

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

**December 4, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**



*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matt 3:1-2).*

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## **Bulletin dedication**

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor 13:13). God's love for us is the foundation for sharing love and life with another. It is what makes marriages last through the years. Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God in honor of Bob & Sue Lamprecht's 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on December 9, 1972. Congratulations on your golden wedding anniversary, Bob & Sue, and may God continue to bless your lives with His love and grace!

***Welcome to Immanuel!*** We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. Offerings can be put in the marked grey baskets.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering basket, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below) and note your home congregation. 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.

## **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.

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 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.

**Busy Bags:** Available at the entrance are 'Busy Bags' = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

**Liturgy:** Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

**Sermon:** "Preparing the Path of Christ" – Matthew 3:1-12

**Hymns:** 901 - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty  
344 - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry  
347 - Comfort, Comfort Ye My People  
337 - The Night Will Soon Be Ending  
354 - Arise, O Christian People

**Organist:** Debra Eggenberger

**Elders/Ushers 8:00 am:** Mark Bartsh, Jim Larson  
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Eugene Schnell

**Acolyte/cross bearer 8:00 am:** Bryson Boettcher  
10:15 am: Bo Brinkman

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

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
Sunday, November 27: 121

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS  
Thanksgiving: \$1,425.00  
Sunday, November 27: Unified: \$5,110.00

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](mailto:office@immanuelplainview.org)

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

*December 5: Ellie Radel, James Miller, Alicia VanSchaick*

*December 6: Carri Michaelis, Veda Klassen, William Goede*

*Marjorie Neumann*

*December 7: David Doane, Steven Schulz*

*December 8: Lindsey Danckwart, Ruth Lentz*

*December 10: Emily Rieddle*

**Advent Devotions** are available at the church entrances. You have two options this year. The first is the usual Lutheran Hour Ministries devotions titled, "A Son is Given." This devotional is easier to read and utilizes the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and their respective preparations for the birth of Jesus. It is available as a booklet and large print. The other devotional has a full color picture on the cover and is titled "Come and See." It is put out by Steadfast Lutherans and has more depth for those who desire that. Both will give you ample opportunity to grow in your faith in our coming Lord Jesus Christ. Contact the office if we need to print more.