

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 8, 2024 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Immanuel's Mission

Faithful to Christ's call to be His modern-day disciples, we follow in His steps, share His Good News, make disciples in the next generation, and equip them to serve in His Kingdom.

Immanuel's Vision

To be recognized and valued in the community as a loving family of faith that passionately responds to the grace we've received, by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus.

Red Note Pads

Please record your name, address and intention to commune in the red pad in the pews.

Prayer Requests

Please record prayer requests on the green prayer cards in the pew racks and pass to the nearest aisle. They will be collected after the sermon and included in the Prayers of the People

PRELUDE

Joy to the World

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel... Shall come to You, O Israel.

The prophecy is read and the first & second candles are lit...

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel... Shall come to You, O Israel.

Leader: Today is the day the Lord has made...

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing

Chorus 1

We will sing joy, oh

2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy

Chorus 2

We will sing joy
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
Joy to the world

3. 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

Chorus 2

We will sing joy
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
Joy to the world
(repeat)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORD OF FORGIVENESS

The prophet Daniel said, "To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him." We, too, are sinners who have rebelled against God. Knowing that we have a compassionate God, we can confess our sins with the confident assurance that they fall on the ears of our merciful heavenly Father.

Silent Meditation

O God, our heavenly Father, we confess to You that we have rebelled against You. We have not given You first place in our lives, but have chosen, many times, to be our own masters. Show us our sin, O Lord, and give us the power to repent and to follow You with our whole heart. Remake us into people whose greatest desire is to delight in You and to glorify Your name. Have mercy on us, and forgive us our sins, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

The Psalmist declares, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Hear this good news, people of God: trusting in the promise of God, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. God will lead you into the future in purity and holiness. Rejoice in God's goodness this day. AMEN.

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of Your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what You command and desire what You promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD	Ezekiel 47:1-12 Revelation 21:1-7	p. 918 p.1302
GOSPEL	John 14:1-6	p.1129
MESSAGE	<i>"Our Inspiring Hope"</i>	

HALLELUJAH

Alyssa & worship team

1. I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

2. A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place, for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born – oh, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

3. The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby, wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said:
"You'll find Him in a manger bed"
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

4. A star shown bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the Wise Men three
Came many miles and journeyed long for You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out: Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Alicia Holden, Angelo Kwok, Anne Tummala, Art Larsen, Asuncion Cavanna,
Barbara Wilson, Bruce Fyfe, Candy Campbell, Cauin Johnson, Christine Oster,
Dan Legasse, Dana Ellingen, Dennis Wizemann, Dianne Edwards, Dick van
Gelder, Dorothy Terrill, Ed Lacina, Ellen Thorndike, Gale Sheehan, Glenda Burgy,
Heidi Davis, Jack Muller, James Smith, James Wroe, Jan Brower, Joe Schable,
Joe Zamboury, Judy Geri, Kari Gilge, Kay Husted, Larry Hernandez, Matt
Huddleston, Meghan Mallare, Myra Sternlieb, Nancy Cayton, Pooran Velayati,
Ricky Jensen, Sarah Wright, Scott Bradbury, Shirley Pedro, Steve Zimmer, Susan
Conner, Synthia Skavdahl, Tami Diaz, Terri Penny, Tom Saari, Vien Nguyen,
William Gordon**

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

BLESSING

LET US ADORE

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful
Come joyful, come praising
Jesus is born in Bethlehem
Oh, come, and behold Him
 The King of the ages
Jesus is born in Bethlehem
 Jesus is born, hey

Chorus

Let us adore, let us adore
Let us adore Christ the Lord
Oh, clap your hands
Lift up your voice
Let us adore Christ the Lord

2. Oh, come, saint or sinner
His love knows no limits
Jesus is born in Bethlehem
Oh, come, join the heavens
Sing worship, sing praises
Jesus is born in Bethlehem
Jesus is born, hey

Chorus

Bridge

Oh, come, let us adore
Oh, come, let us adore
Oh, come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord
(repeat)

POSTLUDE

Let Us Adore (reprise)

Lyrics for all music are reprinted under CCLI # Lic#13458

TWO SERVICES, communion is served.

9:00 AM Traditional (livestream)

10:45 AM Contemporary

You can watch the live stream online at <https://ilcsaratoga.org/live.php>

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

ALTAR GUILD	Gail Wesling
COFFEE	Candy Campbell / Linda Jacks
COMMUNION	Aare & Judy Onton / Alyssa Morgan & Michelle Campbell
GREETERS	George & Kim Bean / Colin Campbell
LECTORS	Gail Wesling / Nate Sarkisian
POWERPOINT	Rick Jernberg
LIVESTREAM	Aart Bik
USHER	Stu Campbell / Colin Campbell
FLOWERS	Annie Yung, in celebration of her brother Taylor Edler's 42nd birthday



**E-MAIL OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS (suggested donation \$70)
SUNDAYS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE: Dec 15th, Dec 22nd, Jan. 5th, Jan
12th, Feb 9th**

See back of bulletin with 2 QR Codes for your convenience to make donations.

TO ADD NEW NAMES, REMOVE, OR ANY CHANGES, PLEASE EMAIL CHURCH OFFICE AT office.ilc.saratoga@gmail.com.



Remember in Prayer

(Long Term, last names alphabetically) Scott Bradbury, Jan Brower, Mindy Campbell, Leslie Canerday, Asuncion Cavanna, Nancy Cayton, Heidi Davis, Tami Diaz, Candace Drake, Dianne Edwards, Jack Edwards, Dana Ellingen, Orriene Fender, Kim Fezler, Patricia Fine, Bruce Fyfe, Dick van Gelder, Judy Geri, Kari Gilge, William Gordon, Evie Guzman, Jan Hauber, Larry Hernandez, Robert Hiler, Alicia Holden, Matt Huddleston, Kay Husted, Dorothy Jackson, Ricky Jensen, Cauin Johnson, Jerry Krale, Angelo Kwok, Ed Lacina, Dan Lagasse, Art Larsen, Meghan Mallare, Jack Muller, Vien Nguyen, Christine Oster, Shirley Pedro, Terri Penny, Joe Schable, James Smith, Jim Sorenson, Myra Sternlieb, Dorothy Terrill, Ellen Thorndike, Anne Tummala, Jim & Vaskie Turner, Michael Turner, Dick van Gelder, Bruce Van Huystee, Barbara Wilson, Bobby Wilson, Dennis Wizemann, Sarah Wright, James Wroe, Joe Zamboury, Steve Zimmer

(Short Term) Pooran Velayati, Candy Campbell, Synthia Skavdahl, Glenda Burgy, Tom Saari, Gale Sheehan

The Family & Friends of: Alan Thorndike, Ted Geiszler, Beckett Folland, Maxine Sampson

God Bless Our U.S. Troops

Prayer for Global Outreach Ministry of Dan & Berit Wick, Cartagena, Colombia; Pastor Naoki Asano, Ichigaya Lutheran Church, Tokyo, Japan; Tim & Sarah Stone Family serving in Batumi, Georgia; Kent & Cheri Picksly, Trogir, Croatia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Appeal for Our Missionaries

In the past several years, our Church Council has invited members of our community to consider an over-and-above gift so support a ministry outside our congregation. This year, you're invited to contribute to our missionaries: Dan & Berit Wick, serving in Cartagena, Colombia; Tim & Sarah Stone, serving in Batumi, Georgia; and Kent & Cheri Picksley, serving in Trogir, Croatia.

If you would you like to contribute toward this special gift toward our missionaries, send a check to the church office or bring it with you when you come to worship, **payable to ILC** and noting **MISSIONARIES in the memo** portion of your check. Donations received will be split between the three missionaries. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Church Decorating Day: Saturday, Dec. 14

Bring your creative touches and magic sparkles. Come join us on Dec. 14 to help decorate our beautiful church. We will divide into teams to decorate trees, wreaths and the choir railing. Each team pair with a lead to guide the design.

We'll start at 10:00 AM and wrap up by 1:00 PM. Come whenever you can. We'd love to have you.

9th Annual Christmas Organ Concert: December 22, 7:00 PM

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child is the title of this year's program, which will feature our own Elisabeth Pintar on organ and include special guests: Carol Flint on handbells as well as vocalists Annie Yung & Alyssa Morgan. The concert is free of charge – invite your friends! And bring a plate of goodies to share at the reception following the presentation.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 11: Growing in Faith:

10:00 AM: Wednesday morning study: *God's River of Life*, in the Fireside Room and via Zoom here: [Wed Study](#)

7:00 PM: *Diving Deeper*, a study on the coming Sunday's Bible passages.

Dec 14: Church Beautification

10:00 – 1:00: Adorn the church with Christmas joy!

Dec. 15: Sunday Worship:

9:00 – Traditional Sunday Livestream

10:45 – Contemporary

Dec. 22: Worship & Celebration

10:15: Service of Lessons & Carols: One Congregational Service Sunday Livestream

7:00: 9th Annual Organ Concert: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5:00 (Family: Hymns with Organ & Children's Story Time)

10:00 PM (Traditional: Choir & Hymns)

Dec. 29: Sunday Worship

10:15: One Congregational Service in the Christmas season Sunday Livestream