

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

December 10, 2023
The Second Sunday in Advent



“John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mark 1:4)

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

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: Setting Four, page 203

Sermon: "Comfort, Pardon, and Peace" – Mark 1:1-8

Hymns:

344 - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

347 - Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

820 - My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

354 - Arise, O Christian People

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elder & Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Alvin Lutringer
Merlin Schreiber

10:15 am: Eugene Schnell, Brent Wohlers, Kurt Schnell

3:00 pm: Don Luckstein

Acolyte/Cross bearer: 8:00 am: Peyton Tlougan
10:15 am: Mazie Eversman

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

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday December 3: 147

Wednesday, December 6: 63

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, December 3: \$ 7,490.00

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 Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

December 10: Lindsay Birr, Emily Rieddle

December 11: Ethan Neumann, Marcy Standinger, MiKadyn Welti

December 12: Brianne Dohrn, Debra Bigelow

December 13: Susan Lamprecht, Justine Landin

December 14: Jasmine Timm, James Ohm I

December 15: Larry Hoiland

December 16: Ryan Lamprecht

Congregational survey will be filled in the first 10 minutes of the services today. An ad hoc committee (Exploratory Committee) was formed at the request of Matthew Feils and others to think about long term needs and plans for our congregation for focus and direction on how we can serve each other and community with the Gospel. They have met several times over fall and reached a point where they thought getting congregational feedback would be important to shape their report to the Church Council. This survey is the result of their labors and they are excited for your response. The committee members are: Matthew Feils, Tristan Severson, Tara Klassen, David Murphy, Amanda Bedtke, Heidi Boettcher, and Angie Radel.

- Please fill out the survey only once per communicant member.
- The goal is to complete the survey by the end of the service, but if you feel you need more time, you can turn it in to the office during the week or bring it to church next week.
- If you have the means, the committee would appreciate your responses electronically via the link/QR code on the survey.