

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Parking Lot  
St. Charles, MO  
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**Drive-In Worship  
The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2020 @ 9:30 am**

***Please Note:***

- **To listen to this Drive-In Service, tune your radio to FM 92.9**
- You are welcome to leave your car running some or most of the time to keep the battery charged. We ask all to remain in vehicles.
- Rest Rooms in the Fellowship Hall and Gym Lobby are open.
- Offerings will be received in big containers as you exit to 6th St, the alley or to 7th St.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Drive-In Worship will continue on Saturdays @ 4:00 pm & Sundays @ 9:30 am & 10:45 am**

***Welcome***

***Opening Hymn***

**"Joy to the World" - #387**

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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## *God Prepares Us for Worship*

Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **In the Name of Jesus, God has revealed His love for all people and his rescue from sin.**

Leader: Come in hushed silence before the Lord and let the fears, sins and burdens lie at the manger.

People: **For God has come near in the person of Jesus, real human flesh, a heart full of love and compassion.**

Leader: May the joy of Christ's coming for our rescue and the abiding presence of the true Son of God fill your hearts with hope, confidence and peace.

People: **In Jesus, God has filled our lives with all his best gifts. We praise His Name forever.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

All: 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 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## *The Old Testament Reading*

Isaiah 61:10—62:3 ESV

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,

until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## *Psalm of the Day*

### **Psalm 111**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People:** **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

**Leader:** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People:** **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**Leader:** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**People:** **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**Leader:** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**People:** **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**Leader:** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**People:** **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

**All:** **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.**

## *The Epistle Reading*

### **Galatians 4:1-7 ESV**

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, <sup>4</sup>God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Men: To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

**Women: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Men: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**Women: for he has done marvelous things!**

Men: Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation;

**Women: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.**

## *The Gospel Reading*

**Luke 2:22-40** ESV

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

## *Sermon Hymn*

**“Let All Together Praise Our God” - #389 v. 1, 3, 5, 7**

- 1** 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.
- 3** Within an earthborn form He hides  
His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.
- 5** He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child’s love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.
- Δ **7** Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

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## *Sermon*

**“What’s New About the New Testament”**



## ***The Apostles' 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.**

## ***The Prayers***

**Each portion of the prayers conclude –**

*Pastor: Lord in Your mercy.      People: Hear our prayer.*

### **Special Intercessions**

- † Sunday Joelle V who is being received into God's family through Holy Baptism this afternoon.
- † Chris & Monica G at the birth of a daughter, Willow Mabel, on December 21st.
- † The family of Harold H at the death of his mother, Annie H on December 20th;  
The family of Brian D at the death of his mother on December 23rd.
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)* Tim A, Nadine B, Jodi B, Pat C, Mildred C, Lonna C, Diane D, Joni D, Donna F, Anita G, Christopher G, Doris G, Dorothy H, Bill H, Terri J, James K, Mitch K, Diane M, Rachel M, Susan M, Gary R, Tate S, Earl S, Marilyn S, Carol S, Julie S, Nicki S, Nicole T, Frank T, Tate V, Ulla W; *new additions:*

## *The 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.

## *The Benediction*

### *Closing Hymn*

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" - #388

- Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!
- 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. Refrain
  - 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain
  - 3 Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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## *Go In Peace!*

## Participants

**Preacher** ..... Vicar Kurt Hellwig  
**Liturgist** ..... Rev. Scott Schmieding  
**Accompanist** ..... Mr. Andrew Schempf

### **When exiting the parking lot after worship, please follow these guidelines:**

- \* **Small lots (along 6th St. & the Fellowship Hall Lower Lot), should exit onto 6th St.**
- \* **Main lot closest to 6th St. (Sanctuary side) - exit out the alleyway onto 1st Capitol**
- \* **Main lot closer to the school & the Basketball court area should exit past the Preschool entrance and continue on Madison or turn onto 7th St.**

### **Reminders:**

**Epiphany Family Subscription Box:** In January, Kids Ministry is doing something a little different! We're offering free "subscription" boxes filled with activities, crafts, devotions, and other fun stuff that will help enrich your family's faith life for the entire month. All you have to do is fill out a quick Google Form before January 4th, available on the Immanuel website at: [ImmanuelStCharles.org/children/](http://ImmanuelStCharles.org/children/)  
Contact Maggie at [mwarner@immanuelstcharles.org](mailto:mwarner@immanuelstcharles.org) with questions.

**2021 High school servant event** sign up deadline is today, December 27.

**Italian dinner tickets** for the January 9 dinner are on sale on the website until January 3. The online auction will open on January 2. Proceeds support the 2021 Servant event.

The **M & M fundraiser** is wrapping up. Donations can be dropped off in the offering buckets or to the Atrium or Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who donated!

**High school servant event leadership team** information meeting is Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30p.m.

**Community Confirmation** classes resume on Wednesday, January 13, 6:00-7:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.