

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 Second Saturday after Christmas
Church Phone: 812-867-5088
January 3, 2025 --- 5:30 pm --- 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. **C: Who made the heavens and earth**
P: The Lord is my light and my salvation. **C: The Lord is the defense of my life;**
P: Your Word is a lamp unto my feet. **C: And a light unto my path**
P: Be still, and know that I am God. **C: I will be exalted among the nations.**
P: The Lord of Hosts is with us; **C: The God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
P: This is the day the Lord has made. **C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalmody: 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.**

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: 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*

Hymn: *"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" 399*

Offering brought to the Altar

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

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: "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

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: 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, Elijah 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.

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