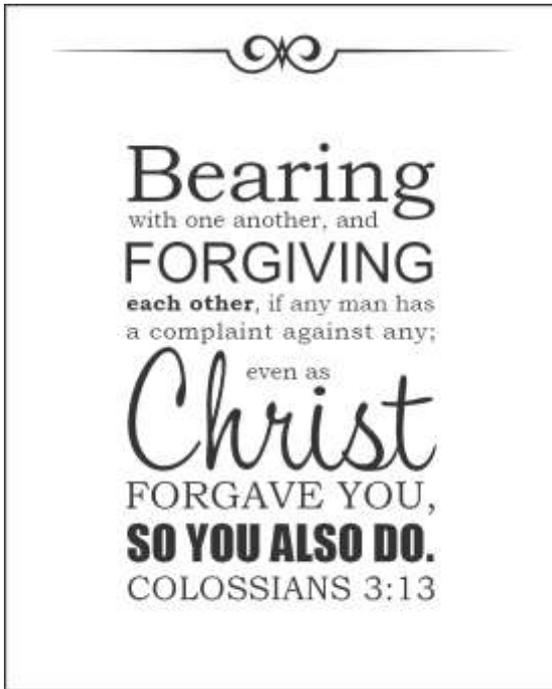




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**First Sunday after Christmas**



**Saturday, December 29, 2018 – 5:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 – 7:45 am**

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“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])

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Heavenly Father, although You have called us as Your own people, dearly loved, we confess that we have failed to forgive one another as You have forgiven us. We have neglected to reflect Your love at home, school, and work. We have let discord and conflict drown out the peace that You have given us in Christ. We have failed to thank You for Your great love in our private prayers and with our outward words and actions. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect the love with which You surround us each day.**

**P** Rejoice! Because of God's love, He gives us forgiveness as a gift for the sake of His Son, whose birth we celebrate. The Holy Spirit clothes us with the very compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience the Father expects. 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. Freely have you received, freely give.

**C** **Amen!**

+ 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.**

**Hymn of Praise, LSB 387 v. 1-2, "Joy to the World"**

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her King;**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n and nature sing,**

**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**

**Let men their songs employ,**

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat the sounding joy,**

**Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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*

(7:45 am & 10:15 am) **Solo,** “Welcome to Our World” (Rice) [Becky Richards, soloist]

### **Old Testament Reading, Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .” <sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle, Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to

God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Holy Gospel, Luke 2:22-40**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now 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. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And 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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And 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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>And 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, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And 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. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And 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**, Colossians 3:12-13, "Desiring and Achieving Forgiveness"

*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** (Colossians 3:12, 15; Matthew 5:23-24)

**P** Holy and beloved, let us use the encouragement of the Epistle to guide our prayers to God for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs. Put on compassion:

**C** **Protect and guide all who serve in the healing professions, O Lord. Give them compassion so that they see their patients as Your dearly loved children.**

**P** Put on kindness:

**C** **Guide and strengthen all who teach and care for vulnerable teens and senior citizens. Give them wisdom to serve in kindness and love.**

**P** Put on humility:

**C** **Remind those who fill positions of authority here and around the world to rule with humility as they serve You and the people around them in making, administering, and adjudicating the laws of the land.**

**P** Put on meekness:

- C** Protect and guide those who serve in law enforcement at home and armed forces deployed so that they make appropriate decisions at all times.
- P** Put on patience:
- C** Open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel here and around the world. Give patience to clergy and lay leaders alike as they proclaim the news of Your Son’s birth. Make them aware of Your gracious presence to bless their efforts.
- P** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Heavenly Father, we remember before You those who are not at peace because of illness, conflict, loss, and sadness, (*especially...*). In Your great love,
- C** restore health, resolve conflict, console, and bring renewal of joy as fits Your gracious plans for them.
- P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, loving Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*(Saturday – Please remain standing; Sunday – 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 387 v. 3-4, “Joy to the World”

- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,

**And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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**+ 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)

- 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 624, "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

LSB 636, "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

**P** Now may this...Go in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**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 in 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who gave the gift of His Son, the Son who gave us the gift of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit who gives us to one another in love—bless you and keep you, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice**

**Bells / Postlude**

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*The 7:45 am service continues here.*

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Benediction**

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who gave the gift of His Son, the Son who gave us the gift of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit who gives us to one another in love—bless you and keep you, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn, Guest's or Member's Choice**

**Bells / Postlude**

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week.*

*You can also find helpful information on our church website:  
[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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### **Saturday, December 29, 2018 - 5:30 pm**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Greg Wiegand

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Charli Major

Altar Guild - Susan Starbuck

### **Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 7:45 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Lector - Wayne Collmeyer

Acolytes - Hunter Kettler & Hayden Morris

Ushers - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tim Troup, Tyler Cooley

Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Organist - Ann Frank

Media - Tyler Cooley (with recording)

### **Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 10:15 am**

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Organist - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Addie & Ben Janssen

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr.

Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Media - Pam Nagel

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

### **Ushers - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

7:45 am - Jim Crawford, Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Jim Smothers, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

### **Acolytes - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Kyle Rusteberg

Sunday 7:45 am - Kaden Roberts & Kyra Drewes

Sunday 10:15 am - Lauren Patterson

### **Servers - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Chuck Keller

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Wayne Collmeyer

### **Media - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Adrianna Whelan

Sunday 7:45 am - Laurie Sparwasser (with recording)

Sunday 10:15 am - Mitchell/Tim Scheibe

### **Lectors - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Sean Arians

Sunday 10:15 am - Wayne Collmeyer

### **Altar Guild - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm - Ny Bartels

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Janet & Louise

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