

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
SERVICE**

DECEMBER 31, 2021

**IMMANUEL
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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

**Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

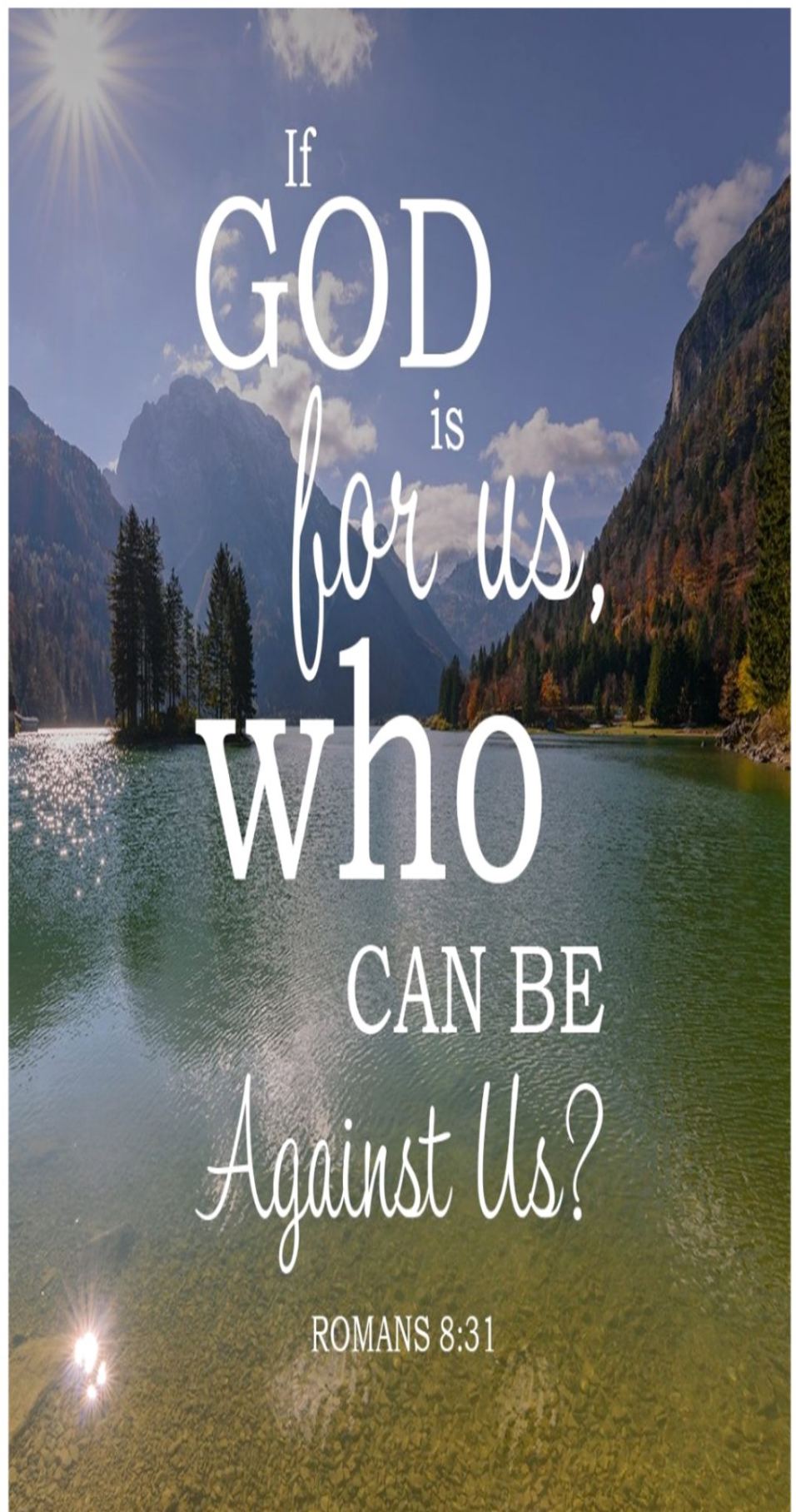
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. 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.



A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten my darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and I, Your creature, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - In various communities throughout the world, New Year's Eve is referred to as "Watch Night." It is not uncommon to find followers of Jesus gather in homes and in churches on this night to "keep watch" and pray as one year ends and another year arrives. Some say that these traditions date back to December 31, 1862, when enslaved Christians trimmed their lamps and, with great anticipation, waited for the clock to strike midnight. At the stroke of midnight, the Emancipation Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln went into effect, and many slaves would celebrate their newfound freedom. As we gather with fellow believers tonight, we reflect on the year that is

nearly over and the one that is soon to begin. Just as our gracious Savior was faithful in the past, He will remain with us in the coming year. Let us also keep watch and, with great anticipation, be ready for His appearing and the salvation He comes to bring.

PRELUDE

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

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C **and the day is almost over.**

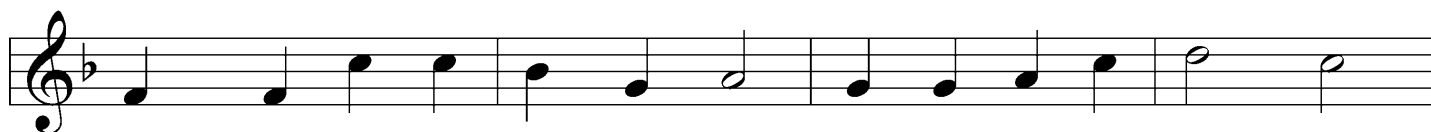
P Let Your light scatter the darkness

C **and illumine Your Church.**

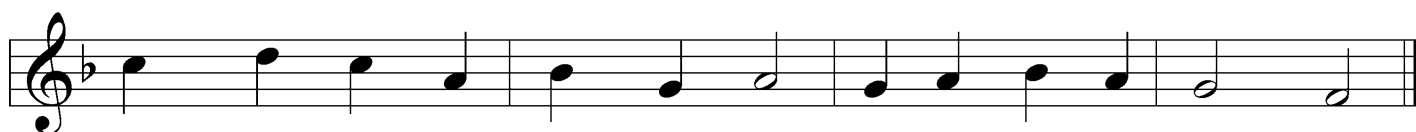
HYMN

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

LSB 390



1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There - fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

PSALM *Psalm 141:1-4, 8-10*

P O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

C **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**

P Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

P Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;

C **keep watch over the door of my lips!**

P Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity,

C **and let me not eat of their delicacies!**

P But my eyes are toward You, O GOD, my Lord; in You I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

P Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers!

C **Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.**

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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending. We commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PSALM *Psalm 90:1–12*

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

P You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

C **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

P You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

P For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed.

C **You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

P For all our days pass away under Your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C **The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

P Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?

C **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

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.

READING *Romans 8:31b-39*

(Nothing can separate you from God's love in Christ)

31 If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING *Luke 12:35-40*

(Keep your lamps burning as you watch for the Son of Man to
come)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

35 “Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he

will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.





1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are
 2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -
 3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your
 4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your



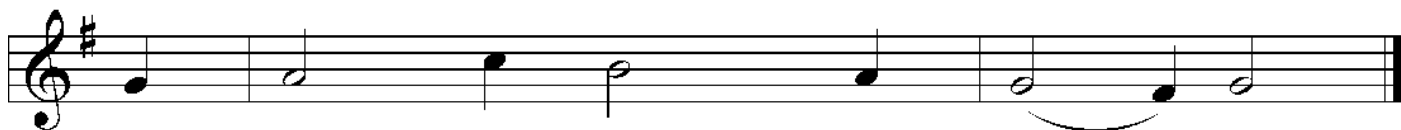
fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In
 dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And
 mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our
 car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past



sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last
 all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this
 grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our
 death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,



hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,
 com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear
 strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day
 as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,



Once more Your love en - treat - ing.
 And crown us with Your bless - ing.
 Of sor - row and re - vers - es.
 The joys of heav - en shar - ing.

5 Then, gracious God, in years to come,
 We pray Your hand may guide us,
 And, onward through our journey home,

Your mercy walk beside us
 Until at last our ransomed life
 Is safe from peril, toil, and strife
 When heav'n itself shall hide us.

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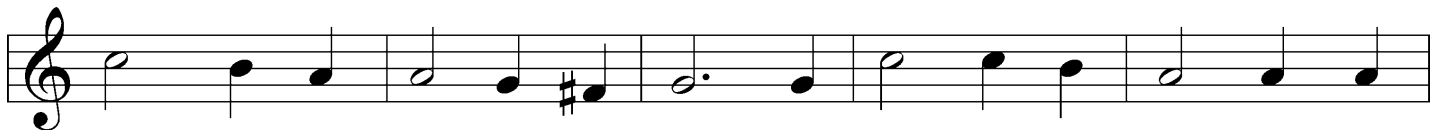
SERMON *"God's convincing answer to all our "who?" questions!"*
 (Romans 8:31-39)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *"When Peace, like a River"* **LSB 763**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

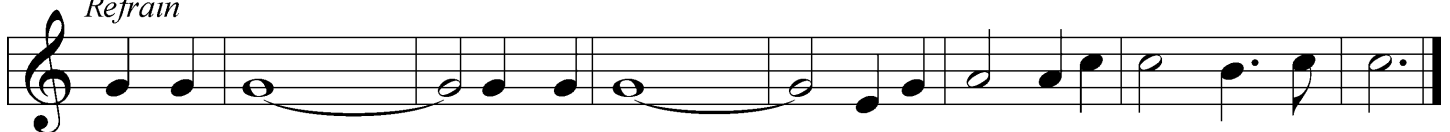


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"*
 (Using American Sign Language)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based on LSB, p. 249

P In peace let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all leaders in our family of faith, and for all who proclaim the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our country, for all nations of the world, and for all who lead and govern us in the new year that is soon to come, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace to the troubled, justice to the oppressed, and freedom to the captives, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our families and our children, for our loved ones wherever they may be, that they rest in our Savior's constant care, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with

Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Alleluia.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silent prayer to reflect on God's faithfulness in the past year and His promise to remain with us in the year that is to come.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us keep watch and commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give touse, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

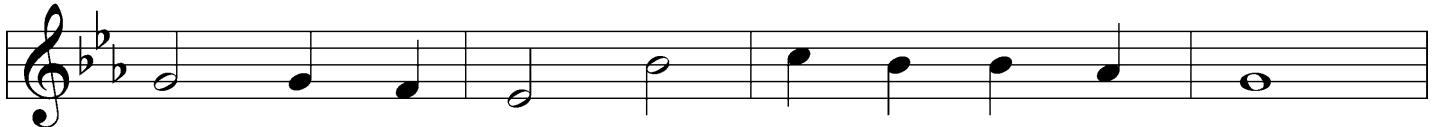
P Thanking God for His faithfulness in the year now past, let us enter into the New Year confident of His blessing:
The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

HYMN

"Abide with Me"

LSB 878



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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God
BLESS
IN THE
New Year

*For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for welfare
and not for evil, to give you a future with hope.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

