



# IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN THE ADVENT SEASON



These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*

### SERVING US THIS WEEK

**PASTOR** Joe Naumann <> **DEACON** Ted Schreyer<> **ORGANIST** Bonnie Cornish <>

**SCREEN** (Sat.) Joe Furst (Sun.) Russ Schmitt **USHERS** Fred Friedrichs, John Heinze, Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Ty Hanel, Ross Libby, Jordan Meugnsakith, Andy Olmanson, Luke Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Chuck Schmid, Ron Wolle, Steve Wolle

### SERVING US NEXT WEEK

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Tan Hymnal Pg 12*

**INVOCATION** *we invoke ("call upon") the name of our triune god.*

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C):** ♪ **Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You so to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

**Hymn 705 WS (Tan Hymnal)**

**Come, O Long- Expected Jesus**

## OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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♪ **Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P: Let us pray...

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Help us by Your great might, so that whatever is hindered by our sins may be accomplished by Your great mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON MALACHI 4:4-5

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Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

### PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 2:1-12

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P: Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

**C: "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."**

P: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

**C: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."**

P: "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,

**C: `You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**

P: Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

**C: You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P: Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

**C: Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.**

P: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little.

**C: Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

## **SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-11**

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Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. **7** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. **8** Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. **9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. **10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **11** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH APOSTOLIC CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON CAMOUFLAGE CHRISTIAN?

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*At this time we invite children from PrK-6th Grade to come to the front of the church for a special message from the pastor.*

**Hymn 93 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
O Lord, We Welcome Thee**

## SERMON JOHN 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

## It's All About Jesus!

1. The Source of Faith
2. The Foundation of Faith
3. The Reward of Faith

*Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann  
Sermon Notes Sheet in Entryway*

## OFFERTORY WS (TAN HYMNAL) PG 16

*In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

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♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

**Hymn 360 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

## OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**BENEDICTION** *A Good Word or Blessing.*

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**Congregational Response:** ♪ **Amen.**

**Hymn 59 v 1,5,6 TLH (Red Hymnal)  
Hail, to the Lord's Anointed**

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# LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship 12/11: **53**  
 Saturday Sunday School: **0**  
 Saturday Bible Study: **0**

Sunday Worship 12/12: **144**  
 Sunday School: **13**  
 Sunday Bible Study: **40**  
 Ambassadors: **0**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	6
Realife	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Tuesday	Study	Quarantine
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	Quarantine
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	Quarantine
Wednesday Online	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Wednesday	Study	Picks up Jan.
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	7
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	7
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2nd Thursday	Worship	
College study	No	7:00 PM	Every other Thursday	Study	
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	23
Primrose	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Friday	Study	6
Hillcrest	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Friday	Worship	14
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	3rd, 5th Friday	Worship	13
Autumn Grace	Yes	11:15 AM	2nd, 4th Friday	Worship	
Blue Earth Jail (Women's)	No	8:45 AM	Every Friday	Study	
Blue Earth Jail (Men's)	No	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	
<b>Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:</b>					<b>76</b>
<i>Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!</i>					

# THIS WEEK

**Sat Dec. 18 10-5:30p** Church Basement & Kitchen Reserved- Private Event  
**6:00p** **WORSHIP**, In-Person - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion  
**7:00p** Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

**Sun Dec. 19 9:00a** Adult Bible Class & Ambassadors  
**9:00a** Christmas Eve Practice  
**9:15a** Radio Sermon: *KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM*  
**10:00a** **WORSHIP**, In-Person or Live Stream- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion  
 Live Stream- [www.ImmanuelMankato.org](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org)  
 Watch - [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/)  
**11:00a** Choir Practice  
**3:00p** Ladies Ugly Sweater Party

**Mon Dec. 20 7:00p** God Bless Your Week!  
**7:00p** Christmas Concert

**Tues Dec. 21 3-5p** Pastors Office Hours (*let them know if you need a visit*)

	<b>6:30p</b>	Ladies Study Guild
<b>Wed Dec. 22</b>	<b>12:45p</b>	Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
<b>Thur Dec. 23</b>	<b>5:45p</b>	Televised <b>WORSHIP</b> Service, Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
<b>Fri Dec. 24</b>		No School- Christmas Break- thru January 7 <sup>th</sup> !
	<b>6:00p</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>Sat Dec. 25</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Christmas Day Worship Service</b>
	<b>6:00p</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> , In- Person
	<b>7:00p</b>	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
<b>Sun Dec. 26</b>	<b>9:00a</b>	Adult Bible Class & Ambassadors
	<b>9:00a</b>	Christmas Eve Practice
	<b>9:15a</b>	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM</i>
	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b> In-Person or Live Stream
	<b>11:00a</b>	Choir Practice

## IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BUDGET UPDATE** We will need **\$45,719.75** per week till the end of the year to make our yearly budget. Please consider this need in your giving.

**UGLY SWEATER PARTY** Ladies of Immanuel! You are all invited to an Ugly Sweater Party in the church basement **this Sunday- December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm!** Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the fun! There will be games, and prizes for the ugliest sweater! Once fun has been had we will work together to fill the Christmas Eve bags for the Children's Service. Please join us!

**READ THE BIBLE IN 2022** Looking for a worthwhile and meaningful New Year's Resolution for 2022? This year Pastor Naumann has planned a church wide opportunity to read the Bible together. Pamphlets are available in the narthex for you to take home and track your readings so that you will read the entire Bible during 2022. Each day amounts to reading 3-4 chapters of Holy Scripture. We are also encouraging you to sign up in the narthex to show your commitment to reading God's Word this year. If you are unable to get a pamphlet, please contact Pastor Naumann and he will provide you with one. God promises to bless the reading and hearing of His Word, so we know that He will bless all of us as we pursue this valuable endeavor!

**TIME AND TALENTS** Our church leaders sent out a Time and Talents Survey in the beginning of November. Please check your emails for this, and take a few moments to fill it out. This survey helps us keep our church records updated, and helps support the boards and committees that keep Immanuel functioning with fresh lists of volunteers. If you did not receive the survey please let the church secretary know.



**ECHO FOOD SHELF** A huge thank you to Paula Stelter who has been the organizing force behind the donations taken to the ECHO Food Shelf each month. This work has gone on largely behind the scenes for years and we are sincerely grateful for all that Paula has done. Thank you Paula! The Board of Deacons is seeking feedback from the congregation regarding whether or not there is interest in continuing this program. If you have thoughts on it or if you are willing to serve in an organizational capacity, please email the Board of Deacons at [Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org](mailto:Board-of-Deacons@ImmanuelMankato.org). Thank you!

**WOMEN'S STUDY GUILD** meets on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please join us for Bible study, a short meeting, and fellowship with refreshments. The conference room door and the south entry will be open for your convenience. Among the projects we have are the cradle roll, *The Spokesman* subscriptions for active military, communion ware and set-up, and changing banners. Anyone who is interested in helping with any of these activities may contact Karla Olmanson at 625-3381.

## SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYNOD CALLS** Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to be the upper grade of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has been called to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO

**2022 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP** The leaders of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Zambia are very eager and excited to host volunteers again in 2022. The deadline for applications for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa this summer is **January 10th**. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa)

**CURRENT CLC AFRICA MISSION TRIPS** Pastor John Hein and Missionary Todd Ohlmann have both been visiting CLC mission fields in Africa. You can watch Pastor Hein's Bible Class presentation about the visit to Liberia at: <https://clcgracelutheranchurch.org/20211128bc>. Missionary Ohlmann has been in Tanzania for about a month. He will return home on Dec. 10th. Read about the Tanzania visit: <http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/>

Come join us to...

# Rejoice

...at Jesus' birth! (Luke 1:14)

Dec. 24, 6p Children's Christmas

Dec. 31, 6p New Year's Eve

Dec. 25, 10a Christmas Day

Jan. 1, 10a New Year's Day

*Preaching "Christ crucified" for over 150 years!*



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*K-8th grade school, 9-12 High School*

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## ✔ Conversion True Doctrine

Unbelievers are converted to faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Means of Grace, the Gospel in Word and Sacraments. [Romans 10:17](#), [1 Cor. 6:11](#), [4:15](#), [12:3](#); [1 Peter 1:23](#); [Titus 3:4-5](#).

All human beings are born spiritually blind and dead in sin. Therefore they are unable to believe in Christ or make the decision to come to Him on their own. [John 1:12-13](#), [Romans 8:6-7](#), [1 Corinthians 2:14](#), [1 Corinthians 12:3](#).

No one is able to contribute in any way, or cooperate with God even a little, in his conversion. [Ephesians 2:4-5](#), [8-9](#), [1 Corinthians 12:3](#).

## ❌ Conversion False Doctrine

Unbelievers may be converted to faith in Christ apart from the working of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel, “out of the blue,” without any means. [[CHAR](#), [HB](#)]

Human beings, though born sinful, still possess the ability to come to Christ on their own. They can, by an act of their own will, make a decision to believe. [[BAP](#), [CHAR](#), other [REF](#)]

Some are converted to Christ because they have a better attitude toward God than others or because they resisted the Holy Spirit’s call to faith less than others. [[ELCA](#), [REF](#)]

**LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE AT IMMANUEL**  
[immanuelmankato.org/home/about/what-the-bible-says/](http://immanuelmankato.org/home/about/what-the-bible-says/)

If you have any announcements you would like to put in the bulletin for next weekend please notify the church secretary no later than **10am on Friday**. Thank you!