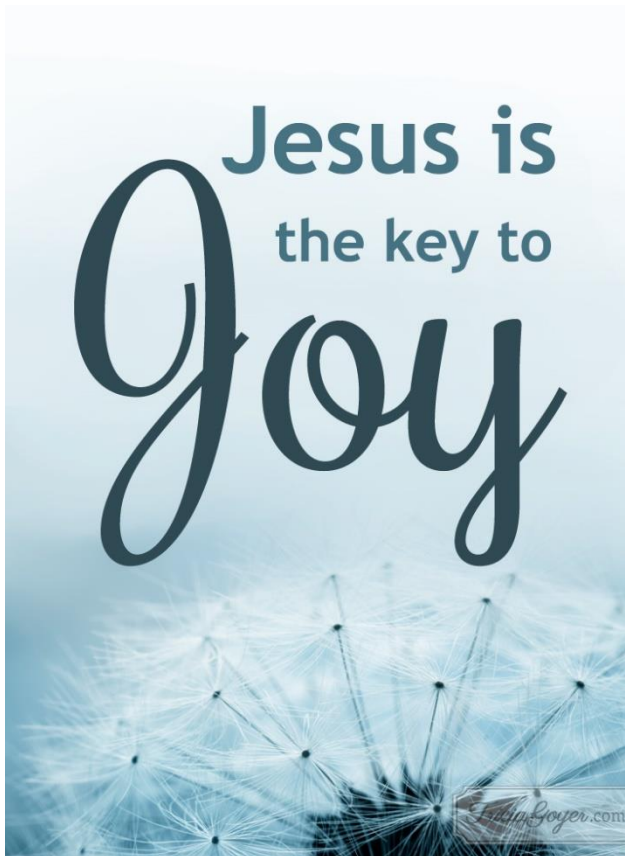


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! *Zephaniah 3:14*

December 16, 2018
8:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
(Immanuel means “God with us”)

AS WE GATHER

“Rejoice in the Lord always!” may seem like quite the daunting task in today’s world. Yes, there are moments of joy, but there are also moments of tragedy and devastation. It is not possible to be always joyful. But rejoicing is not a task that we have to add to our to-do list. And we are not called to rejoice in everything always. We are called to rejoice in the Lord always. The God who rejoices over us with gladness and calms us with His love brings us into a relationship with Him that is filled with rejoicing at His presence and providence.

A Few FYI'S as You Worship with Us.

- **Attendance/Prayer cards**, please fill out and give to an elder/usher or place in the offering plate so that we may be better equipped to serve you.
- **Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for those with little busy hands. Please help yourself.
- **Children bulletins** are available from the ushers.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** are also available from an Elder or Usher.
- **Grace Space** is available up by the pulpit for little children. Please supervise your children when they are using Grace Space.



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✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* p. 168

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria in Excelsis* p. 170

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 3:14–20 (p. 672, ESV) (p.935, NIV)
(The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.)

EPISTLE Philippians 4:4–7 (p. 842, ESV) (p. 1163, NIV)
(Rejoice in the Lord always.)

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 7:18–28 (p. 737, ESV) (p.1022, NIV)
(“The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

LSB 345

SERMON

“Finding Joy”

Pastor Donald Antor

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: rejoice in the Lord always!

People: **Again I will say, rejoice!**

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PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	p. 178
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT		
Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.		
People: Amen.		
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HYMN	“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”	LSB 352 Stz. 1-4

Eileen Baumgarten, Organist

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS

Service of Remembrance

TODAY at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Advent Worship Services

December 19

1:15 p.m. Chapel

7:00 p.m. Worship with Immanuel School Students

Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship

10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Worship

5:00 p.m.

Please join our "Explore God Series" beginning January 12th & 13th.

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