

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 GUIDELINES: One Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. only. Please note that there will be new instructions for dismissal. It is still very important to continue signing-up every week, especially for **Communion Sundays** so we can set-up an accurate number of wafers and wine. If you have any further recommendations for February, please contact a member of the Sanitation Committee or Pastor Seelman. The committee meets again on January 26.

Ladies' Guild Christmas Cookie Sale: If you ordered cookies, please pick them up and pay for them after the service.

Please keep in your prayers: Dorothy Pfaffenroth, who was admitted to the hospital, and all of our shut-ins who will not be able to spend time with their loved ones in person during the holidays this year.

Mid-week Services: Please note the service times below for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

2021 offering envelopes: are available for you in the fellowship hall. Please discard any of your 2020 envelopes after December 27 and begin using your new ones. This is important, as you probably do not have the same offering number as last year.

Ladies Guild wants to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the congregation for their generous donations to our Mission Fund. We received \$1,222.00. Because of you, we are now able to send \$500.00 to our Central African Medical Mission, \$100.00 each to our six WELS missions and the remaining \$22.00 will remain in our Mission Fund to be included in our next designated mission. A more detailed report will be in the next Lamplighter.

A Sincere Thank You to all the members who attended the annual congregational meeting last Sunday. A summary of the meeting will be in the January Lamplighter.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Monday & Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Received 12-13	\$2,683.00	This week at Immanuel:	
Budgeted Need to date	\$156,000.00	Monday	5:00 p.m. Catechism Class
Budgeted Received to date	\$140,292.58	Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Mid-week Advent
Worship Attendance 12-13	50	Thursday	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Worship Attendance 12-16	25	Friday	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day
Bible Class	8	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship



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Immanuel Lutheran Church
Christmas Day December 25th, 2020

Opening Hymn: *“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”*

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Unto us the Christ is born: let us worship him.

C: **O come, let us worship him.**

Psalm: 98

Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10 (EHV)

Hymn: *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-9 (EHV)

Hymn: *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

Hymn: *“What Child Is This”*

Christmas Day Meditation: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (EHV)

What Would Christmas Be without... A Feast

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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 for Christmas

Lord’s Prayer

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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”*

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the members of Immanuel who have continued to be a blessing for me throughout the year 2020. Especially at the celebration of our Savior’s birth, I am reminded once again of the great love that our heavenly Father has for us. I send a heart-felt thanks to those who have reflected that love in their lives.

May you have a Blessed Christmas.

Psalm 98

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
The LORD has made his salvation known*
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;*
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous thing

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,*
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound of singing.
Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

**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.**

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous thing

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels.

Refrain:

**Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

2. God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father.

Refrain:

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest.

Refrain:

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n,
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.

Refrain:

50 *Once in Royal David's City*

1. Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby, In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. But our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,

For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,
As he leads his children on, To the place where he is gone.

4. Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars his children crowned, All in white, his praise will sound.

35 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

1. Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessed When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

3. This is he whom heav'n-taught singers, Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets, Promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

4. Let the heights of heav'n adore him, Angel hosts his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions bow before him, And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

5. Christ, to you, with God the Father, And the Spirit ceaselessly
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

67 *What Child Is This*

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet, With anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mary!

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here

The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through;
The cross he'll bear for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the Son of Mary!

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings, Salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the Son of Mary!

57 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

3. Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.