

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

“Living a Legacy of Faith.” 150 Years: 1869-2019

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 100:5

NEW YEAR'S EVE
December 31, 2019
5:00 p.m.



AS WE GATHER

How quickly life flies by: grass withering in the summer heat, leaves falling and blowing away in autumn, trees standing bare in winter. Yet in spring the flowers bloom and the grass turns green. The grave is empty on Easter morning. Jesus has risen! God has taken pity on us and given us everlasting life in Christ. Let us pray Psalm 90 as we look back upon this past year and look forward to the coming year in Christ.

✠ SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

WELCOME

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

People: and the day is almost over.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: and illumine Your Church.

HYMN

“In God We Believe”

Tune of LSB 802

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our live wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guild, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then.
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Your undimming light shines abundantly in our lives. Your light has made our dark days brighter and our light days brighter. We give You thanks for the brightness of Your goodness and glory in our lives. As Your perpetual light shines on us in the coming year, may we so reflect Your light in our community among our neighbors, that many will turn to You; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ PSALMODY ✠

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-4, 9-10, 13-14

Pastor: So, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

People: **Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

Pastor: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: **You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"**

Pastor: For a thousand years in your sight are but a yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

People: **For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

Pastor: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble;

People: **Return, O Lord! How Long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Pastor: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You have done marvelous things in the sight of all people. Most marvelous of all is Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom You have made salvation known. As we reflect the year past, help us to forgive others, to learn from our errors, and to not dwell on our past sins. As we look forward to the coming year, keep us in Your steadfast love and faithfulness, so that our lives show forth Your goodness to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him” Refrain of LSB 379

Lyrics from TCH 196 St. 1-4

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever, We'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, We'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You lift up the lowly and bring down the arrogant. For the times You have lifted us up when we were down, we give You thanks. For the times when we have been arrogant, and You have chastised us, we also give You thanks. As we enter another year of grace, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that our words and deeds declare Your praise, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 30: 15–17 (p. 205, ESV) (p. 704, NIV)
(The prophet Isaiah warns the people of Israel about their refusal to listen to the Word of God.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:31b–39 (p. 809, ESV) (p. 1118, NIV)
(Nothing separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:35–40 (p. 745, ESV) (p. 1032, NIV)
(Be alert, ready, and always watchful for His coming.)

HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” WOV 649

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. **Chorus**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Chorus**

MESSAGE “Teach Us to Number Our Days” Pastor Warren Schilf

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Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my All in All! **Chorus**

✠ SENDING ✠

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the year now past, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive. The year is now past, and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the new year and rest in Your peace, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

People: that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the X Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Joyous Light of Wondrous Glory" tune of LSB 338

Joyous light of wondrous glory: Jesus, Lord of time and space.
From eternity our story Has been authored by Your grace.
As the evening shadows lengthen We shout praises to Your throne.
Son of God, our lives are strengthened By Your song of love now known.

Blest are You, O Lord and Master, King of all the universe.
You led Israel through disaster, By both cloud and fire traversed.
Now enlighten our dark pathways With the radiance of Your Son.
May His Word blaze in us always, Causing us to shine as one.

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