

**Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

**December 29, 2024  
First Sunday after Christmas**



[Simeon said] “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace...”  
*Luke 2:29*

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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, 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:** Divine Service Setting Three, page 184

**Sermon:** "Facing Death Without Fear" – Luke 2:22-40

### **Hymns:**

386 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

519 - In His Temple Now Behold Him

389 - Let All Together Praise Our God

392 - God Loves Me Dearly

390 - Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

**Organist:** Carmen Zuelsdorff

**Elder & Ushers:** 8:00 am: Alvin Lutringer, Bob Walkes, Andy Barnes

10:15 am: Butch Mussell, Brent Wohlers, Jon Krusmark

**Acolyte/cross bearer:** 8:00 am: Abel Boettcher

10:15 am: Alicia Ajuntas

**January Altar Duty:** Don & Becky Luckstein, Leo & Barb Larson

### **OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 22: 118

Christmas Eve: 275 Christmas Day: 81

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, December 22: \$11,546.51

Christmas Eve: \$4,325.00    Christmas Day: \$14,142.08

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**

*December 29: Kennedy Standinger, Lonni Kautz*

*December 30: Roger Irish, David Heddlesten*

*December 31: Brenda Bennett*

*January 1: Karen Haack*

*January 2: Kyle Iverson, Lazarus Karpyak*

*January 3: Billy Zuelsdorff*

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

## Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



**Parents:** Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



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