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#### ORGAN PRELUDE

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

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## HYMN- No. 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear! Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:

#### Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

#### Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word! Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him!

## Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:

## Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

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## **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

## INTROIT - Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

P: To you, O LORD,

C: I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C: let not my enemies exult over me.

P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

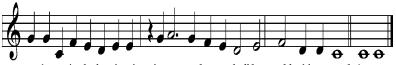
C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## **KYRIE**



## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**



P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Old Testament – Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### ALLELUIA



# Holy Gospel - Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

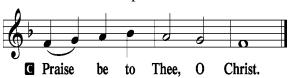


[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN – 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
  Behold, the King of glory waits.
  The King of kings is drawing near;
  The Savior of the world is here.
  Life and salvation He doth bring;
  Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
  To God the Father raise
  Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
  His chariot is humility,
  His kingly crown is holiness,
  His scepter, pity in distress.
  The end of all our woe He brings;
  Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
  To Christ the Savior raise
  Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed! O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes! The cloudless sun of joy is He

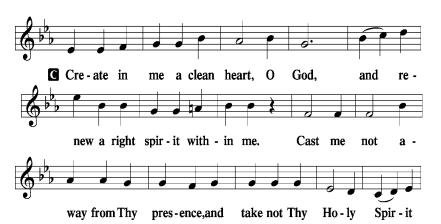
Who comes to set His people free. To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.

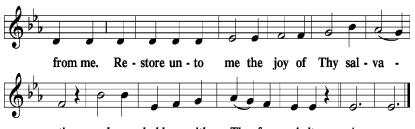
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
  Make it a temple set apart
  From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
  Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
  So shall your Sov'reign enter in
  And new and nobler life begin.
  To God alone be praise
  For word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
  My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
  O enter with Thy grace divine;
  Thy face of mercy on me shine.
  Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
  Until our glorious goal is won.
  Eternal praise and fame
  We offer to Thy name.

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# SERMON

## **OFFERTORY**





tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(there is a time for silent prayer)

After each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy

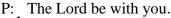
C: hear our prayer

At the conclusion of the prayer:

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **PREFACE**





P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

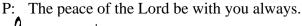


#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### PAX DOMINI





#### **AGNUS DEI**



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

# Hymn No. 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

- 3 Lo, the\_apostles' holy train
  Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
  Prophets swell the glad refrain,
  And the white-robed martyrs follow,
  And from morn to set of sun
  Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary. For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary, First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- △5 Holy Father, holy Son,
  Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
  Though in essence only one,
  Undivided God we claim Thee
  And, adoring, bend the knee
  While we own the mystery.

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# Hymn No. 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel

- Sing praise to the God of Israel!
  Sing praise for His visitation!
  Redeeming His people from their sin,
  Accomplishing their salvation,
  Upraising a mighty horn within
  The house of His servant David!
- 2 God spoke by the prophets long ago, His promise on oath recalling— To Abraham made in former years: Of vanquishing foes appalling, That those He delivered from their fears Might gladly and truly serve Him.

- 3 You, child, will go on before the Lord As prophet, His way preparing; To speak on behalf of God Most High, His counsel of truth declaring: Rich mercy and grace for all whereby Iniquity is forgiven.
- 4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us In need of illumination;
  Come scatter the shades of sin and death And shatter their domination.
  Be guiding our footsteps on the path Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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## Hymn No. 933 My Soul Rejoices

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- My soul rejoices, My spirit voices— Sing the greatness of the Lord! For God my Savior Has shown me favor— Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him. Love and revere Him— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
- 2 His arm now baring,
  His strength declaring—
  Sing the greatness of the Lord!
  The proud He scatters,
  Their rule He shatters—
  Sing the greatness of the Lord!
  Oppression halted;

The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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## Hymn No. 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

- On Him alone we build;
  With His true saints alone
  The courts of heav'n are filled.
  On His great love
  Our hopes we place
  Of present grace
  And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n
  The grace which we implore,
  And may that grace, once giv'n,
  Be with us evermore
  Until that day
  When all the blest
  To endless rest
  Are called away.
- △3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
  These hallowed courts shall ring;
  Our voices we will raise
  The Three in One to sing
  And thus proclaim
  In joyful song,
  Both loud and long,
  That glorious name.

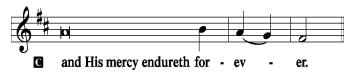
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## **NUNC DIMITTIS**



#### THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P: Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.



#### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



## HYMN - 331 The Advent of Our King

- 1 The advent of our King
  Our prayers must now employ,
  And we must hymns of welcome sing
  In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be, Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King, Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone, The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.
- △6 All glory to the Son,
   Who comes to set us free,
   With Father, Spirit, ever one
   Through all eternity.

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**WELCOME** - We welcome all worshippers to our services at Immanuel this week. As God comes to us in Word and in Sacrament may we experience His love and His power in the singing of praise and the living of our lives to His glory.

**VISITORS** - Welcome all visitors this week. Be sure to pick up a visitor packet from an usher or from our Information Rack in the east entrance.

**SERVICE ENLARGEMENTS, LARGE PRINT HYMNS & ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** - are now available for the service each week. It will include the service, hymns, and the insert of readings. They will be available at both entrances next to the bulletins. Please return them after the service.

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP** - <u>ALL</u> members and visitors are asked to record their attendance at church and communion. Please return the record to the center aisle.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TOTES - are available at both entrances for children age kindergarten and younger. <u>Please return</u> them after the service.

**NURSERY** - Exit the southeast door, the nursery is the third door at the bottom of the stairs. The first door is the lounge where you may listen to the service on the speaker.

**COMMUNION** - If you are not a member of Immanuel and have not previously taken Communion here, or if you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please speak with Pastor Kuhlman before the service. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray.

CHURCH OFFICE - If you need to meet, speak, or make an appointment with the Church Secretary the office is open on Monday and Wednesday. If you need to meet or speak to Pastor Kuhlman you can always reach him on his cell and at his home. Please note that the church will be locked at all times unless two people are present.

**CATECHISM AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary.

**CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**MASKS** - Masks are strongly encouraged and at this time we request that our congregation wear a mask anytime you are inside the church to help protect all of our members.

**FLOWERS** - The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Larry and Kathryn Graves in Thanksgiving for all their blessings.

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS:** none

**2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are in your mailboxes. Please pick yours up today!

**2021 PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January – March are in the information rack in the east entrance and on the table in the back of the church

**2021 CHANCEL SIGN UP SHEET** is up in the chancel room inside the cupboard door. Sign up today!

2021 CALANDARS are available on the table in the east entrance.

**2021 FLOWER CHART** has been placed in the north entrance and ready for signups! The cost is \$30 for the 2 vases. There are many needed dates for signup including January 3, 10, February 7, 14, 21, March 14 and many more through the year. If in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion, please make a note of that on the chart. Make checks payable to Immanuel Chancel Society and place it in their drawer in the east entrance.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL** – To renew your Lutheran Witness please contact Shelia. The cost is \$19.00 a year.

**POINSETTIAS** – The signup sheet for Christmas poinsettias is on the table in the east entrance. The cost is \$13.00 each and the deadline for signing up is next Sunday, December 6th. You can also bring your own poinsettia to share. Please have the poinsettia at the church no later than Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND PRACTICES Watch the bulletin for more information as it becomes available.

**ADVENT SERVICES** will begin on this Wednesday evening at 7PM. The theme for December 2nd is "Jesus Is Immanuel" Isaiah 7:10-14. The services will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE COLLECTION AT IMMANUEL:

In past years Immanuel's Bridge Builders volunteered at Kroger for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Collection. This year, due to social distancing concerns, we weren't comfortable taking the kids to collect. So, instead, we have brought a Red Kettle to Immanuel! You will find our little Red "Counter Kettle" located **on the table in the east entrance**. All donations collected remain in Noble County. We will have the Red Kettle here on Sunday November 29 and December 6 only. Please use this opportunity to support this important charitable mission – your donations are greatly appreciated!

#### NEW FURNACES NEEDED FOR THE SANCTUARY

An upgrade is needed to the 2 furnaces that supply heat to the sanctuary. The congregation voted to replace them at a cost of \$7,100.00. There was also a discussion of a fundraiser within the congregation to raise the needed monies for the project. The goal is to prevent the depletion of the current Building Fund. We ask that special gifts to the Building Fund for the furnaces be placed in the collection plates or mail them to the church with funds earmarked for the Building Fund – Furnaces.

**CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** will be next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> following morning worship. All members are welcome and encouraged to come and help prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – This year here at Immanuel there will be 2 Candlelight Christmas Eve services with Holy Communion on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The first will begin at 4:00PM and the second will begin at 8:00PM. After each service please take your bulletin and your candle home with you. There is a sign up sheet for the congregation to choose which service they will be attending on the table in the east entrance. The purpose is to keep our social distancing and time to sanitize and get the church ready for each service.

**JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY** - Unfortunately we will not be having Jesus Birthday Party in the fellowship hall this year. We are though making up bags for the children to take home so if you

have any items to contribute to the bags please talk to Connie Kaiser.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** – We are looking for a family for our Christmas Giving Tree. If you know of a needy family the church can help this Christmas please contact Elizabeth Pfafman.

**AVILLA FOOD PANTRY** - Please don't forget the needy people in our community. You may place your food donations in the box in the east entrance.

**BULLETIN BOARD** - Cross Connection; Worship for Shut-Ins;

**PRAYER LIST- Prayer for the sick & recovering:** Judy McKinley, Dan Phares, Judy Hillegass, Carole Bishop, Roger Reichhart, young relative of a church member who is suffering mentally and parents who need wisdom and comfort.

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS** are now on our website. The announcements in the bulletin each week can be seen on our website **under Blog and then correct month**.

**INFORMATION RACK**- last week's bulletin; extra December Newsletters; Visitors Packet; January – March 2021 Portals of Prayer; Lutheran Witness; Cross Connection; Thrivent Dollars information; Lutherans for Life.

## LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance – Sunday 39 + Jesus *God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9:7

**WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT WEEK:** Sunday: Children and Adult Sunday School 8:30AM, Morning Worship 9:30AM

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** – Christ saved your soul. Say thank you with your whole self.