

welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday in the Season of

Advent

VISITOR INFORMATION

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on call this weekend (wearing a "Deacon" badge) or one of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe here.

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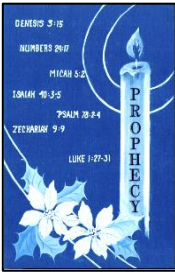
ORDER OF SERVICE

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Prophecy Hymns



LSB 357:1,6 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 358:1,5 “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

LSB 359:1,2 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Confession and Absolution 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!

1st Readings

Genesis 3:12-15 / Galatians 3:16

Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7

P: For unto us a Child is born,

C: Unto us a Son is given;

P: And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called:

C: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Of the increase of His government and peace

C: There will be no end,

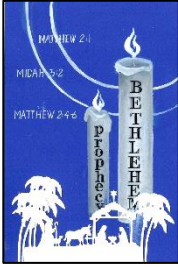
P: Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

C: To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

P: From that time forward, even forever.

C: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Amen!

Bethlehem Hymns



LSB 361:1,4 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LSB 364:1,3 “Away in a Manger”

LSB 368:1,3 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

2nd Readings

Micah 5:2 / Matthew 2:1

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 `But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

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!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

Christmas Confessions about Christ

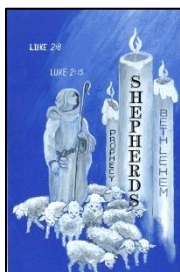
He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Advent Calendar Countdowns

Shepherd Hymns



LSB 369:1,4 "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

"What Child Is This,"

"Through All Our Days We'll Sing the Praise"

LSB 388:1,2 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Sermon

John 1:19-28 NKJV

19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am `The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD,"" as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. 25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Christmas Confessions about Christ

1. Remembering who I am
2. Represented on my resume

Preaching today: Pastor Neal Radichel

Offertory

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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.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Meditation – “Make Room” by Casting Crowns

A family hiding from the storm, Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a child was born, To save a world so cold and hollow

A sleeping town they did not know, That lying in a manger low
A Savior king who had no home, Has come to heal our sorrows

Is there room in your heart, Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart, For God to write His story

Shepherds counting sheep at night, Do not fear the glory light
You are precious in His sight, God has come to raise the lowly

You can come as you are, It may set you apart
When you make room in your heart, And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart, Make room in your heart

A mother holds the promise tight, Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight the burden's light, For in His hands He holds tomorrow

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The General Prayer

The 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

Christmas Confessions about Christ

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

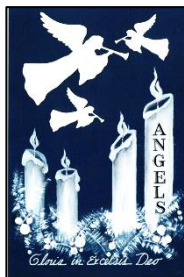
P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Angels Hymns



“Glory to God the Angels”

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”

LSB 387:1,4 “Joy to the World”

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LAST WEEK

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(DEC 10-11 & 14) REPORTED)

Budgetary

\$9,916.10 Current Expenses

Non-Budgetary

\$60 ILS Student Aid

\$60 Land Purchase

\$15 ILS Foundation

\$60 Benevolent

\$265 Gym Floor Contributions

\$2,163 Advent

\$315 Preschool Fund

\$38 Major Improvement

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$363 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$8 CLC Kinship

Saturday Worship 12/10: 53
 Saturday School: 5
 Bible Study: 13

Sunday Worship 12/11: 164
 Sunday School: 31
 Ambassadors: 5
 Bible Study: 38
 Midweek Advent 6pm: 55

Midweek Advent 2pm: 150

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	1st & 3rd Monday	Worship	10
Old Main	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd & 4 th Monday	Worship	11
New Perspective	Yes	9:00 AM	1st, 3rd Tuesday	Study	11
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	15
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Gus Johnson	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	5
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	19
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	9
New Perspective	Yes	10:00 AM	2 nd Thursdays	Worship	14
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	13
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					141
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Dec 17	12-6	MPF & Basement Reserved- Private Event
	6:00p	WORSHIP, In-Person 3 rd Sunday Communion
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Dec 18	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 rd Sunday
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org
		Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
	2:00p	Caroling
Mon Dec 19		Blessings on your week!
Tues Dec 20	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit)
	4:30p	5&6 Boys Home Game vs St Paul's Fairmont

	5:30p	7&8 th Girls Home Game vs St Paul's Fairmont
	6:30p	7&8 th Boys Home Game vs St Paul's Fairmont
	6:30p	Women's Study Guild
Wed Dec 21	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	5:00p	Catechism Class
Thur Dec 22	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri Dec 23	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	8:25a	Christmas Eve Practice
Sat Dec 24	6:00p	Christmas Eve WORSHIP, In- Person
Sun Dec 25	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Christmas Day WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

Save the Dates- December

Christmas Eve Program- 6pm December 24th
 Christmas Day Worship- 10am December 25th
 New Year's Eve Worship- 6pm December 31st

Save the Dates- January

New Year's Day Service- 10am January 1st
 Annual Voters Meeting- 7pm January 16th
 Whitewater Trip- January 27-29th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN COVER The bulletin cover today was created by Marlys Leiding! Thank you, Marlys! This picture depicts the fourth candle- which is known as the 'Angels Candle' and it reminds us of their song given to the shepherds. Peace on earth and goodwill toward men. Can you name all the preceding candles?

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO DELIVER In the church secretary's office there are little gifts that need to be delivered to our shut in and encouragement list members. If you are willing to take one or two please do! Take a gift and a card, and cross out the name on the sheet taped to the counter. Thank you so much for your help!

IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS TREE The outdoor Christmas tree is a gift to the congregation from Immanuel Lutheran School. It is given in loving memory of the Immanuel members who have passed away this year:

Bruce Neubert

Maxine Dauer

Harvey "Skip" Edwards

Helen Stelter

Ileen Kreutzer

Dylan Miller

Minne Wreath

Lois Stelter

Blessed be the memories of these children of God.

WOMENS STUDY GUILD meets on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for Bible study, a short business meeting, and refreshments. Ruth Mueller and Diane Lentz volunteered to serve. Guests are always welcome.

CAROLING Singers of Immanuel, we need you! If you are interested and able to go Christmas Caroling this Sunday at **2pm** please join us! We will meet in the church parking lot, grab materials and caravan from place to place. After all is done we will meet back at church for some coffee, cocoa and treats in the church office! (Feel free to bring some treats to share!)

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, is still considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Neal Radichel

DEACON Mark Matzke

ORGANIST Lane Fischer

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst

(Sun.) Russ Schmitt

COVER ART Marlys Leiding

USHERS Fred Friedrichs, John Heinze, Aaron Busse, Austin Hanel, Hunter Hanel, Jay Hanel, Mason Hanel, Ty Hanel, Brett Kruse, Ross Libby, Austin Lien, William Lien, Andy Olmanson, Luke Olmanson, Leif Olmanson, Peter Olmanson, Chuck Schmid, Russ Schmitt, Ron Wolle, Steve Wolle

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR Joe Naumann & Neal Radichel

DEACON Ty Hanel

ORGANIST Colleen Kranz

SCREEN (Sat.) Joe Furst

(Sun.) Austin Lien

USHERS Ben Busse, Michael Wheaton, Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Sam Geschwind, Sam Hagen, Gaus Hensley, Cade Libby, Travis Miller, Kevin Moeri, Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Nick Schmid, Noah Schmid, Wayne Timm, Ben Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams