

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2020

IMMANUEL
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CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

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Holy Communion:

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“And He said to them, ‘Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?’” (Luke 2:49)



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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Merciful Lord, You have revealed Your love for me in sending to me Your Son, whose obedience to Your will and purpose has rescued and redeemed me, a rebellious and hard-hearted person. By Your Holy Spirit build within me a heart of faith to receive what He has done with joy and to follow His example of obedience, reverencing Your Word and walking in Your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - It is hard to think of Jesus as a baby, born of Mary, but even harder to think of Jesus growing up as children do. Our Lord grew and became strong not only in body as a man but in wisdom and the favor of His heavenly Father who sent Him. He is a pattern of our own call to grow up into Christ, our Head, leaving behind the childish ways of unbelief and rebellion, and learning the path of faith and obedience from Him. We hear today a call to grow up into Christ and to live as His holy, beloved, and righteous brothers and sisters, loving the Lord's Word and His house as did Jesus!

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

PAGE 203

OPENING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

LSB 376

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

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.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*

P 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.

C **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

C **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

P 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.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING*1 Kings 3:4–15*

(Solomon prays to the Lord for wisdom.)

4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM*Psalm 119:97–104; antiphon: v. 99*

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

C Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

C I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Your word.

P I do not turn aside from Your just decrees, for You have taught me.

C How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

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.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:3–14*

(God has granted us wisdom in making known the mystery of God's saving will, which He has made known in Christ Jesus.)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:40–52*

(Jesus goes to Passover in Jerusalem and remains behind to converse with the teachers in the temple.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

C Glory to You , O Lord.

40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. 41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them

questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Within the Father's House

LSB 410

SERMON

"Daily Rediscovering Jesus!"

(Luke 2:46)

OFFERTORY

As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397; v. 3

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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.

Merciful Father, You did not abandon Your people when they rebelled against You but delivered up Your Law and the Prophets that we might know of Your saving will and purpose. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we trust in Christ our Savior, who was obedient even to death on a cross, and walk in His ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, as Your Son loved Your temple, so may we love Your house, where your Word is proclaimed and Your Holy Sacraments administered. Receive our thanks for those who serve us in Your name and bless those who preach and teach Your Word to us, that what we hear in our ears we keep in holy hearts and blameless lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, bless Your Church and those who serve her in Your name, especially [name], president of our Synod; [name], our district president; [name], our circuit visitor; and [name], our pastor. Continue to raise up faithful leaders of Your Church and to bless their work and the work of missionaries far and near. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, You have ordered all things according to Your purpose. Send Your blessing upon our nation and [name], our president; [name], our governor; and all who make, judge, and administer our laws. Deliver the nations from terror, threat, violence, and hate, and bring peace to benefit all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, make us to love what You desire and to hate evil. Open our hearts to those in any need of body or spirit, and give us a generous heart that we supply what is lacking to those in poverty and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a faithful and grateful people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, teach us to love one another as You have loved us, that our homes be places of blessing and love. Give patience to parents and forgiving hearts to their children, that together we strive for all that is good, right, true, and holy in all our relationships. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, the needs of Your people are never far from Your heart. Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the troubled peace, to the grieving comfort, and to the dying hope of life everlasting through Jesus Christ, [especially . . .]. According to Your mercy grant to them all that is needful and deliver them from all that is harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, give us faith in Your promises so that we who receive the Lord's body and blood today be found well-prepared and worthy to receive this blessed gift and build in our hearts the hunger for the everlasting Meal to come, in the marriage

supper of the Lamb without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, help us to know Your ways, to delight in the instruction of Your Word, and to love righteousness. Deliver us from temptation and guard us against all our enemies who seek our destruction, that when our Lord comes in His glory, we be found faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



C 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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P You are indeed holy, O Lord, and holy is Your name. When we rebelled against Your will and were delivered over to sin and its death, You did not abandon those whom You had made but gave us Your Law and Prophets to point us to Him who was to come. When, in the fullness of time, our Lord was delivered of Mary, the blessed Virgin, He was obedient to Your will and made us Your holy people, cleansed by His blood and redeemed by His saving death upon the cross. Grant us to grow in Christ and in His righteousness, that we delight in Your Law and do what is pleasing in Your sight, until that day when His redemptive work is brought to full fruition and we are delivered into Your presence forevermore. At His word and invitation we come, O Lord, as Your own baptized people to receive according to His promise the blessed covenant and grace of His body in this bread and His blood in this cup. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."


P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."


PAX DOMINI


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.


C Amen.

AGNUS DEI


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,


You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;


O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,


Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358; vv. 1-5, 13



NUNC DIMITTIS



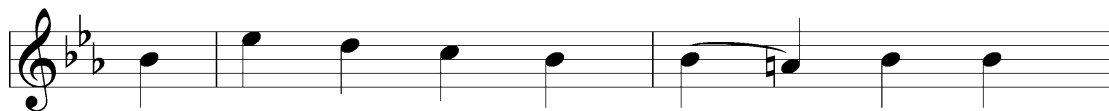
C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, that we grow up into maturity of faith and bear in our lives the good fruit of Your Spirit's life within us, no longer children blown about by every wind of change or willing victims of temptation. Place within us the mind of Christ to know what is good and right and the will of Christ to love the good and to do what is right, to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

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. (Numbers 6:24–26)

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.



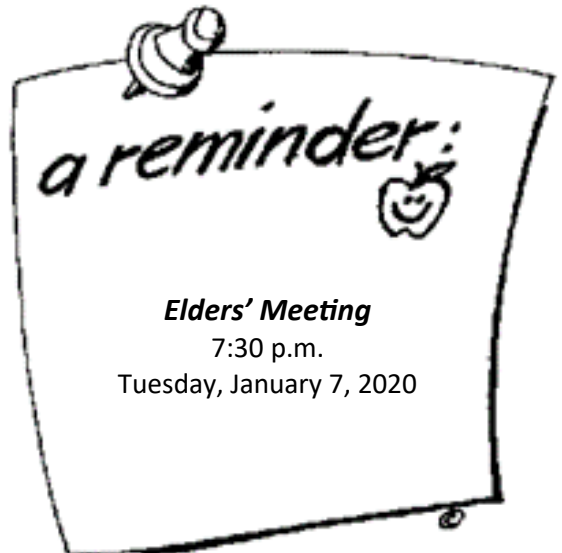
Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

Rev. Goetz is leading the Bible Study.

Youth Confirmation Classes

@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office



Winter Texan Family, we've missed you!

January Events

(You do not want to miss these)

January 11th at 2 p.m.

Valley Voices Concert

Reception Following

January 16th at 10 a.m.

Bridge of Hope Children's Choir

12/31/2019

New Year's Eve Service **24**

Plate: \$ 9.00

Envelopes: \$ 145.00

Donation:

Total: \$ 154.00

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

12/29/2019		<p><i><u>First Sunday after Epiphany</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Readings:</u></i></p> <p><i>(Baptism of Our Lord)</i></p> <p><i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 29</i></p> <p><i>Romans 6:1-11</i></p> <p><i>Matthew 3:13-17</i></p>
Sunday Worship	56	
Plate:	\$ 294.00	
Envelopes:	\$ 1,053.00	
Donation:		
Special	\$ 5,000.00	
Total:	\$ 6,347.00	
Bible Class:	24 \$ 20.00	

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
<i>January Sunday Servants:</i>	
Elder:	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	Second Sunday after Christmas
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	First Sunday after Epiphany (Baptism of Our Lord)
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am