

# *Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church*

Tuesday, December 25, 2018  
Christmas Day Worship – 9:00am

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Sunday Worship – 9:00am  
Monday Worship - 6:30pm

*OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE THE TIMELESS MESSAGE OF SALVATION IN LOVE AND TO SHOW OUR FAITH IN WORDS AND ACTIONS.*

**Welcome** We welcome you to this hour of worship and pray that this time together might be a blessing for all of us.

Large print hymnals and hearing impaired receiver units are available in the Narthex by the bulletin board. Just ask an usher. We are also equipped with a Hearing Loop System that can be used with hearing aids featuring a t-coil.

If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to give consideration to Immanuel. Please worship with us again!

We ask that everyone in attendance please take the time to sign our Friendship Register. These red folders can be found in each pew. Thanks!



**Hearing Loop System** We are pleased to offer a Hearing Loop system to aid members & guests with hearing loss. If you wear hearing aids with a telecoil (T-coil), the system will either automatically amplify the sound or you may need to turn that function on. If you do not wear hearing aids or your hearing aids are not equipped with the T-coil, please ask an usher for a headset. If you experience problems with the hearing loop receivers, please ask an usher for help.

**Service Theme:**  
**GOD HAS SENT HIS LIGHT**

Today we reflect on the meaning of Jesus birth. Without him we live in darkness – ignorant of God and blind to his saving love. But Jesus is the revelation of all these things. He truly is the light in the darkness. His birth offers us an enduring hope of forgiveness, peace, and eternal life with God.

**Order of Service:**  
**Adapted Service of Morning Praise (p.45)**

**Opening Hymn:**  
CW 55 “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

**Invocation**

*Pastor:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Congregation: Amen**

### **Dialogue of Praise**

M: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have set your glory above the Heavens.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, to him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights – the sun, to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night.

C: **Great is the Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.**

M: But our iniquities have separated us from our God; our sins have hidden his face from us, so that he will not hear. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. We look for deliverance, but it is far away.

C: **For our offenses are many in his sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our sins.**

M: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

C: **From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

M: “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord our Righteousness.”

C: **Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.**

M: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

C: **Let the name of the Lord be praised forever and ever. Alleluia!**

### **Hymn:**

CW 49 “Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn”

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,

like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.

You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor,

as you did in the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>Every boot that marched in battle  
and the garments rolled in blood will be burned.  
They will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born.

To us a son is given.

The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders.

He will be named:

Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>There will be no limit to his authority  
and no end to the peace he brings.

He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
from now on, into eternity.

The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.

**Hymn:**

CW 90 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

**Epistle Lesson:**

1 John 1:1–9 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— <sup>2</sup>the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Choir: "He Who Is Mighty"**

**Gospel:**

John 1:1-14 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become

children of God. <sup>13</sup>They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Response**

**We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

### **Hymn:**

CW 36:1-2, 4-5 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

### **Sermon:**

Isaiah 9:2-7

### **Hymn:**

CW 366 "O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild"

### **Offering**

### **A Prayer for Christmas Day**

**M:** On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

**C:** **Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!**

**M:** What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

**C:** **Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.**

**M:** In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.

**C:** **Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.

**C:** **Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

**Hymn:**  
CW 34 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

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***Please take a poinsettia home with you after the service today. Enjoy their beauty in your home as you celebrate the Savior's birth with family and friends this week.***

**Thank You!**

*The Sunday School teachers and Pastor Sullivan wish to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and encouragement at this holy time of year. These things are greatly appreciated and not soon forgotten!*

*We thank the Newborn King for the gifts and abilities of the participants in all of our Christmas Worship Services.*

*Thank you to all who enhanced the Christmas Worship Services with the many Christmas trimmings.*

*May God fill your heart with the true joy of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, and may the Christ-Child bless you and yours with many Christmas blessings and many peaceful and happy moments!*

**WELCOME**

Welcome to all who have come to worship here today. May the Word of God that we hear be a source of hope and comfort to you. We ask all our visitors to please sign our guest register in the entry hall before leaving. If you are interested in learning more about us or joining us we encourage you to speak with our Pastor.

**WHAT WE BELIEVE**

We believe that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and in its entirety, in its parts, and in its very words inspired by the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all people are sinners from birth and subject to eternal damnation, but by God's grace (free gift of love) He established peace between himself and man by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us, rose again, and ascended into Heaven.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, one with the Father from all eternity, and is our only Savior from sin and eternal damnation. He is the only Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can be saved except through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

We believe that we receive the free gift of forgiveness not on the basis of any good work, but only through faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe that we become believers by the Holy Spirit who works faith in our hearts through the Gospel in Word and Sacraments. Justifying faith, which makes us right with God, is trust in Christ and his redemptive work and this saving faith is a gift from God to all who believe.

We believe in the Triune God, the one and only true God. God is three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet is not three but one God. Using the power that is His alone, God created the world, the universe and everything in it in six days. All things are under his authority and control.