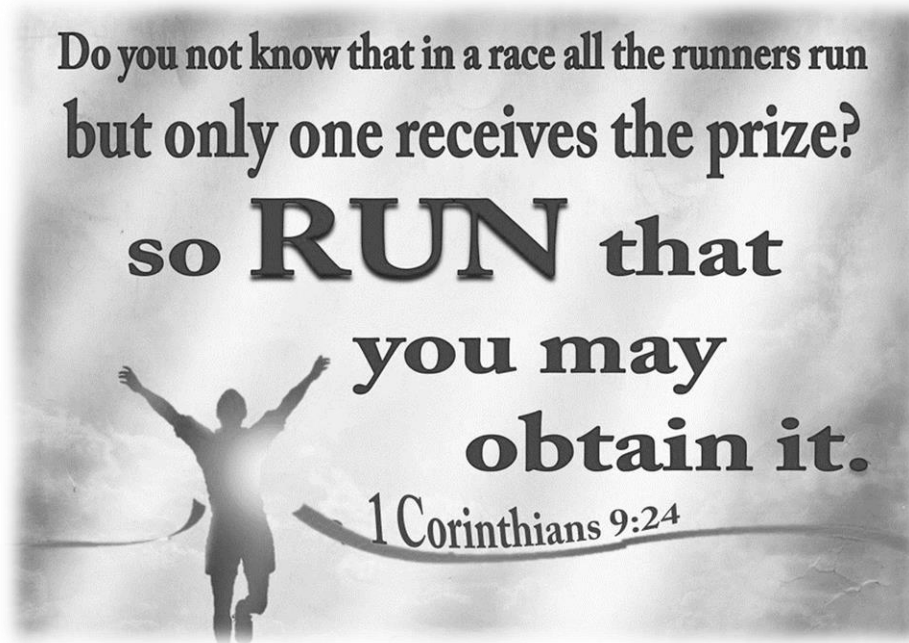


**Welcome to**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

**February 4, 2024**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**



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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:** "The Gospel Prize" – 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

### **Hymns:**

398 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed

693 - O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

684 - Come unto Me, Ye Weary

627 - Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

664 - Fight the Good Fight

**Organist:** Barb Lutringer

**Elder & Ushers:** 8:00 am: Jim Larson, Bob Walkes, Darvey Sloan  
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Don Luckstein,  
Ryan Lamprecht

**Acolyte/Cross bearer:** 8:00 am: Julia Barnes  
10:15 am: Dean Gerberding

**February Altar Duty:** Todd & Sandy Wohlers, Leo & Barb Larson

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

Sunday January 28: 152

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS**

Sunday, January 2: \$ 4,443.18

**OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**Those known to be hospitalized:** *No one we know of.* 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](mailto:office@immanuelplainview.org)

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

*February 5: Ashley Folkert, Ellie Schnell, Henry Simanovski*

*February 6: Colton Bennett, Charlie Skelly*

*February 7: Nolan Birr, Willa Wohlers*

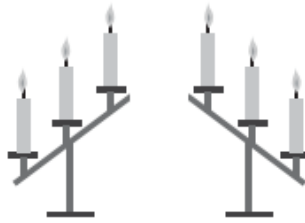
*February 8: Sharon Melvin*

*February 9: Dustin Dohrn, Christine Feenstra, Jalana Nelson*

*February 10: Ryan Bartsh, Randy Bigelow, Carl Schreiber*

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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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## Why do we use candles in the Divine Service?



Imagine that you are attending a worship service 500 years ago. Since there are no lights, even during the daytime, the church is dark. How will you see what is going on? How will you see the pastor? How will you walk up to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper? As you probably guessed, one of the first uses for candles in church was to give light in the sanctuary. Actually, oil lamps were probably used until the fourth century when candles became more common.



## Is there more to using candles than just lighting the room?

With the invention of the light bulb, candles were no longer needed to light the church. That doesn't mean they lost their importance in the church. Candles have been used for hundreds of years to symbolize Christ's words when he said: "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). **Candles remind us that Jesus is the Light that has conquered the darkness of sin.** As you can see, candles play an important role in our worship.



**Parents:** When the candles are lit at the beginning of the service, remind your children that Christ is the Light of the world. Teach them that when the candles are lit, we are honoring our God and recognizing His presence in the sanctuary. He is really here just as He promised!



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