



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Christmas Day



Tuesday, December 25, 2018 – 9:00 am

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

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! 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, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 386, “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav’n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!**

- 2 Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!**

- 3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father’s grace divine.
Death was reigning o’er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.**

**May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!**

- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!**

INVOCATION

- P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(1 John 1:8-9)

- P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

- P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called

and ordained servant of 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. (John 20:19-23)

C: Amen.

INTROIT OF THE DAY

(Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6)

P: For to us a child is born,

C: to us a Son is given;

P: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called

Men: Wonderful Counselor,

Women: Mighty God,

Men: Everlasting Father,

Women: Prince of Peace.

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

P: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Men: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

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

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

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

All: 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.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



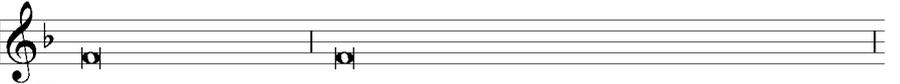
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



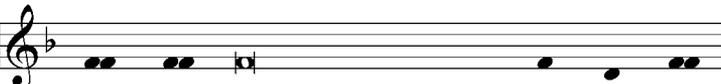
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

♩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

(2 Tim. 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE, Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL, John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY, LSB 380, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

SERMON, John 1:1-18, “Immanuel”

Please stand

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

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

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of 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 how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

(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)

PAX DOMINI

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



AGNUS DEI

(John 1:29)

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 392, "God Loves Me Dearly"

LSB 381, "Let Our Gladness Have No End"

Please stand

DISMISSAL

P: Now...Go in peace.

C: **Amen.**

THANK THE LORD



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - - men.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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.



☐ A - - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 388, “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*

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

BELLS / POSTLUDE

Worship Helpers

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - 9:00 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Mrs. Ann Frank

Crucifer - Lilly Prather

Acolytes - Reese Downing & Madalyn Prather

Trumpet - Jerry & Jon Grant

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes & Deb Bergman

Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Media - Lisa Clamors (with recording)

Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer

Trombone - Joe Grant

In Our Prayers...

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks, unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Erwin Liefer, Nancy Huck, Sandy Moore, Perry Koch, Carol Woodcock, Ruby Muench, Dan Worley, Ny Bartels, Carol Rossel, Jim Heise

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp, Ken Horn, Nicole Bachelier, Gordon Curd, Steven Muench, Harvey Schaefer, Diane Kersten, Don Kersten, Sarah Castelli, Wanda Steingrubey

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Kirkley, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Immanuel's Preschool; Eric, Linda, Michael & Julia Funke (Tanzania); Unity Lutheran Elementary School (East St. Louis, IL)

Poinsettias at Christmas...

There are 30 poinsettias on and around the altar and in the narthex this year as well as 16 virtual poinsettias on the screens! Thank you to all who purchased these plants. *The live plants can be picked up any time after the service on Dec. 25.*

Live:

- Sandra Thompson in memory of Emil and Henrietta Gassner
- Wendy Gassner & Steven Jarvis in memory of William, Altafaye & Randy Jarvis
- Dave & Julie Powell in memory of James Powell
- Joe & Sandy Benyo in memory of our parents, LaVerne Schutt and Andy & Evelyn Benyo (2)
- Jeanette Moeller and Barry, Alec & Michael Trout in memory of Kristine Trout & Don Moeller
- Erwin Liefer & family in memory of Lorine Liefer
- Cindy Bode in thanksgiving for my aunt and godmother, Ann Frank
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Mark Unterseh
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Bill & Esther Brandt
- Robert & Millie Menke in memory of our parents, Herman & Catherine Menke and Leroy & Mildred Mees (2)
- Robert & Millie Menke in thanksgiving for Pastor Troup, Pastor Demski & their families (2)
- Robert & Millie Menke in thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren (2)
- Howard & Norma Shive in memory of John & Vera Shive and Norman & Donna Lieb
- Tom & Joyce McDaniel in memory of Joyce's mom, Lucille Koester
- Wayne & Susan Hargrave in memory of Lee & Ina Turnbough
- Wayne & Susan Hargrave in memory of Herman & Barbara Hargrave
- Lois Ruff in memory of James Ruff
- Kim Polacek in memory of my dad, Norman May
- Carol & Joyce Rossel and Janet Waldeck in memory of Allan Rossel (1931-2016)
- Cliff & Kay Bense in memory of Cliff's parents, Fred & Lucille Bense
- Cliff & Kay Bense in memory of Kay's parents, Kennett & Edra Merryman
- Ruby Muench in memory of Roland Muench
- Ruby Muench in thanksgiving for her family
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in memory of Frances Meyer
- Ken & Nancy Schanz, The Major family, and the Filipiak family in memory of William & Marguerite Schanz

Virtual:

- Bob Niermann in memory of Evelyn Niermann
- Darlene Bicklein in memory of Vernon Bicklein
- Allen & Pam Jacobs in memory of Charles & Pearl Auld, Linda Collmeyer, and Vernon Jacobs
- Ethel Kurfman in memory of William G. Kurfman
- Pat Jones in memory of her grandparents, Dora & Herman Mueller
- Pat Jones in memory of her parents, Arthur & Verna Theobald
- Pat Jones in recognition of Pastor Troup & family and Pastor Demski & family
- Alan, Susan & Ryan Starbuck in memory of Alex Starbuck
- Roy & Bonnie Unterseh in memory of Frank & Lydia Unterseh and Frances Josten
- Kenny Barton in memory of Bette Barton
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in memory of Linda Collmeyer
- Wayne & Cathie Collmeyer in memory of Dan Barnes
- Georgia Wynn in memory of Larry Wynn
- Georgia Wynn in memory of Alex Starbuck
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of aunt Elaine Carr
- Cindy & Lauren Bode in memory of uncle Tom Carr

Immanuel's Blessed Events of 2018...A Quick Recap

- Eight (8) children were baptized during 2018. Four girls and four boys.
- Seven (7) 8th graders were confirmed on April 30th.
- Nine (9) dedicated people make up the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool (2 pastors, 2 teachers, 1 music director, 1 groundskeeper, 2 custodians, and 1 secretary). And, countless volunteers do various tasks around the church—thank you!
- Pastor Demski & Veronica welcomed Elizabeth Anne “Betty” Demski on January 11, 2018.
- The annual Mini-Retreat hosted by Immanuel's Women's Christian Ministry was held on April 22nd, and 84 ladies from Immanuel and the area churches attended. The 2019 one is scheduled for April 27th!
- Our Paraguay Mission Team comprised of seventeen (17) Immanuel members ranging in age from 15-76 traveled to Paraguay in June. It was a great experience! Following the mission trip, half of the team members went on a personal trip to Peru to visit Machu Picchu.
- Our Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel in June, and 102 children participated. Holy Cross, Wartburg also co-hosted this “wild ride” at “Splash Canyon.”
- Four (4) people who celebrated their 85th birthdays in 2018 were recognized as “Crown of Silver” recipients in September.
- We honored Ann Frank (10 years as Music Director) and Ken Schanz (10 years as Groundskeeper & Maintenance Man) in November. Thank you for your service to Immanuel!
- Fifty-six (56) children participated in the Children's Christmas Service “From Heaven Above” on Dec. 23rd.
- There were 7 funerals and 8 babies born at Immanuel in 2018.
- Immanuel offers a youth bell choir, an adult bell choir, and an adult vocal choir for anyone interested in contributing their instrumental and vocal abilities.
- During 2018, we have welcomed 41 new members by either Adult Confirmation, Profession of Faith, or transfer. Praise be to God for enlarging our church family!
- As of December 17, 2018, we have a roster of 915 baptized members and 740 confirmed members. Our average weekend attendance (for all 3 services) is 221.

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