easily follow up with and provide pastoral care for our guests and members from week to week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Holy Communion is distributed every Saturday evening, and at either the 7:45 am or 10:15 am service on Sunday mornings. In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, while only consuming a very small amount of alcohol. You are also welcome to practice intinction (dipping the edge of the host [bread] into the common cup as it passes by).

Immanuel's Saturday evening service is a bit less formal than our Sunday services. Therefore, you will notice there are no ushers, the offering plate is left in the narthex (entrance) of the church rather than being passed during service, and we have only two individuals distributing Holy Communion. On Saturday night we only use the chalice (common cup) during Holy Communion. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, you're welcome to practice intinction. Intinction involves dipping the edge of the host (bread) into the wine. In this way, the communicant receives both elements. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you.

The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice

Please stand

Invocation

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

C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Opening Sentences

(Based on Luke 2:29–31)

P According to the Lord's own Word, let us come before Him.

C **Our eyes shall see the salvation He has prepared for us.**

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:7; Galatians 4:4-5)

P If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

P Let us join together and confess our sins to God, our Father:

C **Lord God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have not walked according to Your commands. Our words and actions have not reflected the light of Your presence in our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in the darkness. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Cleanse our hearts and minds with His mercy, and scatter the darkness of our sin with the brightness of His righteousness. Amen.**

P Your merciful Father has sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem you who are under the law, so that you might be adopted into His family and freed by His forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of God's Son,

Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 388 v. 1-2, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain.*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth. *Refrain.*

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10)

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Luke 2:22-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children’s Message (Parents of very young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, Guest’s or Member’s Choice

Sermon, Galatians 4:4-7, “That’s My Abba!”

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come 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.

Prayer of the Church

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

For the blessing of God's kingdom, that people of all nations may come to the Savior who came into this world for us, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, show us Your glory in the face of Your Son.**

P For the Christian Church, both here at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and throughout the world, that we may rejoice in the Son of God and marvel at the mystery of His incarnation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, show us Your glory in the face of Your Son.**

P For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and servants of the Church, that wherever they go and whomever they reach, Your love may be seen and known, let us pray to the Lord.

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P For the community in which we live and for all of those who use their vocations to bless others, that we may do all things for the glory of God and for the good of mankind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, show us Your glory in the face of Your Son.**

P For all public servants, including our governmental leaders and the members of the Armed Forces (*especially...*), that they would embrace Jesus Christ and be filled with His wisdom, guidance, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, show us Your glory in the face of Your Son.**

P For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, (*especially...*), that they may be touched by the healing hand of our Great Physician, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, show us Your glory in the face of Your Son.**

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For these and all other concerns we have that, coming before the throne of grace, we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Father, show us Your glory in the face of Your Son. In His name we pray. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering (*5:30 pm – Please place your offerings in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

Please stand

Offertory/Response to Prayer, LSB 388 v. 3, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

3 **Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.**

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
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That Jesus Christ is born!*

The 7:45 am service continues on pg. 9.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 367, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 368, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

LSB 375, “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Benediction

(Based on Luke 2:29–31; Numbers 6:24-26)

P According to the Lord's own Word, let us come before Him.

C **Our eyes shall see the salvation He has prepared for us.**

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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice

Bells / Postlude

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, December 30, 2017 - 5:30 pm

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors
Media - Lisa Clamors

Pianist - Ron Jones
Acolyte - Lauren Patterson

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Lector - Wayne Collmeyer
Acolytes - Addie Janssen & Ben Janssen
Ushers - Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski
Music Director - Ann Frank
Media - Greg Hoeffken (with recording)

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup
Music Director - Ann Frank
Server - Warren Frank
Acolytes - Kyle Rusteberg & Tyler Cooley
Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ross Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Greeters - Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer
Lector - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
Media - Pam Nagel

Ushers - Sunday, January 7, 2018

7:45 am - Elden Niemeyer, Sharon Osterhage, Wayne Hargrave, Wyatt Drewes
10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Dave Wiese, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sarah Alu
Sunday 7:45 am - Wyatt & Masson Fink
Sunday 10:15 am - B. Richey & N. Hemmer

Lectors - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a
Sunday 7:45 am - Ollney Mueller, Jr.
Sunday 10:15 am - Karen Hodapp

Servers - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller
Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
Sunday 10:15 am - Bob Vernier

Altar Guild - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck
Sunday 7:45 am - n/a
Sunday 10:15 am - Janet & Louise

Media - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kelley Keller
Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)
Sunday 10:15 am - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe



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