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## **ANNIVERSARY OF A CONGREGATION**

**December 30, 2018**

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*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

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**P** Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*1 Kings 8:22–30, 54-57*

22Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, 23and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart,

24who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. 25Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. 27"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! 28Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, 29that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. 30And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. 54Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. 55And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56"Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. 57The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,  
and the place where your glory dwells.

**Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest  
for herself,**

**at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise.

### **Epistle**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 19:1–10*

1[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. 2And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. 4So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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## Prayer of the Church

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*Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book*

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# The Immanuel Spirit

**Welcome to Immanuel!** Welcome to worship. “The Lord is great and worthy of our praise,” said the psalmist (48:1). Therefore let us joyously unite together as we sing, pray, listen to God’s word and share with God and one another. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Guests:** Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday:** Isaiah 60:1–6, Ephesians 3:1–12 and Matthew 2:1–12.

**Stewardship:** Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God’s Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Thank you for all of your prayers, pictures, cards, and gifts this Christmas season. What a joy to serve you here at Immanuel, God with us! May the Lord bless and keep you!  
~ Pastor Koepp & Family

**Building Healthy Families for Dec. 30th:** How about considering a new and improved plan for making New Year's Resolutions this year...here's the idea: Don't make it about you! What if instead losing 10 pounds, you resolved to spend unscheduled time every Sunday afternoon with your children? What if instead of getting up early to go to the gym, you resolved to read to a nursing home resident who has no family or visitors every Tuesday morning? What if instead... you get the idea. Look around; ask God to open your eyes. Who has He put in your life who needs the gift of your time and attention? Resolve to give it! Happy New Year from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

**Life Quote for Dec. 30th:** "God's time is not our time. He sees the whole, but also more than the whole, as each whole life is a part of a larger picture beyond our sight lines. To accomplish His purposes, God takes His time, not ours." James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James ~ **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Life Thought in the Church Year for Dec. 30th:** Jesus brought God delicately amidst sinners, as humble in crucifixion as He was helpless in conception. Yet this estate did not hinder but, in fact, heralded the full realm and reign of God for us. And thereby He reaffirmed the worth of even the feeblest human beings. God's gift of life arrives all the better for the plain packaging He habitually hides it behind. *Prayer: Lamb of God, make it so that our taking hold of You leads us to cradle Your little ones as well. Amen.*

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Jan. 6th:** Hear "The Word Turned Toward" based on John 1:1-18 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same-He turns His Word toward us. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/30--1/5 is **K. Schultz**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 1/6--1/12 is **Smith/Schutt**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Car-nine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

**January Calendars and Church Member Directories** complete with birthdays and anniversaries are available on the entryway table.

**Council Meeting** will be Sunday, January 13th at 8:00 a.m.

**Voters' Assembly:** 1st quarter meeting will be held after the service on Sunday, January 20th. If you are not a member and desire to become one:

4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

## Anniversary of a Congregation

# *TODAY*

Please join us for a small reception and cake  
after the service as we celebrate

## Immanuel's 40th Anniversary



## TODAY

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl  
Elder.....Darlo Kelting  
Greeter.....T. Smith  
Ushers.....Steve Haase & Terry Stanek  
Servers.....Kathy Stanek & Robin Marciniak  
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Ellie Mintle & Oliver Louden

## NEXT SUNDAY

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl  
Elder.....Keith Thorpe  
Greeter.....Stanek  
Ushers.....Randy Carnine & Steve Haase  
Servers.....Emily Louden & Marrina Kaloupek  
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Lauren Louden & Joey Koepp

### Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

**December 19, 2018**

Attendance 33

### Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

**December 23, 2018**

Attendance 58

Holy Communion 38

### Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

**December 24, 2018**

Attendance 81

### Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

**December 25, 2018**

Attendance 21

Holy Communion 15

# Week Ahead

## TODAY

Anniversary of a Congregation.....9:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School/Bible Study & No Confirmation  
Food Pantry Sunday

## THURSDAY

Bible Study.....11:00 a.m.  
Elders' Meeting.....Noon

## NEXT SUNDAY

The Epiphany of Our Lord.....9:00 a.m.  
Christian Education.....10:30 a.m.  
Board of Ed. Meeting.....11:30 a.m.  
7th/8th Confirmation.....1:00-2:30 p.m.  
5th/6th Pre-Confirmation.....2:30-4:00 p.m.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Thursday...Violet Madren  
Friday...Bonnie Moon

*May God bless you today and each day that follows.  
May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be  
comforted by His care, and live in  
His grace now and forever.*

# Confirmation Memory Work

## **5th/6th Grades for January 6**

First Article & Meaning

## **7th/8th Grades for January 6**

First Article & Meaning



Our church website has the info. you need right at your fingertips! Get access to weekly bulletins, sermons, calendars, upcoming events, pictures and more!  
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Amber Carnine

### Sunday School Opening

Pastor Koepp

**The Divine Service Introduction**  
**Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship**

*Pastor David Miller*

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Nunc Dimittis**

At Christmas, we celebrate the advent of Immanuel, "God with us." Eight days after his birth, Jesus was presented at the temple in Jerusalem. Luke's Gospel records there was a man named Simeon present in the temple when Jesus was brought there. This man had one foot in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament as the Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would not taste death before seeing the Lord's Christ. Upon holding this baby Messiah in his arms, Simeon exclaimed the well-known words of the Nunc Dimittis, which is Latin for "Depart in peace." Holding his salvation in his very arms, Simeon said, "O Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." He could now die happy, confident that through this little child redemption was now made his.

This song is not only Simeon's but is our own song. Perhaps even more ours than Simeon's. The timing of this canticle in the Divine Service makes this very clear. It comes just after the distribution of Holy Communion, when this same Christ is presented in the temple of the New Jerusalem, the Church. We have taken this Jesus not only in our arms like Simeon, but we have held him even closer as we have received Him into our very souls through the eating and drinking of His true body and blood. And whereas Simeon was looking forward to the redemption that His Savior would accomplish, we receive that forgiveness, life, and salvation in this Sacrament. Thanks to the Lord's benefits, we may "depart in peace," knowing that even if we were to die on our way home from church that we would be received into the everlasting arms of our heavenly Father. May we ever boldly sing Simeon's song as history repeats itself at an altar near you.



# Issues, Etc.

*Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio*

Talk Radio for the Christmas Season

***The Christmas Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night"***

Rev. Will Weedon of LCMS Worship

***The Holy Family***

Dr. Louis Brighton of Concordia Seminary

***The Church's Observance of Christmas Day***

Rev. David Petersen of Gottesdienst

***The Christmas Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"***

Dr. Arthur Just of Concordia Theological Seminary

***Praetorius: Lutheran Mass for Christmas Morning***

Dr. Joseph Herl of Concordia University Nebraska

***The Top Religion Stories of 2018***

Terry Mattingly of GetReligion

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# Important Dates!

January 11, 2019

Summer Camp Registration Opens

January 25-26, 2019

IDE Middle School Retreat  
& Snow-lympics!

February 25, 2019

Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline #1

April 29, 2019

Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline #2

June 12, 2019

Summer Camp Begins



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your offering for next year,  
please inform the church secretary.**