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 First Sunday after Christmas Church Phone: 812-867-5088 December 28, 2025 --- 8:00 am 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.

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation

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P: Your Word is a lamp unto my feet.

P: Be still, and know that I am God.

P: The Lord of Hosts is with us;

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Who made the heavens and earth.

C: *The Lord is the defense of my life;*

C: And a light unto my path

C: *I will be exalted among the nations,*

C: *The God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Baptism of Evelyn Claire Reynolds Parents: Jacob and Malia Reynolds

Born: November 15, 2025 Sponsor: Elise Lousignont

Baptismal Hymn: (Tune 375 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising")

Evelyn may our Lord bless you Hold you close to Him forever Bring His loving grace and favor Making your heart ever new.

Evelyn may God embrace you Guide, protect and keep you ever. In His loving arms forever. Loving grace be bound to you.

Evelyn our loving Savior Has made you His own dear treasure Through the promise none can severe For His love lasts evermore. Baptism of Scottie Anne Lousignont

Born: November 25, 2025

Parents: Evan Lousignont & Joclyn Nichols

Sponsors: Julian Nichols, Starlee Sargent,

and

Baptismal Hymn: (Tune 375 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising")

Scottie God has chosen to make you His own child by grace and favor Grant you His love forever Blessing you with hope so true.

Scottie He's given you blessings Touched your heart and soul with goodness Bound you to Him in newness By the faith we're confessing

Scottie the Lord bless and keep you Hold you close, embrace now free you From all sin and death forever Through the hope from Christ our Lord.

Confession and Absolution: pg. 184 /// The Introit: 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.

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: 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 the 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 /// Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed (back of hymnal)

Sermon Hymn: "What Child Is This?" 370

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

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

Closing 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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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor Karen Whitehead, Organist

THIS WEEK

TODAY: 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.



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