

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE  
CHURCH YEAR**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

**IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday***

**9:00 AM**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 am**

**Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
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**"Watch therefore, for you do not  
know when the master of the  
house is coming-- in the  
evening, at midnight, at the  
crowing of the rooster, or in the  
morning--"**

**(Mark 13:35)**

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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 the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next 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** - Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world to die and rise for the sins of the world, and You have promised that He is coming again soon. Keep me firm in the true faith, ever clinging to Your promises and ever watchful for Your Son's return, through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

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

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE**

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**OPENING HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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**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.**

**INTROIT**      *Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13*

P Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

C **“Lord, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.**

P Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You;

C **“And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.**

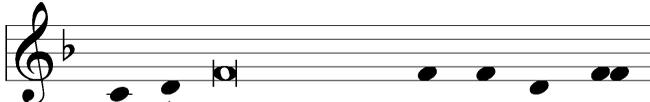
P Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

C **“Hear my prayer, O Lord, And give ear to my cry;**

P Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



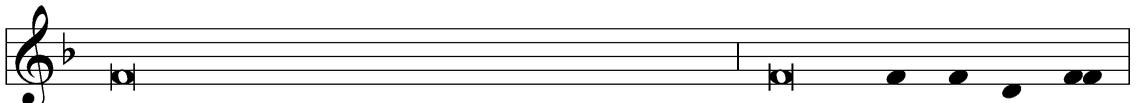
# KYRIE



**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.



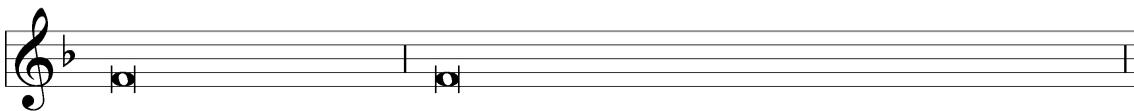
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



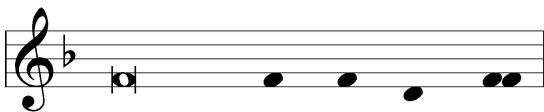
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



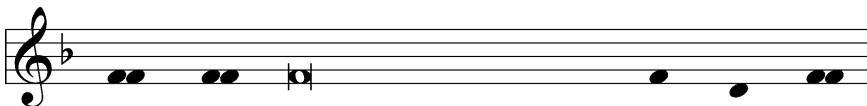
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.





## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 51:4–6*

(God's salvation will be forever.)

4 "Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me, And on My arm they will trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner; But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

*Psalms 93; antiphon: v. 2*

P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

C **The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.**

P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

C **The floods have lifted up, O Lord, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.**

P The Lord on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.

C **Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.**

P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### EPISTLE

*Jude 20–25*

(Keep yourselves in the love of God.)

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

unto eternal life. 22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

*Mark 13:24–37*

(Stay awake and keep prepared for Christ's coming.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. 28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! 30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

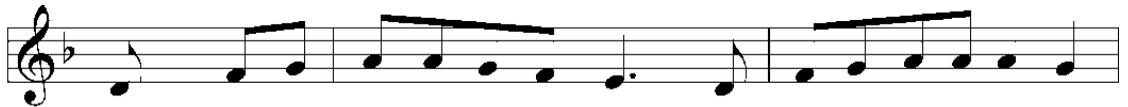
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## SERMON

*"You're in Charge of the Master's House! Therefore....Watch!"*

(Mark 13:35)

## OFFERTORY



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.

## 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.

Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as a light to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You are robed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Christ, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or flood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Though we know You are coming soon, we still mourn the death of loved ones. [Today we remember the families and friends of . . .] Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection and return of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, we praise You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

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

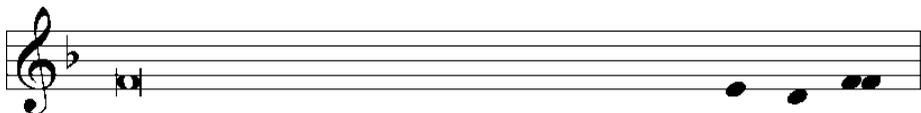
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**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.



**[C]** A - men.

**SENDING HYMN**

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

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**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

7:30 p.m.

*Budget / Nominating Meeting*

A photograph of a wooden surface with several small bowls containing different types of spices and ingredients. There is a bowl of pink salt, a bowl of mixed peppercorns, and a bowl of olives. A wooden spoon is visible in the foreground. The background is a dark wooden surface.

**MS & HS+ YOUTH INVITED TO**

***Potluck Dinner***

**NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018 6:00-  
8:00 PM**

**DCE BRENDA'S HOME**

**Bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to  
share!**

**Contact Brenda at (408) 512-8708 for  
more info!**

## From Pastor's Desk

**PORTAL OF PRAYER** for October to December are available in the Narthrex.



### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL:***

After service in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 a.m.

Enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

**Pastor Weber** will be leading the Adult Bible Study.

**Children's Sunday School is available**  
with lots of fun activities.

### **Confirmation Class**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office



**Welcome  
Back!**

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*Winter Texans*

*Praise be to God! - for your safe journey to the RGV*

## TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP

- Large print Worship Bulletins for those who are sight impaired.
- Personal Wireless Listening devices for those with hearing difficulties.
- Prayer requests forms are located in a black binder in the Pew Hymnal Rack as well as with an usher.

Please print the request and place the form in the collection plate or give to a  
usher!

### ***PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ANY ASSISTANCE***

**A REMINDER** - THE PASTOR IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO SPEAK AND PRAY WITH WORSHIPERS WHO HAVE CONCERNS FOR THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. - PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SEEK HIM OUT.

**FOR THOSE** IN OUR WORSHIPING CONGREGATION WHO MAY BE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO STAND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OR WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RISE AND SIT ON EVERY OCCASION DURING THE WORSHIP. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SIT OR REMAIN SEATED EVEN THOUGH THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO STAND.



## WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER.

In Christ, for the Church and the World

## In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that “heaven and earth will pass away.” But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). He is “the firstborn of the dead,” who in His great love “has freed us from our sins by his blood” (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because “his dominion is an everlasting dominion” and His Kingdom “shall not be destroyed” (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ “a light to the peoples,” which “will never be dismayed” because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He “is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,” so wait upon “the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life” (Jude 20–24).

**11/18/2018**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>41</b>	
Plate:		\$ 184.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,328.00
<b>Donations:</b>		
Thanksgiving Offering		\$ 175.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 2,687.00</b>
Bible Class:	<b>24</b>	\$ 22.00

*First Sunday  
In Advent  
Readings:*

Jeremiah 33:14–16  
Psalm 25:1–10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13  
Luke 19:28–40 or Luke 21:25–36

### Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule

	November Sunday Servants:	December Servants
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	Loretta Eilers & Suzanne Wehling	D. Jackson & L. Marchant
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Last Sunday of the Church Year	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	First Sunday in Advent	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am