

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 31, 2018
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*
9:00 AM
Worship Service**

**Adult Bible Class
Sunday School
10:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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Let your waist be girded and
your lamps burning. Blessed
are those servants whom
the MASTER, when HE
comes, will find
watching.

Luke 12:35,37



HIS Amazing Love

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



A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Eternal God, You have sustained me through the toils of the year now ending. Give me such an awareness of Your presence in the new year that I can live confidently through each day no matter its joys or sorrows, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - This evening, we are very aware of the passage of time. For a while, at least, we are heeding our Lord's admonition to watch and be ready for His return. This is a watch-night service, in which we respond to each Reading with contrition and forgiveness. We are being given the gift of time in which to admit our past foolishness and to rejoice in God's surrounding strength. Our prayer is that God would "establish the work of our hands" in the coming year; that is, that He would help us make the most of the time He so graciously bestows on us. It is time to ask God to "teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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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.**

KYRIE



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

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 30:15-17

(Sometimes God's people do not rely on His promise of salvation.)

15 For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”

But you would not,

16 And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses”—

Therefore you shall flee!

And, “We will ride on swift horses”—

Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!
17 One thousand shall flee at the threat of one,
At the threat of five you shall flee,
Till you are left as a [a]pole on top of a mountain
And as a banner on a hill.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

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, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

P You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men."

C **For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past,
And like a watch in the night.**

P You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like
grass which grows up:

C **In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and
withers.**

P For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.

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

P For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.

C **The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they
are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut
off, and we fly away.**

P Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

C **So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

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.**

EPISTLE *Romans 8:31b-39*

(We are more than conquerors, no matter what opposition may arise.)

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, 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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32–40

(Jesus exhorts vigilance every day.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES’ CREED

P As the old year comes to its close and the new year of God’s grace begins, we speak and sing together words of faith in our God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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SERMON

“God’s Little Flock Counts Down”

(Luke 12:32)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based on Psalm 90:13–17

P Return, O LORD! How long?

C Have pity on Your servants!

P Heavenly Father, wherever people languish in suffering from oppression, injustice, denial of basic needs, warfare, famine, or personal distress,

C have pity on Your servants and meet their deepest needs.

P Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

P Here and wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, O Lord, assure them of Your love and forgiveness so that relying on Your strength and salvation,

C we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

P Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,

C and for as many years as we have seen evil.

P Lord Jesus, guide and direct all who are in power in the nations. Turn their eyes from power and prestige for themselves to caring for the most vulnerable within their Borders and seeking peaceful relations with neighboring states. May the New Year usher in times of joy and gladness

C for as many years as we have seen evil.

P Let Your work be shown to Your servants,

C and Your glorious power to their children.

P O Holy Spirit, increase faith and love in parents and children, husbands and wives, so that they all look beyond their present goals to seek those things that will benefit their families today and in the years to come. Grant that they give You the credit and teach their children about Your glorious power.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

C and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and pray:

C Establish the work of our hands, making good use of the time You give us as each new day dawns.

P Hear us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P We share the peace our Lord bestows on us as a joyful expression of our faith as we enter the New Year by His grace. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,**
6 **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 **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Happy New Year!

May 2019 be filled with Love, Peace, Joy, and Hope

I do not know what still awaits,
Or what the morrow brings;
But with the glad salute of faith,
I hail its open wings!

For this I know — that in my
Lord
Shall all my needs be met;
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.