



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for 125 Years!*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary at end of service and on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 11, 2022 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

The third Sunday of Advent focuses on joy. “Rejoice in the Lord always,” says the apostle Paul (Philippians 4:4). With gladness, we welcome you to worship.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear” (“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”). Your coming gives hope to this troubled world, and to my heart, O Lord.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude

O Come, Little Children

Setting Robert W. Thygerson

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

C We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness, and present our tithes and offerings at the altar. It is my desire to be reconciled – to make

things right – with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the “peace” I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.

Stand and face the Narthex for the procession

Processional Hymn: “O Come, Little Children”

♪C *O come, little children, O come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God’s Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy, and Delight.*

*He’s born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly child.*

*See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud alleluias above.*

*Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.*

Music on next page:

O Come, Little Children

1. O come, lit - tle chil - dren, O come, one and all, To
 2. He's born in a sta - ble for you and for me; Draw
 3. See Mar - y and Jo - seph, with love - beam - ing eyes, Are
 4. Kneel down and a - dore Him with shep - herds to - day, Lift

Be - le - hem haste to the man - ger so small, God's
 near by the bright, gleam - ing star - light to see, In
 gaz - ing up - on the rude bed where He lies; The
 up lit - tle hands now and praise Him as they; Re -

Son for a gift has been sent you this night To
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 shep - herds are kneel - ing, with hearts full of love, While
 joice that a Sav - ior from sin you can boast, And

be your Re - deem - er, your Joy, and De - light.
 pur - er than an - gels, the heav - en - ly child.
 an - gels sing loud al - le - lu - ias a - bove,
 join in the song of the heav - en - ly host.

Text: Christoph von Schmid, 1768–1854; tr. unknown

Tune: IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Text and music: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Responsive Reading

P What great love the Father has given to us,

C **That we should be called children of God!**

P He sent His Son to save us from death,

C **That we should be called children of God!**

P Jesus was born to take our place,

C **That we should be called children of God!**

P His work on the cross gives us new life;

C **And we are called children of God!**

Sit

Sermon

Come and See

Offering

Sleep, Holy Child

Franklin Ritter

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

What Child Is This

LSB 370 St. 3

♪C *So give Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enfold him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!*

The Message Presented by the Children

The Promised Son

Introduction to the Theme and Scripture

Scripture Reading:

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him”.

1 John 3:1

Action Rhyme: “Jesus Was a Baby Boy”

Jesus was a baby boy,
Came to earth to bring us joy.
God had promised us His Son,
So that sin would be undone.
What a gift our Father gave:
Jesus Christ, who’s strong to save!
Thanks to Him, we are set free.
We are in God’s family!

Congregational Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

LSB 384:1, 3

♪C *Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.*

*This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.*

The Son in the Manger

Scripture Readings:

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored *one*, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. Luke 1:26–29.

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:30–33.

Recitation

God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary with Great news to tell. Don't be afraid. You'll bear a son! The King of Kings, the promised one. In a Manger He was born, the Son of God, on Christmas morn.

Congregational Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357:1

♪C *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

The Son and the Cross

Scripture Readings:

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Genesis 3:8–13

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. Numbers 21:4–9

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14–15

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Galatians 4:4–7

Recitation

From ancient times, God set in place, a plan to save the human race. The Savior would be lifted high, and suffer on a cross and die. We look to Jesus and we see, the Son of God who set us free.

Hymn: “Away in a Manger”

LSB 364

***Children: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.***

***Children: The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.***

***Congregation Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
and Children: Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.***

The Son in Our Hearts

Scripture Readings:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to

be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:1–20

Recitation

The Father’s Promises are true; He sent His Son for me and you. The angels sang of Jesus’ birth. The shepherds witnessed God on earth. He fills my heart with joy and love. The Son of God, come from above.

Silent Night

LSB 363 (Verse 1)

Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant to tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

(All children return to their seats)

Congregational Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LSB 379 (Verse 1)

*O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Responsive Reading

P For to us a child is born,

C **To us a Son is given;**

P And the government shall be upon His shoulder

C **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.**

Prayer

P: In the name of Jesus who came for us, let us pray

**All: Father in heaven, thank You for Your great love for us. Forgive us for the
many times we disobey and stray from You. Thank You for sending Jesus to
pay for our sins so that through faith in Him, we can live as Your children
forever. In His name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

P Joy to the world, the Son of God, our Savior, has come!
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: “Joy to the World”

LSB 387

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

Sit

Announcements

Please join us for a quick reception in the fellowship hall after the service.



P Go in peace, and serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

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SERVICE INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who participated in this morning's service. What a blessing to hear the children sharing the message of salvation for us all!

Sunday School Children

Ella Cannon
McKenzie Daniels
Andee Harding
Charlotte Casey-Motley
Katherine Smith
Hunter Cannon
Rylee Harding
Grace Cannon
Kayleigh Smith
Hannah Harding
Tucker Cannon
Coltyn Smith

Youth and Adult Readers

Catie Casey-Motley
Kalei Durando
Zoe Durando

Raechl Cannon
Robin Bowman-Smith
Desi Casey-Motley

Sunday School Program Coordinators

Chrissy Frase, Rene Langwost,
Marilyn Harris, Lynn Short, Carol
Frase, Karen Lyons, & Sharon Gutz

*The flowers on the Altar today, were given to the glory of God, by Marsha and Dale Kenton in
thankfulness for all their many blessings.*

Rejoice! The Savior is born!

Please join us for these upcoming special events and services.

Sunday, December 18	4 th Sunday in Advent	9:15 am Sunday School Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Divine Worship Service with Communion
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day	10:30 am Divine Worship Service with Communion
Sunday, January 1	The first Sunday after Christmas and New Year's Day	10:30 am Divine Worship Service with Communion

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Sharon Gutz
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Roland Limpert & Jack Collins
Lay Reader	Desiree Casey-Motley
Assisting Elder	Rex Rosebrock
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Pastor/Elder
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Greeters	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Tellers	Karen Lyons & Jennifer Phillip

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers	Roland Limpert & Jack Collins
Lay Reader	Sam Lozen
Greeter	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley
Assisting Elder	Todd Butler
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Veronica Phillips
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	John Crampton
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, & Linda Jefferson

ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday – Thursday	Nursery School	8:50a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Monday– Friday	Church Office Open	9:00 – 12:00 noon
Wednesday	Bell Practice	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Nursery School Christmas Program	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS December 4, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 58

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$ 4,919.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR October 2022

Goal income per month	\$16,475.17
Actual Offerings	17,182.50
Total Disbursements	-14,582.12
Checking account balance, end of month	\$49,978.81

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: June Elzey, Jimmy Fuchs, Lee Roesti, Lawrence & Viola Schmick, Martha Ann Schmick, and Janice Plutschak.

SPECIAL PRAYERS – Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Pete Hitchens, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Bob Lorenz, Rev. Donald Meyer, Charlene Robbins, Kenny and Michelle Wheatley, Nicole James, Maggie Thompson, and Pastor Nuss

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS

Ryan Andrew, Heather Blake, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert

BIRTHDAYS

Coltyn Smith	12/11
Rex Rosebrock	12/13
Jeanette Schmick	12/14

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up your Welcome Bag. We hope to see you again!

Donations Needed:

Reminder: Kenny and Michelle Wheatley are asking for candy donations! They will take the candy, put them in little bags, and will distribute on Christmas day for all in attendance after church. If you have any questions, please see Kenny and Michelle Wheatley. Also, if you want them to pass out Christmas cards out for you at church, give the cards to them and they will pass them out for you.

Congratulations to Cathy Baker who was elected as Chairman to the Board of Evangelism. Thank you for your service.

The new Flower Chart is now available to sign up for January.

Sunday School News

There will be no Sunday School on December 25th and January 1st

SERMON NOTES

Title

Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application