

Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas



[Simeon said] “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace...”
Luke 2:29

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all guests to please fill out the Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon. **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting Three, page 184

Sermon: “Inflated with Christmas Joy” – Luke 2:22-40

Hymns: 386 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice
389 (1-5) - Let All Together Praise Our God
519 - In His Temple Now Behold Him
907 - God Himself Is Present
390 - Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Organist: Kayla Augustine

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Robert Lamprecht
10:15 am: Bob Walkes, Brent Wohlers

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: 8:00 – Jax Mussell; 10:15 - *volunteer*

Altar Duty December: Don & Becky Luckstein, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

Altar Duty January: Don & Becky Luckstein, Debra Eggenberger

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, December 19th: 197

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, December 19th: \$18,312.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized – *no one 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 (251-2138) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

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

December 26: Jax Mussell

December 27: Sarah Nault, Nancy Irish, David Smith

December 28: Luke Lamprecht, Kris Gernes, William Schultz

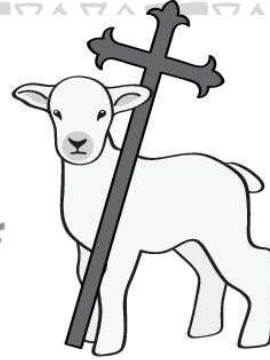
December 29: Kennedy Standinger, Lonni Kautz

December 30: David Heddlesten, Roger Irish

December 31: Brenda Bennett

January 1: Karen Haack, Dixie Lien

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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**Why was it so important for
Jesus to be born as a man?**

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

**Why was it important
for Jesus to be true God?**

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



Parents: Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



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