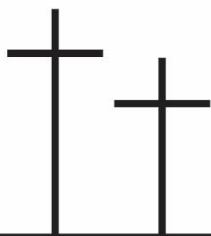


Then Philip
opened his mouth,
and beginning
with this Scripture
he told him
the good news
about Jesus.

ACTS 8:35, ESV





welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Festival of
Epiphany

VISITOR INFORMATION

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

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway.

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

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty this weekend or any of the ushers or pastors. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe or visit our website, ImmanuelMankato.org.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Invocation

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

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 126 “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

Confession and Absolution of Sins

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. 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.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called 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.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 72:1-5

P: Give the king Your judgments, O God,

C: And Your righteousness to the king's Son.

P: He will judge Your people with righteousness,

C: And Your poor with justice.

P: The mountains will bring peace to the people,

C: And the little hills, by righteousness.

P: He will bring justice to the poor of the people;

**C: He will save the children of the needy, And will break
in pieces the oppressor.**

P: They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon
endure,

C: Throughout all generations.

P: Glory be to God!

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

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

Luther's Sanctus Hymn

Isaiah 6

♪ **Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;**

**One to the other called and praised the Lord:
“Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... Gracious Father and Fountain of Life, we see light in Your Light. We thank You that Your Son became man and came into the world to fulfill Your divine plan, and we pray that as You delight in Him, You may also delight in us whom You have forgiven and made clean through the washing of our baptism, for He has risen from death and lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-11

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. **2** For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. **3** The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. **4** "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. **5** Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. **6** The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. **7** All the flocks of Kedar shall be

gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, And I will glorify the house of My glory. **8** "Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts? **9** Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, To the name of the LORD your God, And to the Holy One of Israel, Because He has glorified you. **10** "The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you. **11** Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.

Immanuel Adult Choir

God Has Spoken

1. God has whispered through Creation,
Making all with "Let there be."
His creative voice still echoes
Through the works we hear and see.
Oh, what power; Oh what wisdom;
Oh, what kindness God has shown!
God has whispered through Creation—
He exists, and may be known.
He exists, and may be known.
2. God has spoken through the Scriptures,
Breathing out His sacred Word.
Spirit-led, the holy authors
Have declared, "Thus says the Lord."
Teaching us of sin and sinners—
Of God's saving sacrifice.
God has spoken through the Scriptures,
Pointing us to Jesus Christ.
Pointing us to Jesus Christ.

3. God has shouted through the Savior,
Greatest Word of God to men.
Word made flesh, Christ took our nature—
One of us, without our sin.
Jesus, highest revelation:
Seeing Him is seeing God!
God has shouted through the Savior.
Praise the living Word of God.
Praise the living Word of God.

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New Testament Reading

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. **17** And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **18** "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; **19** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." **20** Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Affirmation of Faith

Sydney Peters

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**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 of the Day

WS 773 "Rise, Shine, You People!"

Sermon

Acts 8:26-39

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. **27** So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, **28** was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." **30** So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a

sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. **33** In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." **34** So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. **36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" **37** Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. **39** Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

God's Word Does Not Discriminate

1. The Natural Man Cannot Understand It
2. The Message of Salvation is the Same for All

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

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 and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

The General Prayer

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

The 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;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take,

eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God,

**You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, the Lamb of God,

**You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, the Lamb of God,

**You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Distribution

Our Practice of Close Communion	Communing at Immanuel
<p>A Holy Sacrament Holy Communion is correctly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity God’s Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion We ask only those who have publicly professed such</p>	<p>Kneeling rail Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the Pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those</p>

oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).

Visitors If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. We'd love to have you!

desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.

Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord's Table.

Dispose cup - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.

Distribution Hymns

WS 717 "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

WS 718 "O Jesus, King of Glory"

Nunc Dimittis

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**C: ♪ O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto Your holy hill;
the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**♪ Then grant that I may follow Your gleam, O glorious Light,
till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight;
till ransomed souls shall gather upon that shining shore,
where Christ, the bles-sed Daystar shall light them
evermore.**

**♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn *LSB #411 “I want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

- 1. 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.**

Refrain:

*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.*

- 2. 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.**

Refrain

- 3. 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.**

Refrain

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ONGOING IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Please keep these individuals in your personal prayers

- Pastor John Hein – from Grace, Fridley, MN with Thymic cancer
- Katie Sauers- Lymphoma
- James Lien- Cancer Treatments
- Marlene Hanel

LAST WEEK

<u>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
<u>(DEC 24 -JAN 1 REPORTED)</u>	<u>\$3,074</u> CLC General Budget (CBP)
<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>\$50</u> ILC Student Aid
<u>\$2,951</u> Current Expenses	<u>\$142</u> CLC Kinship
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
<u>\$3,337</u> New Years Day	
<u>\$200</u> Advent	
<u>\$5,887</u> Christmas Eve	
<u>\$81.50</u> Major Improvement	
<u>\$12,076.89</u> Christmas Day	
<u>\$580</u> Student Aid	
<u>\$70,031.50</u> Land Purchase Fund	
<u>\$80</u> Benevolent	
<u>\$15</u> ILS Foundation	
<u>\$37,224.52</u> New Years Eve	
<u>\$130</u> Preschool	

Saturday Worship 12/30: **59**

Saturday Bible Class: **21**

Saturday School: **3**

New Years Day Worship 1/1: **63**

Sunday Worship 12/31: **170**

Sunday Bible Class: **34**

Sunday School: **9**

Ambassadors: **1**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Old Main/AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	11:00 AM	2 nd , 4 th Monday	Worship	11
New Perspective	Yes	10:15 AM	1,3,5 th Tuesday	Study	6
Latitude	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	16
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	9
Laurel's Peak	Yes	10:45 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	3
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Old Main	Yes	1:00 PM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	25
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					107
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat Jan 6	6:00p	WORSHIP Communion Weekend
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
Sun Jan 7	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP Communion Weekend
		Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/
Mon Jan 8	11:00a	Church Undecorating Blessings on your week!
	7:00p	Committee of the Congregation Meeting
Tues Jan 9	6:30p	Deacon Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Education Meeting
	7:00p	Board of Property Meeting
	7:00p	Finance Board Meeting
	8:00p	Council Meeting
Wed Jan 10	12:45p	Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7
	5:30p	Catechism Class
	6:00p	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
	7:00p	Online Bible Study
Thur Jan 11	8-10a	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice
	5:45p	Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7
Fri Jan 12	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sat Jan 13	6:00p	WORSHIP
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School
Sun Jan 14	9:00a	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	WORSHIP
	12:30p	Outdoor Adventure Day- Sledding at Sibley Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee of the Congregation Meeting- January 8th @ 7pm
 Outdoor Adventure Day Sledding- January 14th @ 12:30pm
 Immanuel Women Who Hike Event Seven Mile- January 20th @ 12:30pm
 Annual Voters Meeting- January 22nd @ 7pm

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF MEETING Notice is hereby given that at the Annual Congregation meeting to be held on January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., a Resolution will be presented seeking approval of the sale of Arizona property which was gifted to the Church.



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Serving Us Today

PASTOR Joe Naumann

DEACON Joe Friedrichs

ORGANIST Colleen Kranz

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Jen Theneman (*Sun.*) Russ Schmitt

GREETERS (*Sun*) Jay & Kelly Hanel

USHERS Kyle Hulke, Karl Friedrichs, Riley Anderson, Aaron Casto, Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Austin Hart, Andrew Lentz, Gary Mittelsteadt, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Ted Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman

Serving Us Next Weekend

PASTOR EMERITUS Dave Schierenbeck

DEACON Anthony Greve

ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN (*Sat.*) Jen Theneman (*Sun.*) Wyatt Lien

GREETERS (*Sat.*) Joel & Elijah Enter (*Sun.*) Rebecca Breedlove & Annie Survis

USHERS Paul Bade, Justin Mueller, Logan Greve, Jeremy Hanel, Scott Kruse, Kaden Kruse, Todd Kruse, Evan Matzke, Alex Matzke, Bennett Olmanson, Jacob Olmanson, Daniel Pfeiffer, Daryl Pischner, Mike Schweim, Brent Schreyer