

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

**December 5, 2021**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**



*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...’”*  
*Luke 3:4*

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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.

**Bulletin dedication:** Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). Today’s bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of James “Jamie” Luckstein, son of Don and Becky Luckstein, who was born on September 13, 1977 and died on December 4, 2002. May God comfort and strengthen all those who are missing loved ones during the holiday season. We take comfort in our loving God who gave us the greatest gift in His Son, Jesus, who came to conquer darkness and death by the light of His cross and resurrection.

**Liturgy:** Setting Three, page 184

**Sermon:** “God Working in You” – Philippians 1:2-11

**Hymns:** 344 - On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry  
334 - O Lord, How Shall I Meet You  
333 - Once He Came in Blessing

**Organist:** Jacob Mikkelson

**Elders/Ushers:** 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Bob Walkes  
10:15 am: Eugene Schnell, Don Luckstein

**Acolyte & Cross Bearer:** 8:00 – Jax Mussell  
10:15 – Breckyn Schumann

**Altar Duty December:** Don & Becky Luckstein, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra  
**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 28th: 148

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Thanksgiving: \$ 2,285.00 Sunday, November 28th: \$ \$6,185.00

## OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

**Those known to be hospitalized** – Donald Dohrn. 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:**

Dec 5: Ellie Radel, James Miller, Alicia VanSchaick

Dec 6: Veda Klassen, Carri Michaelis, William Goede,  
Marjorie Neumann

Dec 7: David Doane, Steven Schulz

Dec 8: Bruce Jacobs, Ruth Lentz, Lindsey Danckwart

Dec 10: Emily Rieddle, Brystol Berge

Dec 11: MiKadyn Welti, Marcy Standinger, Ethan Neumann

## Support the Pastoral Formation of PJ Aarsvold



PJ, Melanie, and son, Talek, Aarsvold

### How can I help?

- Financial:
  - **We have raised around \$1,250 so far this year. Can you give a gift to help us get to \$2,000 by January 1?**
  - Make checks payable to "Immanuel Lutheran Church" and note "PJ support" in the memo. If giving cash, please put in an envelope and note "PJ Support" on the outside
  - Put in collection plate or bring to the church office
- Prayer: For the Lord to raise up faithful pastors and to sustain PJ and family in his final year of study and formation
- Personal: Remember the family during the holidays or on their birthdays with a card or note. PJ's birthday: May 30, Melanie: May 18, Talek: January 22. Their address as of September 1:  
6531 San Bonita Ave #2W  
Saint Louis, MO 63105
- Mark your calendars for April 26, 2022, when PJ will – God willing – receive his call to serve in the Lord's Church!