

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Nativity of Our Lord & Savior

December 25, 2022

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

Prelude

Candles are lit

Opening Hymn #387 – "Joy to the World"

Procession of the Cross – please rise

The Call to Worship

Pastor: A messenger approaches,

All: **"Peace!"**

Pastor: His feet, fleet upon the mountain paths, beat out the rhythm of the lovely message

All: **"Good News and Salvation!"**

Pastor: He opens his mouth to shout.

All: **Your death-defeating power in this humble place.**

Pastor: Open your eyes to see, O God,

All: **The glory of Your own dear Son.**

Pastor: Open your eyes to see, O God, what You have wrought this day.

All: **The salvation of our God!**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.

All: **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Hymn: **#379** "O Come All Ye Faithful" *Verses 1, 3 & 4*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and receive his forgiveness

People: **Lord, many times we have lived only for ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. In Your great mercy, Lord, forgive us, that we may follow Your will for our lives, through faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Pastor: Dear friends, God shows His love for us that while we were yet sinners Christ was born in Bethlehem. Christ lived under the Law for us and went under judgement for us. Christ died for us, so in the name of Jesus I say to you, "You are forgiven!"

All: **Praise the Lord for His gift of salvation.**

Hymn: **#361** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *Verses 1 & 2*

The First Reading – Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #380 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Verses 1 & 2

The Second Reading – Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #370 “What Child is This?”

The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 15th verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen

Hymn #388 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Sermon - "Why Shepherds?" *Pastor Reinke*

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Healing for daughter of Cathy Wilson
Healing for Dr. Tom Davison, neighbor of Pat Cook
Healing & Dr's wisdom for Becky Ewing, neighbor of Joan Crouse

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Consecration of the Bread and the Wine

Hymn: #392 "God Loves Me Dearly" *Verses 1 & 2*

Welcome to the Table of the Lord (Traditional Distribution)

Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, help us remember your love and mercy as we have received Christ's true Body and Blood as a pledge of Your forgiveness. As we depart in peace; strengthened and refreshed, give us grace upon grace to serve You and share You with others. We give you thanks for sending Jesus to be our Savior, whose birth we celebrate this day. In His name. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

Pastor: Christ is born, the angels sing, Christ has come our newborn King! May His coming bless us and fill us with joy to overflowing, that every word we say, every song we sing will declare, Hallelujah! Christ the Savior is born.

Closing Hymn #368 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Verses 1 & 2*

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

Peace, strength & comfort for all the victims of Hurricane Ian, who have lost loved ones or their home and belongings
We pray to God our Lord for the new Hispanic Mission in Immanuel and that through the Holy Spirit he will give us guidance to share the Gospel with new families.
Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing or Good Test Results

Mike Doon, father of Marsha Doon

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Philip (PeeWee) Hoskins, friend of the Habeck's
Rusty Cotterman, friend of Ed Clarke
Tammy Smith, friend of Danielle Farnsworth
Lou Mercaldo & family, as he is suffering with dementia, grandfather of Carolyn Clarke
Donald Crouse as he has dementia, brother-in-law of Joan Crouse
Kidney transplant for Charles, grandfather of Immanuel student
Don Monahan, brother-in-law of Cathy Wilson
David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson
Nancy Schild, (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) former teacher of ILS and member of Immanuel
Richard Seedroff
Lee, father of Ashlee Garrett
Rich Richards
Barbara LaVere
Barbara Knott
Yvonne Lenzen, grandmother of Grace Sierra
Pat, suffering with dementia, Aunt of Beth Hutches
Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson
David, brother of Larry Habeck
Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck
Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn
Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's
Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Robert Lowry
Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans
Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA
Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson
Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC
Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake
Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA
Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson
Jeremy Brockmeier (USMC) & family, stationed at Camp Pendleton in CA, son of Jerry and Janice Brockmeier

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Walt Nea, Jr
Monday: Martin & Dessyrredt Noria, Mathias
Tuesday: John & Debbie O'Neil
Wed: Andres & Nayibi Obonaga
Thursday: Gustavo & Diana Olaya
Friday: Bonnie Petersen, Scott
Saturday: Robert Petrosky

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday: Elijah Perez
Monday: Aiden & Tawlyn Pigford
Tuesday: Nathan Pirozzi
Wed: Korina Pittman
Thurs: Arianna & Sebastian Plaza
Friday: Aubrey Postell
Saturday: Cullen Powell

Please take this scripture and prayer that the Call Committee has prepared and place it on your refrigerator or in a spot where you can see it often. We would encourage all of our Immanuel family to memorize the scripture verse each week and to daily lift each other, the Committee and our Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Dan, in prayer

The LORD hath been mindful of us; He will bless us...

Psalm 115:12

Father, once again we come before you, seeking your wisdom and guidance as we continue with this process of calling a Senior Pastor. We are disappointed when we receive a decline from a pastor, but we are not shaken. We trust Your loving hand and the Holy Spirit's direction. Be with President Rockey, our Circuit Pastor, Pastor Kuehn, Pastor Dan, the Call Committee, and all of our members as we work together through this process. All praise, glory and honor are Yours. In the precious and strong name of Christ, Amen

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1st - 10:15am Communion
11:30am Santo Servico
No Bible Study or Sunday School

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Gracious God, we celebrate this day
of our Lord's birth as the fulfillment of Your promise of redemption from sin.
We welcome you, Jesus, as the Savior of the world and the Lord of our hearts, who
now lives and rules with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.
Amen.*