

**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**November 29, 2020
The First Sunday in Advent**



*“...others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
(Mark 11:8b-9)*

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the CLC. We hope you are blessed by God's grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting One

Sermon: "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" from Isaiah 64:1-9

Hymns: 332 - **Savior of the Nations, Come**
355 - **O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide**

Pianist: Kayla Augustine

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Bob Walkes, Bob Lamprecht
10:00 am: Brent Wohlers, Chris Stelling

Altar Duty November: Leo & Barb Larson

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:

Sunday, November 22: 106 Souls

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, November 15: \$ 4,438.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (534-2623) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

November 29: Dawn Swanson

November 30: Sharon Mankin

December 2: Abigail O'Reilly, Ashley Klassen

December 3: Verna Petty, Cody Irish

December 5: Ellie Radel, James Miller. Alicia VanSchaick



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**
(534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390).

Finding new Stephen Ministry Leaders is the next step for growing our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now, we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as Stephen Leaders. **Please include this need in your prayers.** God answers our prayers because He is faithful. More info on Leadership training can be found at www.stephenministries.org/LTC. With the COVID19 pandemic around for some time yet, Leadership training is now available online in a 5 or 10 week course. We are praying to sign you up for the next available cohort in February 2021! For more information or questions, contact Becky Luckstein

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What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



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