

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

Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024



*From prison, John the Baptist sent two disciples to Jesus asking,
“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”
Luke 7:18b*

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Bulletin Dedication

“**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice**” (Phil. 4:4) Birthdays are indeed an occasion to rejoice in the Lord for His gift of life and love. Today’s bulletin is given to the glory of God by the family in honor of Duane Schulz 90th birthday coming up on December 21. May the Lord grant you a blessed birthday that you can rejoice in and with the Lord! Happy birthday, Duane!

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, placed at the entrances.

>> **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering plate, 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.

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: (8:00 am) Divine Service Setting One, page 151
(10:15 am) Sunday School Christmas Program

Sermon: “Rejoice! Jesus IS the One!” – Luke 7:18-28

Hymns (first service only):

515 - Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
345 - Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
602 - The Gifts Christ Freely Gives
337 - The Night Will Soon Be Ending
352 - Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elder & Ushers: 8:00 am: Bob Walkes, Alvin Lutringer, Don Schultz
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Eugene Schnell, Jim Gensmer

Acolyte/cross bearer: 8:00 am: Peyton Tlougan

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

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 8: 152

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, December 8: \$24,611.00

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

God’s richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

December 15: Larry Hoiland, Carter Kautz, Peyton Tlougan

December 16: Ryan Lamprecht

December 17: Jackson Neumann

December 19: Julie Stoning

December 20: Tyler Miller, Macie Wohlers, Nicholas Dohrn

December 21: Tom Neumann, Duane Schulz, Katlin Bauer

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Advent of Christ

As you may remember, the word Advent means “coming.” During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the only coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.

What is the rest of the Advent story?

The Advent of Christ has three parts. God’s Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God’s Word reminds us that He will return in judgement on the Last Day. If you think about it, there sure are a lot of great things to remember and look forward to during the season of Advent!



When Holy Communion is offered, allow your children to attend the altar with you. Remind them that Jesus is truly present here in the Sacrament, and that we will see Him face to face on the Last Day!

