

*Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;
and in that day the Light shall be great. Hallelujah!*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 4th Saturday in Advent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 --- December 21, 2024 --- 5:30 pm

Opening Prayer // Opening Hymn: *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 357 vs. 1-3*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Behold, the days are coming, saith the Lord	C: <i>I will raise to David a righteous Branch</i>
P: A King shall reign and prosper	C: <i>He shall execute justice on the earth</i>
P: This is His name whereby He shall be called	C: <i>The Lord our Righteousness</i>
P: Prepare Ye the way of the Lord	C: <i>Make His paths straight</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 80: 1-7*

P: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. **C:** *Awaken Your might; come and save us.*

P: Restore us, O God; make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. **C:** *O Lord God Almighty, how long will Your anger smolder against the prayers of Your people?*

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears; **C:** *You have made us a source of contention to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.*

P: Restore us, O God Almighty; **C:** *Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.*

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: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” 342*

O. T. Lesson: *Micah 5: 2-5a* // **Epistle Lesson:** *Hebrews 10: 5-10*

(Please stand) Holy Gospel: *Luke 1: 39-45* // **Hymn:** *“My Soul Rejoices” 933*

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

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Lane, Clay, Paige, Briley, Marley and Blake; Lane, Jerry and Suzanne; and Lane, Matthew and Grayson.

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: "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" 814

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
Beth Vance, 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, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
TUESDAY: **Christmas Eve Service 6 pm w/HC with Choir Participation, Christmas, Candle- Light Service 10 pm w/HC - "His Light Came to Earth"**
WEDNESDAY: **Christmas Day Service at 9 am w/HC - *Celebration of His Birth***
THURSDAY: NO Bible Classes
Next SATURDAY: Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Advent 2: Sat, Dec 14: 46 LS: 38; Sun, Dec 15: 8 am: 49 LS: 35: 10:15 am: 101 LS:

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next week we will be praying for the families of Letterman, Bob and Kim, Riley and Max; Letterman Robert and Elizabeth; and Lousignont, Mike, Laura, Malia, Evan, and Elise.

Evans Elementary School Gathering: You can place your items on the table in the Lounge or Storage Room. Thanks for blessing the students and families.

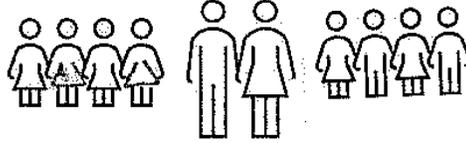
CRAFT SUPPLIES: have been donated and are available to take. They are on a table in the gym and are free. If you are interested, please help yourself.

Dear Immanuel Church Family,

Your generosity, kindness and support for my Thrivent Action Team bake sale, "Sweet Needs for Kids" is overwhelming! Thank you for your donations of "sweets", your monetary donations and most of all, the support for this family! Between outside donations and your generosity, we were able to raise \$1354.00!!! What a blessing this is! You have no idea what this meant to this family.

Christmas blessings for all,

Teresa Korff & Family



Joe & Nicole Egan & Family

DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, December 24 at **6 pm** w/HC with **Choir Participation**

Christmas Candle- Light Service: Tuesday, December 24th at **10 pm** w/HC - ***"His Light Came to Earth"***

Christmas Day Service: Wednesday, December 25 at **9 am** w/HC - ***Celebration of His Birth***