

Glorious Father, You revealed Your Son to the Gentile Kings through the Light of Star, may You continue to lead us to share what Your Star revealed to the world and bring many to know the salvation which He has freely given.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH First Saturday after Christmas
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 December 27, 2025– 5:30 pm
Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *“Let All Together Praise Our God” 389 vs. 1-4*

Invocation: 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: <i>Who made the heavens and earth</i>
P: The Lord is my light and my salvation.	C: <i>The Lord is the defense of my life;</i>
P: Your Word is a lamp unto my feet.	C: <i>And a light unto my path</i>
P: Be still, and know that I am God.	C: <i>I will be exalted among the nations.</i>
P: The Lord of Hosts is with us;	C: <i>The God of Jacob is our stronghold.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 111*

P: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. **C:** *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

P: Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. **C:** *He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

P: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. **C:** *He has shown His people the power of His works, giving them the lands of other nations.*

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. **C:** *They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.*

P: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—holy and awesome is His name. **C:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: 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. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *“Joy to the World” 387*
(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 63: 7-14*

/// Epistle Lesson: *Galatians 4: 4-7*

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 2: 13-23* /// **Hymn:** “*What Child Is This?*” 370

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Farney, Gaylen, Shelly, Savannah, McCormick and Steiger; Faw, Phillip, Whitney, Alayna and Logan; and Faw, Tarah and , Taylynn

Lord’s Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution**

Hymn: “*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*” 358 vs. 13-15

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
WEDNESDAY: New Year's Eve Worship w/HC 7 pm
THURSDAY: New Year's Day Office closed
Next SATURDAY: Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Both services-Installation of officers, 2026 Officer Planning Meeting and Luncheon

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Dec 20: 53 LS: 49; Sun, Dec 21: 8 am: 48 LS: 38; 10:15 am: 108 LS: 67; Advent #3: 56; Christmas Eve: 6 pm: LS: ; 10 pm: LS: ; Christmas Morning: LS:

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following families of Fehd, David, Heather and Montana; Feistel, Sandy; and Folkmann, Frank and Marcella.

OFFICER PLANNING MEETING & LUNCHEON: A planning meeting for the 2026 Immanuel calendar year will be held on Sunday, January 4, following the 10:15 service. Dates for council and voters' meetings will be set, board chairmen will be chosen, and special events will be planned. All officers, current and newly elected, are invited and a luncheon will be provided. Pastor will also install the newly elected officers at both services on that Sunday.

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We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born this week in December and January: 27 – Wyatt Baker, 28 - Jenni Mills, 28 – Christian O'Brien, 29 – Marchelle Wheeler, 30 – Mary Korff, 30 - Ed Furniss, 30 - Shelly Farney 30 – Cora Williams, 31 – Maryn English, 31 - Ann Welte, 1- Mia Blackford, 2 – Matt Lane, 3 – Warren McWilliams

We wish a very Happy Baptismal Birthday to our members that were baptized this week: Hallie DeBaillie, Joshua Cooke, Nathan Egli, Evelyn Somers, Conor Gillespie, Miles Belt, Jason Brondos, Stu Hoffherr, Pam Wrucke, Rick Burgeson, Elizabeth Letterman, Bobbie Christie, Bill Christie, Marvin Wright, Sue Kellner, Karen Parker, Bob Parker, Mark Newmaster, Mitch Parker, Ruth Carrier, Debby Heitzman, Myron Sanders

