

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH First Week-end after Christmas
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 December 26-27, 2020

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *“Let All Together Praise Our God” 389 vs. 1-3, 7*

Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne; Today He opens heav’n again
To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.

He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne, Is born an infant small, And in a manger poor and lone
Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.

With in an earth-born form He hides His all creating light; To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.

Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus we adore And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. **C:** *Who made the heavens and earth.*
P: The Lord is my light and my salvation. **C:** *The Lord is the defense of my life;*
P: Your Word is a lamp unto my feet. **C:** *And a light unto my path*
P: Be still, and know that I am God. **C:** *I will be exalted among the nations,*
P: The Lord of Hosts is with us; **C:** *The God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
P: This is the day the Lord has made. **C:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Confession and Absolution: *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, the Christ-Child, 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.*

Absolution: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, the Christ-Child, to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Christ- Child, 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. Amen.

The Introit: Psalm 111

P: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. **C:** *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

P: Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. **C:** *He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

P: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. **C:** *He has shown His people the power of His works, giving them the lands of other nations.*

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. **C:** *They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.*

P: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—holy and awesome is His name. **C:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.*

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** *And with your spirit.*

Collect: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” 388

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’ry where;

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

While Shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night.
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light **Refrain:**

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth **Refrain:**

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn, **Refrain:**

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 61: 10- 62:3* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Galatians 4: 4-7*

Please Rise---- **Holy Gospel:** *Luke 2: 22-40*

Confession of Faith: *Apostle's Creed*

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.

Sermon Hymn: “*Now Sing We , Now Rejoice*” 386 vs. 1-3

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice
He from who joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies; Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O poor and holy Child; Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine,
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

Sermon

Prayers: The families of Durans, Michele, Pete, Cruz; Durans, Bryanna, Colt and Khloee; and Eglis, Kathy, Brad, Nathan and Lindsey

Lord's Prayer: *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.*

Closing Hymn: “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” 367

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creations story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: *Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ the newborn king.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us in now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. **Refrain:**

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One **Refrain:**

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor
Beth Vance 5:30 pm
Matt Wilson, Organist 8:00 am
Karen Whitehead 10:15 am

TODAY: 12/26 Worship 5:30; 12/27 Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
THURSDAY: New Year's Eve Worship at 7:00 pm with H/C
Next SATURDAY: Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, Bible Class at 9:15 am, Worship 10:15 am,
Installation of officers

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the following: Eissler, Carolyn; English, Blake, Jen, Brynn and Brooks; and Farney, Gaylen, Shelly, Savannah, Case, McCormick and Steiger.

Join our Worship Services at these websites:

NEW Church Website: <https://www.immanuelutheranevansville.com>

Facebook: Immanuel Lutheran Church-- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186483407322/>

NEW YOUTUBE CHURCH SERVICE VIDEO SITE: <https://tinyurl.com/yy75odq4>

THANK YOUs: *We would like to thank our Immanuel Family for your thoughts, prayers and sympathy cards received on the loss of son, brother and uncle Kenneth Krietemeyer. We appreciated your kindness during this time. The family of Helen Krietemeyer.*

I would also like to thank everyone that sent Christmas greetings to me. I enjoyed receiving and reading them all. Blessings, Helen Krietemeyer

I would like to say Thank You to Ann Ayers, Theresa Newman, Katie and Cade Welte on helping me set up all the poinsettias in the sanctuary. I couldn't have done it without you! Thanks again, Bev Racine

Building a Strong Foundation

This year our Annual Campaign is focusing on Building a Strong Foundation at ELS. We all know the stress and unknown that 2020 has brought. However, we also know Christ is our Foundation and in him we can trust. At Evansville Lutheran School we get the opportunity to share this with our students and families every single day. Your support and donations can help us build a strong foundation for our current families and more. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Kindergarten Information Night

Come join the fun at Kindergarten Information Night on February 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Come learn more about what it means to be a Monarch, meet some of the faculty and staff, and enjoy some goodies and activities. RSVP by calling Ashley or Kim at 812-424-7252 or online at www.evansvillelutherschool.com/admissions. We look forward to seeing you on February 10th!

Blessings on the Christmas Season, Ashley Waggy Evansville Lutheran School