

Immanuel Lutheran Church
New Year's Eve Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 31, 2025 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer /// **Opening Hymn:** *"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"* 900 vs. 1-3

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above.
Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told.
Kneeling in her lowly cell. By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave. "Jesus shall His people save."

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

Opening Litany:

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. **C:** *The Maker of heaven and earth*

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; **C:** *His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.*

P: The Lord has made His salvation known **C:** *And revealed His righteousness to the nations.*

P: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; **C:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

P: He has come to bring light to our eyes **C:** *And His wisdom to our hearts*

Confession: *I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

Absolution: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you the grace of God. And in His place and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalmody: *Psalm 98*

- P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! **C:** *His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.*
- P: The Lord has made known His salvation; **C:** *He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*
- P: He has remembered His steadfast love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel. **C:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*
- P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth, **C:** *Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*
- P: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, **C:** *With the lyre and the sound of melody!*
- P: With trumpets and sound of the horn **C:** *Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!*
- P: Let the sea roar and all that fills it, **C:** *The world and those who dwell in it!*
- P: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, **C:** *For He comes to judge the earth.*
- P: He will judge the world with righteousness, **C:** *And the peoples with equity.*

All: *Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Collect: 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.*

Hymn: *"I Leave all Things to God's Direction" 719*

I leave all things to God's direction; He loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure His affection; His tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is He: What pleases God, that pleases me.

God in His grace grants us His blessing He guides and leads us by His grace.
Giving us strength to walk in goodness Giving us hope through all we face.
Life is a gift, His love we see: What pleases God that pleases me.

My God has all things in His keeping; He is the ever faithful friend.
He gives me laughter after weeping, And all His ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 30: 15-17* *This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.' Therefore you will flee! You said, 'We will ride off on swift horses.' Therefore your pursuers will be swift! A thousand will flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you will all flee away, till you are left like a flagstaff on a mountaintop, like a banner on a hill."*

Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8: 31b-39* *"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written, "For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 12: 35-40* *"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."*

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed* ----- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: *“We Come to Ask” (Tune: “Silent Night, Holy Night” 363)*

We come to ask, For Your blessing! On our year that’s to come
May You bring Your grace and favor May Your wisdom guide us forever
May You grant us Your peace May You grant us Your peace!

We come to ask, Your will be done In our life through the year
May Your Word and wisdom bring To us joy that we may sing
Of Your blessings each day Of Your blessings each day.

Help us to walk Showing Your grace Ev’ry day, ev’ry place
Lead us Lord to bring Your goodness Based on Your true righteousness
May You guide us in love May You guide us in love!

Sermon

Prayers **Lord’s Prayer**

Blessing of the Elements:

Distribution Hymn: *“From East to West” 385, 386*

Closing Prayer: *O God, from whom all holy desires, all true wisdom, and all good works are given, grant to us the guidance in the coming year to serve You in many and various ways, touch the lives of many others in a way that brings them hope and glory, and provide us with Your Spirit to enable us to grow in Your Word. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

Benediction

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICER PLANNING MEETING & LUNCHEON: A planning meeting for the 2026 Immanuel calendar year will be held on Sunday, January 4, following the 10:15 service. Dates for council and voters' meetings will be set, board chairmen will be chosen, and special events will be planned. All officers, current and newly elected, are invited and a luncheon will be provided. Pastor will also install the newly elected officers at both services on that Sunday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TEAR DOWN: Please join us as we take down our decorations on Saturday, January 10th at 9:00 am. All help appreciated!

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Please make note that the Church Gym and Kitchen areas will be closed the week of January 19-24.

The kitchen floors are being professionally cleaned and waxed and will need time dry before being walked on.

The gym will be holding all of the kitchen tables and such that can be moved.

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