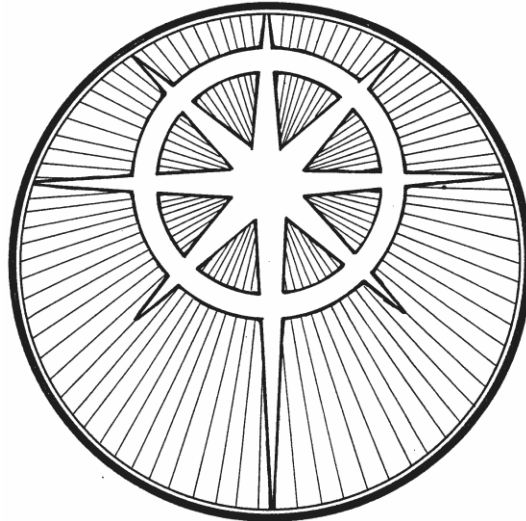


**Welcome to**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

**January 5, 2025**  
**The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)**



*“...Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him” (Matthew 2:2)*

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### **Bulletin Dedication:**

King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 4:12, "...a threefold cord is not quickly broken." When a husband and wife are united in faith before the Lord, the bonds of marriage are strong like a threefold corded rope that can hold up over time and through all the ups and downs of wedded life together. Today's bulletin is given to the glory of God in honor of Larry and Linda Hoiland's 57th wedding anniversary. They were married on January 6, 1968 in Rochester. Congratulations, Larry and Linda! May God continue to bless your life together!

**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:** Service Setting Three, page 184

**Sermon:** “Let the Light Shine” – Ephesians 3:1-12

**Hymns:**

412 - The People That in Darkness Sat

370 - What Child Is This

395 (1-3) - O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

394 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

810 - O God of God, O Light of Light

397 - As with Gladness Men of Old

**Organist:** Debra Eggenberger

**Elder & Ushers:** 8:00 am: Alvin Lutringer, Jim Larson, Darvey Sloan

10:15 am: Eugene Schnell, Don Luckstein, Ryan Lamprecht

**Acolyte/cross bearer:** 8:00 am: Lena Jerdon

10:15 am: Dean Gerberding

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

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 29: 130

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS**

Sunday, December 29: \$ 5,131.00

**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](mailto:office@immanuelplainview.org)

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

*January 5: Mazie Eversman, Cole Schulz, Jed Stoltz, Steve Miller*

*January 6: Jessica Krier, Henry Stelling, Neil Grummons*

*January 7: Philip Gilbertson*

*January 8: Linda Iverson*

*January 9: Jane Klassen, Cathy Radel*

*January 10: Eric Swanson*

**Make a meaningful New Year's resolution  
become a Stephen Minister in 2025!**

Embrace the opportunity to provide one-on-one care, comfort, and hope to those in need. Grow spiritually, build deeper connections, and make a lasting impact in your congregation and community.

Begin your journey of compassion and service today!



To grow this important work, we are organizing a class to welcome new Stephen Ministers into the important work God has called us to do.

**Don't delay, let us know in January  
if you feel God is calling you to serve in this role.**

To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders  
Becky Luckstein (507-951-1716) , Val Aarsvold (507-259-3586)

