

*Glorious Father, You revealed Your Son to the Gentile Kings through the Light of a 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** Second Sunday after Christmas  
**Church Phone: 812-867-5088**  
**January 4, 2026 --- 8:00 am ---- Worship with Holy Communion**

**Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn:** *"From East to West" 385*

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

**Confession and Absolution:** pg. 184      ///      **The Introit:** *Psalm 119: 97-104*

P: Oh, how I love Your Law! **C:** *I meditate on it all day long.*  
P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. **C:** *I have  
more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes.*  
P: I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey Your precepts. **C:** *I have kept my feet  
from every evil path so that I might obey Your Word.*  
P: I have not departed from Your laws, for You Yourself have taught me. **C:** *How sweet are  
Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*  
P: I gain understanding from Your precepts; **C:** *Therefore I hate every wrong path.*

**Gloria Patri:** Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to the God the Son, Glory be to God the  
(LSB 506) Spirit, Great Jehovah Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run.

**Kyrie:** Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy Christ, Our King  
(LSB 733) Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

**Gloria:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph,  
(LSB 851) His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty  
flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

P: The Lord be with you.      **C:** *And with your spirit.*

**Collect:** 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.**

**Hymn:** “*God of Grace and God of Glory*” 850

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O.T. Lesson:** *I Kings 3: 4-15*      ///      **Epistle Lesson:** *Ephesians 1: 3-14*

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 2: 40-52*    ///    **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

**Sermon Hymn:** “*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*” 399

**Children’s Sermon**    ///    **Sermon**    ///    **Confessional Hymn:** “*In God We Believe*” (802)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r    In mercy has brought us renewal this hour  
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secure    True God and True Man once the cross He endured

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess: With power and truth the church now He does bless  
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then    Be living in glory forever.    Amen.

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Installation of Officers**

**Prayers:**      The families of Fehd, David, Heather and Montana; Feistel, Sandy; and Folkmann,  
Frank and Marcella.

**Lord’s Prayer**    ///    **Blessing of Elements**

**Distribution Hymn:** “*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*” 618

**Closing Hymn:** “*A Great and Mighty Wonder*” 383

**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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**Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor**  
**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**

**TODAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am – Installation of Officers, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am – Installation of Officers, Officer luncheon following service  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am & 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Dec 27: 52 LS: 47; Sun. Dec 28: 8 am: 84; 10:15 am: 37; New Year's Eve: 34 LS: 29

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following families of Fortune, Jeremy, Michelle, Emily and Regan; Foust, Glenda; and Fox, Stepanie, Jesse, Ian, Eijah and Joshua.

**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.



**We wish a very Happy Birthday to our members born this week in January:**

3 – Warren McWilliams, 5 – Roy Gilkey, 6 - Janet Vandergriff, 6 - Rick Burgeson, 7 – Taylynn Kratz, 8 - Kurt Karch, 8 - Madison Vandergriff, 9 – Sadie Johnson

**We wish a very Happy Baptismal Birthday to our members that were baptized this week:** Caroline Belt, Stu Hoffherr, Pam Wrucke, Rick Burgeson, Cam Niedhammer.

**KITCHEN & GYM CLOSED:** Please make note that the Church Gym and Kitchen areas will be closed the week of January 19-24. The kitchen floors are being professionally cleaned and waxed and will need time dry before being walked on. The gym will be holding all of the kitchen tables and such that can be moved.



**SENIOR GAME DAY:** Senior game day will be WEDNESDAY, 1/14, starting at 12:30 in the lounge. Please join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks provided but we ask you to bring your own drink

