

# First Sunday after Christmas

“Remember”

Immanuel Lutheran Church - LCMS - Lakefield, Minnesota  
December 29, 2024



When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. - Luke 2:22

## As We Gather

Did you already forget Christmas? The department stores have begun selling the leftovers for a discount because “Christmas is over.” For the same reason, formerly decorated Christmas trees already line the streets as refuse for disposal. Even though Christmas songs speak joyously of “the twelve days of Christmas,” many, if not most, people seem to think of them as a countdown rather than an extended celebration.

Remember? Today, December 29, is but the fifth day of the twelve! We are not done yet. Or did you forget?

To “forget” is the opposite of the biblical word we hear today: “remember.” But in Scripture, to remember means much more than merely recalling a past event as something that has no real, lasting effect on today; rather, the opposite is true. For instance, God remembers His promises by acting to fulfill them in each believer. For us, to remember means to bring a past promise or act to take effect in the present. Today we hear how the newborn Jesus, as the firstborn of Mary, was presented in the temple according to God’s law, a command to remember the Lord’s deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. Every firstborn was to be a reminder that the Lord still delivers His people from the slavery of sin and death. So to remember that it is still Christmas is to believe that the Christ Child who came to free us comes now to each believer. Remember, that is, believe that Christ was born for you to save you. Remember, that is, believe that the forgiveness He won for us on the cross is actually given to us in the Sacrament of the Altar when, as He commanded, we do in remembrance of Him.

# ✠ Preparation ✠

## Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



*Refrain*  
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## Invocation

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

People: Amen.

## Opening Sentences

Exodus 13:14; Isaiah 9:6a; Hebrews 8:12; Psalm 111:4a

Pastor: By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Pastor: For I will be merciful, . . . and I will remember their sins no more.

People: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.

## Confession and Absolution

*Genesis 3:19; Isaiah 43:25*

Pastor: God our Creator said to Adam and to us all to remember that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” But now He calls all to repentance of sin and faith in His Son, who is the remembrance of God’s mercy and who came to destroy sin and death and restore us to life. Before the newborn Redeemer of the world, let us repent and receive His forgiveness.

People: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, remember not our sins of thought, word, and deed, the sins of our youth or of our old age. Because we often forget Your mercy toward us, we ask for Your forgiveness. Remember Your gracious will that whoever calls on Your name will be saved. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us always to remember Your mercy and Your steadfast love that we may live as Your own children, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, “I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

People: Amen.

## ✠ Word ✠

**Introit** *Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

People: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

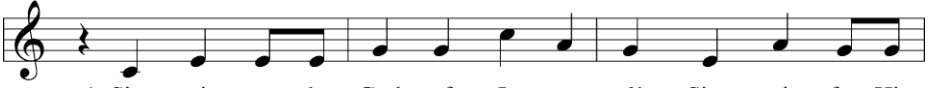
## Kyrie

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Hymn of Praise

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel” LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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## Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You

wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15* (Sanctifying of the firstborn)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

<sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## **Psalm**

*Psalm III; antiphon: v. 9a, b*

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

**People:** in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Pastor:** Great are the works of the LORD,

**People:** studied by all who delight in them.

**Pastor:** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

**People:** and his righteousness endures forever.

**Pastor:** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

**People:** the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**Pastor:** He provides food for those who fear him;

**People:** he remembers his covenant forever.

**Pastor:** He has shown his people the power of his works,

**People:** in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**Pastor:** The works of his hands are faithful and just;

**People:** all his precepts are trustworthy;

**Pastor:** they are established forever and ever,

**People:** to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**Pastor:** He sent redemption to his people;

**People:** he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**Pastor:** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**People:** all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

## **Epistle**

*Colossians 3:12-17* (The new nature of love and peace)

12Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

13bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against

another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so

you also must forgive. 14And above all these put on love,



which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Versø** *Luke 2:30, 32*

Pastor: Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation;

People: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia.

## **Holy Gospøl**

*Luke 2:22–40* (Jesus presented at the temple)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him

according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser- vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which You have pre- pared in the sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re- veal You to the na- tions and the glo- ry of Your peo- ple Is- ra- el. Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther and to the Son and to the Ho- ly Spir- it; as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men.

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. <sup>[b]</sup> She

did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## The Christmas Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth,

who sent His Son as our Savior on Christmas Day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

announced by the angels,

worshipped by the shepherds,

adored by the wise men,

who lived to suffer and die.

He rose again from the dead to free us from sin,

Death,

and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

Who brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas,

and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever

led to live under Him as my King,

both now and forevermore. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day

“Let All Together Praise Our God” LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door  
To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

△7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

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# Sermon

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, great are Your works of the creation of all things. Greater still is Your mighty work of the redemption of the world from the ravages of sin and death brought on by the rebellion of those created in Your own likeness. We praise You for all Your promises of salvation fulfilled in the sending of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember Your promise of love that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant Your strength and blessing to Your whole church as we live, pray, and work in the remembrance of Your grace and gifts. Bless all pastors and workers in Your church never to forget their calling to faithfully proclaim Your Word and will to a world still struggling against the darkness of sin and unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember in Your mercy all leaders and servants in government that they may be endued with a love of peace and the way of justice and righteousness for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember in Your mercy all Your people in their various vocations and stations in life, that they may prosper in their lives motivated by Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remember in Your mercy all who are sick or injured, the homebound and the infirm. Grant Your peace, rest, and healing, keeping them in constant faith in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, to all who mourn the death of loved ones. Grant that our remembrance of their faith causes us to remain closer to You in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.

## **Psalm**

*Psalm 103:1–5, 20–22*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,

People: who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,

People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Pastor: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## **Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

# Hymn

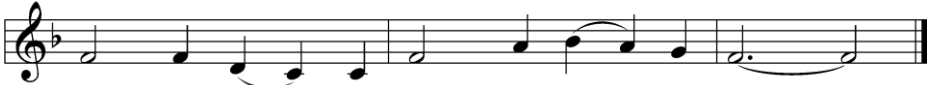
“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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*Preacher Rev. Noel Herr*

*Elder Luke Henning*

*Organist Jayson Matasovsky*

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*Usher*

## **We Remember in our Prayers**

*Merle Hendricksen and family on the death of his wife,  
Marlene Hendricksen*

*Pastor David McDonald recovering from eye surgery*

*Luke and Lori Henning on their 40th wedding anniversary  
12/29*

*Those who have lost loved ones over the past year*

*Immanuel in the Call process for a Pastor*

*Our residents at Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington,  
Good Sam in Jackson, Accura HealthCare in Milford,  
Lakeview in Heron Lake, Koronis in Paynesville*

*Keith Kolander, Loretta Palmer, Jackie Ward, Ken Pohlman,  
Ines Henning, Merlyn Rossow, Betty Hage, Bev Hall,  
dealing with health issues*

*Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Zach  
Williamson, friend of Pastor McDonald; Pastor Dennis  
Brech, Lake Shetek; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie  
Baumann; Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS student  
Janessa Dunker; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son  
of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce  
Bretzman; Denny Daberkow; Jim Salentiny, uncle of  
Mark Freking; dealing with cancer*

*Suzanne Leopold, friend of Jan Bakalyar; Joe Bradley,  
nephew of Joyce Aden; Mary Holt, aunt of Debbi  
Gettler; Jeff Meyer, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar;  
Rob Pohlman, son of Ken Pohlman; Curt Gates,  
brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with  
health issues*

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**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or [mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com)), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com)), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy pastor.

**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are with Merle Hendricksen and family on the death of his wife, Marlene Hendricksen. Marlene passed away on December 25th. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January through March are now available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy.

**VOTERS MEETING** for the 1st quarter is Sunday, January 12th right after church around 10:00 a.m.

## **STARTING IN JANUARY**

**OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**TIME ALONG WITH SUNDAY  
SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS TIMES**

**WILL CHANGE TO:**

- ♦ *Worship: 9:00 a.m.*
- ♦ *Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.*
- ♦ *Youth Group Bible Study: 10:15 a.m.*
- ♦ *Bible Class: 10:15 a.m.*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Luke and Lori Henning who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on December 29th. The flowers in the front of church are given to the glory of God in thankfulness for their anniversary. May the Lord bless Luke and Lori at this special time and always.

**DEAR MEMBERS,**

As part of the Call Committee, I wanted to let you know that we're working hard to find a pastoral candidate that we believe God wants us to have at Immanuel. This is very time consuming, but vital in our search. We did an intensive study to give us direction of what we're looking for. Some may wonder, what are we doing wrong, or why do we have so many pastors decline? All we can say is God has not revealed and isn't finished preparing His Pastor for us yet. It can be deflating to get our hopes up and then get declined, but it is part of the process. We must remain faithful and patient. Remember, we are still being fed with the Word and Sacrament while in vacancy.

Another issue is the extreme shortage of shepherds. Do you know that just our MN South District currently has 20 congregations looking for a Pastor? And that's not counting the 3 churches who just had a Pastor accept.

Please don't lose heart. God will send the Pastor we need in His time, not ours. Amy was gracious enough to include a prayer asking for God's guidance. Your call committee asks that you pray without ceasing, bringing our petitions to Him who will answer those prayers. Continually lift up our church in prayer as we continue this vacancy. Continue coming to worship and supporting Immanuel. As God reminds us in **1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 - Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

Alan Salzwedel  
Immanuel Call Committee

## **YOU'RE INVITED TO A BRAND-NEW BIBLE STUDY**

In the beginning was the Word... This is how the book of John begins. In the beginning God spoke, and light invaded the darkness. But instead of walking with God in the light, humanity fell into sin and darkness. Now, God has once again invaded the darkness with the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Join us for Bible Class as we learn more about the “Word” – Jesus Christ – in the book of John. Interactive video, stimulating conversation, coffee and treats await. Bible Class time will change time to follow church after the New Year.

**YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Starting on January 5th, in addition to adult Bible Class in the church basement, our Junior and Senior high youth will have another option on Sunday mornings for Bible Study... Youth Group Bible Study. It's at 10:15 a.m. in the youth room (a.k.a. mother's room).

**WHO:** Junior & Senior High Youth (6th-12th grade) with LaDonna Peterson as teacher/monitor

**WHAT:** Youth Bible Study

**FORMAT:** A Podcast from Higher Things, “Uncultured Saints”, including Scripture reading and small group conversation

**WHEN:** Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

**WHERE:** the YOUTH ROOM... a.k.a. Mother's room

**WHY:** To take time to formally study God's Word and become aware of biblically sound resources to help our teens grow in their faith relationship with our dear Savior and Lord!

**LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH:** Please keep the men and women you have entrusted to lead our congregation in your prayers as they serve in the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church in their official capacity as an officer or board member.

## **2024 CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

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**THANK YOU** to our outgoing Officers for their many hours of dedicated work during their term of office. Your support and help are very much appreciated, especially by the staff of Immanuel. Thank you to:

*Albert Henning: Elder*

*Jared Ackermann: Trustee*

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*Josh Swanson: Education*

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*Lori Henning: Congregational Services*

*Sue Salzwedel: Congregational Secretary*

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS** will take place on Sunday, January 12th, and Wednesday, January 15th. All incoming and continuing officers are asked to take part. A name tag may be found in the narthex for you. You may sit with your family until asked to come forward.

## **HELP CELEBRATE NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK**

**JANUARY 26- FEB. 1ST!** As a servant event, Immanuel Lutheran School students are going to pack Mercy Meals to the tune of 99 crates. This project will require \$3500 toward supplies for the food and for shipping costs. A donation from you would help us offset this Orphan Grain Train sponsored event. Please consider sending a check to Immanuel Lutheran School at 620 Bush Street, Lakefield, MN 56150 earmarked Orphan Grain Train, by Tuesday, Jan. 28th, 2025.

**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on Tuesday, December 31st, and Wednesday, January 1st, so our staff can spend the New Year's holiday with their families.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** December is here and January is right around the corner. Amy would appreciate having the reports in the church office by January 10th. Thank you!

## **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS**

- First Day back from Christmas break is Thursday 1/2.
- Parent Teacher League (PTL) meets Thursday 1/2 at 6:00 p.m.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** We are looking for members to help with ushering. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex and write yourself in for a service if you are able to. Questions on ushering? Please ask one of our elders.

**DVDS** of both the Sunday School Christmas Service and the ILS Christmas Program are available. The cost is \$3 per DVD. Please let Amy in the church office know if you would like one by calling 507-662-5718.

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1st**

**OUR PRAYERS** are with those who have lost loved ones over the past year as they spend their first Christmas without their loved ones.

**WE WELCOME** all of our guests and visitors this weekend. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or any time after.
2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. or any time after.

***POINTS OF INFORMATION December 22, 2024***

<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<b><i>\$10,092</i></b>
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	<b><i>\$18,504</i></b>
<i>Non-budget giving</i>	
<i>Building.....</i>	<b><i>\$120</i></b>
<i>School Trips.....</i>	<b><i>\$100</i></b>
<i>School Lunch.....</i>	<b><i>\$50</i></b>
<i>Video Ministry.....</i>	<b><i>\$50</i></b>
<i>Memorial given in memory of</i>	
<i>Delores Steffen to Immanuel Church.....</i>	<b><i>\$50</i></b>
<i>Current Fund needed for November.....</i>	<b><i>\$74,016</i></b>
<b><i>Offering Received in November.....</i></b>	<b><i>\$58,620</i></b>
<b><i>+ Tuition Received in November.....</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,303</i></b>
<b><i>= Current Fund Total November.....</i></b>	<b><i>\$63,923</i></b>
<i>Worshipping on Sunday, 12/22: 126</i>	
<i>Worshipping on Sunday School Christmas, 12/24: 193</i>	
<i>Worshipping on Christmas Day 12/25: 108</i>	
<i>If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann</i>	

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...**

*Sunday, December 29*

*10:45 AM Worship*

*12:00 PM Board of Finance Meeting*

*Monday, December 30*

*NO SCHOOL*

*Tuesday, December 31*

*NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED*

*Wednesday, January 1*

*NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED*

*NO WORSHIP SERVICE*

*Thursday, January 2*

*6:00 PM Parent Teacher League (PTL)*

*Sunday, January 5*

*9:00 AM Worship with Communion*

*10:15 AM Sunday School*

*10:15 AM Youth Group Bible Study*

*10:15 AM Bible Class*

*Tuesday, January 7*

*4:15 PM B BB at St. John Vianney Fairmont*

*Wednesday, January 8*

*8:20 AM Chapel*

*2:10 PM Confirmation*

*2:15 PM Prairie Ecology Bus – grades 3-6*

*5:15 PM LWML Meeting*

*7:00 PM Worship with Communion*

*8:00 PM Joint Boards and Church Council*

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