



Blessed be the
God and **Father**
of our **Lord Jesus Christ**,
who has **blessed** us in **Christ**
with every **spiritual blessing**
in the **heavenly places ...**

EPHESIANS 1:3, NRSV

Second Sunday after Christmas

Immanuel Lutheran Church - LCMS
Lakefield, Minnesota
January 5 & 8, 2025

Hymn: 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 spect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; (sts. 1-4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77

Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Kyrie

LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a

thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who

is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

Sit

Hymn: 410 Within the Father's House



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,
 2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child
 3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,
 4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.
 And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.
 To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.
 And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

△6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

Text: James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

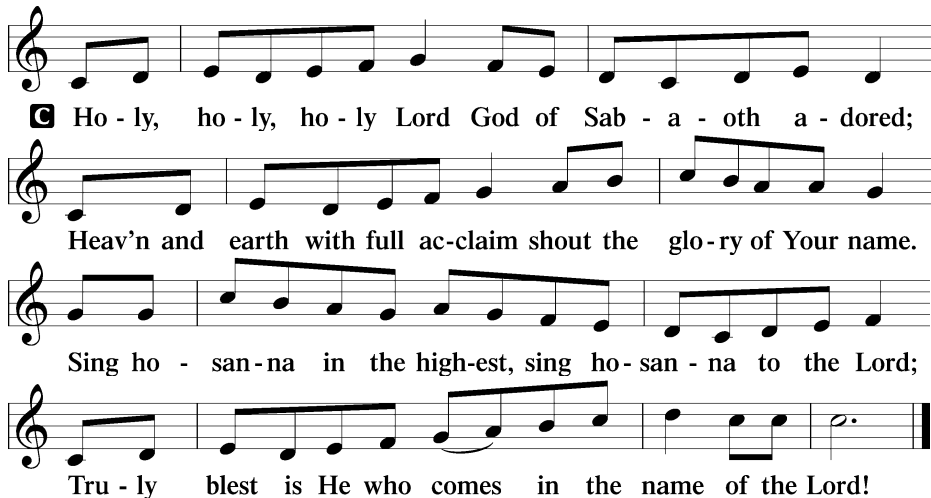
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that

we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your

Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Hymn: 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Hymn: 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn: 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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 in 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

Hymn: 397 As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Rev. Noel Herr

Elder Shane Rossow & Albert Henning

Organist Brenda Matasovsky

Acolyte Simeon Peterson & Jada Milbrath

Usher

We Remember in our Prayers

*Roger and Beth Carlson on the death of Roger's brother,
Jeffory Carlson*

Pastor David McDonald recovering from eye surgery

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*

Our Missionaries in the Field

Our Country and Our Military

COMMUNION: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or 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 Roger and Beth Carlson and family on the death of Roger's brother, Jeffory Carlson. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

IMMANUEL LWML meets on Wednesday, January 8th. A light lunch will be served at 5:15 p.m. followed by the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Hostesses are Linda Wagner and Jean Bass. All ladies are welcome to join them.

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 has changed with the New Year. It is now after church.

YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Starting today, 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

Board of Elders: Jim Berkevich, Shane Rossow, Luke Henning, Steve Matasovsky, Joel Poppe

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Congregational Chairman: Kurt Swanson

Congregational Secretary: Kerry Sydnes

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

Stuart Peterson: Trustee

Josh Swanson: Education

Katie Burmeister: Education

Luke Rossow: Education

Jeremy Boogerd: Finance

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.

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.

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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Chess Club starts on Monday 1/6. It's from 3:15-4:05 and will be held every Monday until our tournament on Saturday 3/17. It's for students in grades K-8.
- Prairie Ecology Bus meets on Wednesday 1/8 from 2:15-3:45 for 3rd-6th grade students.
- Upcoming Basketball:
 - Tuesday 1/7 at 4:15: B at St. John Vianney Fairmont
 - Monday 1/13 at 4:00: A & B at Worthington Christian
 - Friday 1/17 and Saturday 1/18: A tournament at St. Paul's Truman

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.

LUTEFISK SUPPER is at the American Lutheran Church in Windom on Saturday, January 11th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes: Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, and more. Seconds table will be offered. Reservations encouraged – call the church office at 507-831-1794 by January 8th. Limited tickets available at the door. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 children ages 12 and under. American Lutheran Church is located at 906 Prospect Avenue in Windom.

“GEN Z MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS, ADULTS AND THE GEN Z’ER” presentation will be held at Martin Luther High School in Northrop on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Kathleen von Kampen, Gracepoint Ministries Therapist and Professor of Psychology at Concordia University Nebraska. Event is free and open to the public. Free babysitting provided – call 507-436-5249 by January 10th to reserve a sitter. Kathleen specializes in individual and family therapy for anxiety and depression from a Christian and strengths-based perspective. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: With our offering envelopes not being date specific, please continue to use them until they are gone. When you are getting low ask Amy in the church office or an elder for a new box and they will get one for you. Remember, your number will never change and we do have an extra box with your number on it.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS: January is here. Amy would appreciate having the reports in the church office by January 10th. The list of reports needed includes: Voters' Annual Report, LWML, Quilters, Youth Group, Funeral Lunch, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Immanuel Choir, Immanuel Bell Ringers, Immanuel Lutheran School, Endowment Fund, Gardeners' Market, Trustees, Congregational Services, Congregational Wellness, and Video Ministry.

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 29, 2024

<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<i>\$13,471</i>
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	<i>\$18,504</i>
<i>Non-budget giving</i>	
<i>Capital Improvements.....</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Building.....</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Bible.....</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Poinsettias.....</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>Memorial given in memory of</i>	
<i>Delores Steffen to Immanuel Church.....</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Current Fund needed for December.....</i>	<i>\$74,016</i>
<i>Offering Received in December.....</i>	<i>\$58,261</i>
<i>+ Tuition Received in December.....</i>	<i>\$32,016</i>
<i>= Current Fund Total December.....</i>	<i>\$90,277</i>

Worshipping on Sunday, 12/29: 99

If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

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*

Sunday, January 12

Installation of Officers

9:00 AM *Worship*

10:00 AM *Voters Meeting*

10:15 AM *Sunday School*

10:15 AM *Youth Group Bible Study*

10:15 AM *Bible Class*

Monday, January 13

4:00 PM *A & B BB at Worthington Christian*

5:15 PM *Board of Congregational Services Meeting*

Wednesday, January 15

Installation of Officers

8:20 AM *Chapel*

2:10 PM *Confirmation*

7:00 PM *Worship*

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