

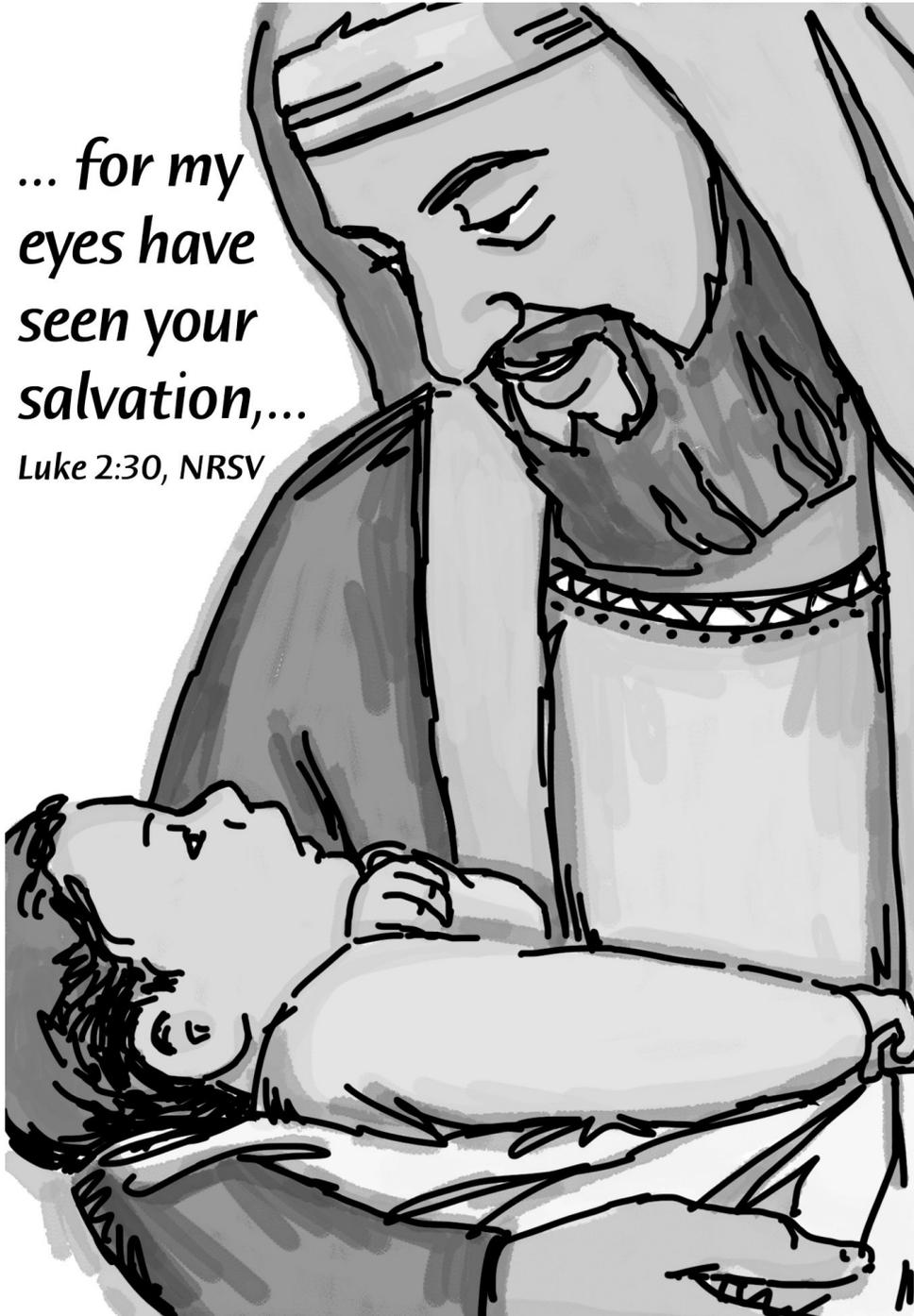
Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 30, 2018

1st Sunday after Christmas

*... for my
eyes have
seen your
salvation,...*

Luke 2:30, NRSV





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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. 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!
- Our worship follows an order outlined for you on the following pages. Page numbers or hymn numbers refer to service elements in the red pew books (**Christian Worship Hymnal**).
- **Large Print Hymnals** are available in the Narthex by the bulletin board. Just ask an usher.



For the hard of hearing, Immanuel is equipped with a **Hearing Loop System** that can be used with hearing aids featuring a t-coil. Please talk to an Usher if you need assistance using the system.

- We ask that everyone in attendance please take the time to sign our **Friendship Register**. These red folders can be found in each pew. Your contact information helps us connect with you easily. Thanks!
- For those who may need to step out for a moment with a child, our **Parent's Room** is equipped with a closed circuit video of the service. The parent's room is located just off the Narthex and is equipped with a **Restroom**. Additional restrooms are located in the basement.

Service Theme:
WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

As we conclude another year of grace and embark on a new one, we remember that, as Christians, we live by faith and not by sight. This evil earth is not our home, rather we live as pilgrims – looking forward to the new, perfect world to which the LORD will gather believers on the last day. This hope sustains us through every heartache and trial we face in life – trusting that, since Jesus paid for our sins

in full, we are reconciled to God.

Opening Hymn:

CW 70 “Help Us, O Lord, For Now We Enter”

Order of Service:
Common Service (p.15)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:10–13 (NIV84)

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’ ¹¹ For the LORD will ransom Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. ¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—the grain, the new wine and the oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. ¹³ Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

Psalm: 27 (CW p. 75)

Epistle Lesson:

Hebrews 2:10–18 (NIV84)

¹⁰ In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Alleluia. (Hebrews 13:8 EHV)

Gospel:

Luke 2:25-32 (EHV)

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, ²⁹ Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰ because my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared before the face of all people, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Nicene Creed (pg. 18)

Sermon Hymn:

CW 45 "Oh Rejoice, All Christian Loudly"

Sermon:

Luke 2:25-32

Offering

Prayer for the Close of the Year

M: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise you and extol your name.

M: It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.

M: You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

C: You know what we need, and you give us all good things.

M: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.

C: We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.

M: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

C: **We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.**

Traditional Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament (pg. 21)

Hymn during Communion

CW 38 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Farewell to a Pastor

L: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Pastor Sullivan has accepted a call to a new field of service in the Church. As we bid him farewell, we look to the Word of our Lord for comfort, peace, and guidance.

L: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Know that the LORD is God.

C: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

C: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

L: O Lord Almighty, blessed are those who dwell in your house.

C: **O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.**

L: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

C: **His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

C: **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.**

L: Let us pray.

L: O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings you have given this congregation through the ministry of your servant Pastor Sullivan. By your Holy Spirit give him grace in his new field of service, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Keep him faithful

in your gospel ministry. Support and strengthen him, that by your Word your Church may be built and increased, through your Son, our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The leader turns to the pastor who is leaving says:

L: Dear brother in Christ, the Lord will keep you from all harm; he will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Final Hymn:

CW 327 “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

Auf Wiedersehen

“Until we see each other again”

This is my last Worship Service with you before I move on to Divine Word Lutheran Church in Ottawa, Canada – following the LORD’s call. I love all of you and will miss you dearly. You are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers. You are all welcome to visit us in Ottawa. I hope to make it back here to visit you again as well.

My continual prayer for you is that you all will remain faithful to Christ by remaining in his Word. Take every opportunity you can to study the Bible and partake of the Sacraments. Using the words of St. Paul, I encourage you to *“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses (1 Timothy 6:12).”* Then, regardless of whether or not we see each other on this side of the grave, we can be confident that we will see each other in heaven, and what a day that will be! Amen!

My email is the same: pastor.sullivan@me.com

My “USA” based phone number is: 512 887 8982 (It’s a Texas based number that will – hopefully – ring on my phone in Canada via Google Voice)

My address is: 199 Deerfox Dr.
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Children’s Bulletins Available! Children’s Worship Bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Worship Service Dvd’s The A/V committee makes DVD copies of each service and they are available in the Narthex. Please take one and share it with a family member or friend.

Forward in Christ This monthly publication from the WELS is available in the Narthex free of charge. Please take a copy home with you.

Saturday Worship Service The next **4:00pm Saturday Afternoon** Worship Service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be on **January 5th**.

Divine Call On November 27th a Divine Call was extended to Rev. Daniel T Naumann, currently at Grace Lutheran Church, Prairie du Chien, WI. He is Married - Elizabeth- Education BS from Martin Luther College and has five children, ages 7,5,4,2,1. His email is pastornaumann.gracepc@gmail.com. Please ask for God's guidance and wisdom as he deliberates this opportunity both here and at Grace Lutheran Church.

New Bible Class On **January 20** (Sunday – 8:00 am) and then **January 22** (Tuesday – 9:00 am) a new Bible Class will begin on the book of Philippians. This letter is about sharing joy. We will learn about the real basis for joy in life and then how Jesus encourages us to show it in our life. Join us for either class (yes you can bounce from one to the other depending on your schedule) as we will grow together in our joy in Christ.

Stewardships

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday – 137 / Children’s Service – 347 / Christmas Eve Candlelight – 87 / Christmas Day - 92

Received for Budget Week: \$9,919.02 or 192%

Needed Weekly for Budget: \$5,174.00

Sunday School Mission Collection: \$34.00

December ALMS Final: \$133.00

Memorial: \$50 was given to Immanuel in memory of Inga & Ellsworth Kuehl from Ron & Sharol Jahnke and Jim, Rhonda & Alec Bricco.

January Alms Recipient

World Missions

WELS World Missions conducts gospel outreach in 40 foreign countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 14 prospective new mission fields. World Missions brings the light of God’s Word to the world through evangelism efforts, church planting, training national workers for ministry, and providing religious materials in foreign languages through Multi-Language Publications (MLP). 41 world missionaries partner with over 400 national pastors to conduct outreach and train more than 250 seminary students for service in Christ’s kingdom.

Monthly Calendar Next week a Monthly Calendar will be available to help us keep track of everything during our Vacancy Call. Ask an usher or pick one up off the bulletin board.



Little Lambs will start up again on **January 8th, 2019** and be every Tuesday from **10:00-11:30am**. Peter Kavicky and Jill Belter will be taking on the task of continuing this amazing playgroup that Laura started at Immanuel. If you are willing to help with our snacks please contact Jill at 920-606-1433.

OWLS will have their next meeting on Tuesday, **January 8th** at **12:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Devotion, Meeting with Elections, and activities to follow planned by hostesses Ruth Siegmund & Carol Krueger. Members 55+ are invited to join us.

Family Sledding Day Immanuel and St Paul's have rented the sledding hill in Kewaunee on Sunday, **January 13th** from **5:30pm-8:30pm**. There will be food and hot cocoa! There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church. Please plan on coming for fun & fellowship. Any questions contact Jill Belter @ 920-606-1433

Please take a poinsettia (or 2 or 3) home with you after the service today and enjoy their beauty in your home.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR VACANCY PASTOR

Worship services – Will remain the same, no change in times. A guest pastor will cover the weekends of January 6 & 13.

Adult Bible Class – Sunday and Tuesday Bible Class will continue but will resume on January 20 at the normal times. We will use the same material in both classes. The Sunday Class will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.

Shut-ins – visits will continue on a monthly basis

Confirmation Class – will continue same night, same time. Our first class in the new year will be on **January 2nd**. We will skip the next two weeks (9,16) and then resume on January 23.

Sunday School – will continue as normal same time, place and material

Pastor Kratz Contact – I will be in the church office less frequently than your pastor has been. That means messages left on the phone may have a longer gap from the time the message is left to the time I actually get it. I would encourage the use of my cell phone: **920-388-9500**. Call at any time I am here to serve your needs. Leave a message (I may be in the middle of a visit) and I will hear it far sooner than a message left at church.

Emergency Contact While I Am Gone in Early January - Pastors from St. Paul, Algoma, will be available for ministry emergencies. Their Church number is 920-487-5712. Perhaps easier to remember call Daniel Fager (Church President) at 920-255-2613 or Glenn Brunner at 920-629-7155. They can take steps to meet the ministry need.

Birthdays:

(30) Lois J. Siegmund, Aidan Gretz, Makayla Stauber; (1) Leah Sullivan; (2) Dawn Kieckbusch; (3) Wyatt Richard, Kevin Zellner; (4) Bryn Vaughn.

Anniversaries:

(5) Glenn & Ann Brunner.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

M (31)	6:30pm	Worship Service w/Communion (same as Sunday)
W (2)	6:00pm	Confirmation Class
SA (5)	4:00pm	Worship Service w/ Communion
S (6)	7:25am	Junior Choir Practice
	7:45am	Sunday School
	9:00am	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:30am	Board Youth Christian Education Meeting

Organist: Lacy Siegmund

Greeters:

Today: Jeff & Rachel Christian
January 6: Glenn & Annette Teske

January Altar Guild: Julie Siegmund

Secretary: Julie Siegmund: 304-0228/ juliesiegmund@outlook.com