



IMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

Authentic Biblical Christianity

The Second Sunday after The Epiphany

December 28, 2025

Pastor: Rev. Gary Brown

Communion Assistants: Eddie Yarbrough and Rob Yancey

Lay Reader: David Sawey

Musicians: Francie Callahan, Debbie Dinkel, & Ken Mette

Ushers: Bob Gilbert and Adelia Imhof **Greeters:** Darlene Oetgen and Julie Berger

Altar Guild: Victoria Yarbrough **Acolyte:** Zephaniah Fuller

Immanuel is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We believe that the Bible is God's very own Word. It is inerrant, infallible, and authoritative for life and faith. It offers everyone forgiveness of Sin and Life Everlasting through Jesus Christ. It is He of whom the Scriptures testify. Because it is a living Word, God Himself will be the one speaking to you today through Word and Sacrament.

Welcome to all our GUESTS AND VISITORS. It is our pleasure and honor to have you worship with us this morning. If you do not have a regular place of worship – WELCOME HOME! Please fill out a Welcome card, found in the pocket on the chair back in front of you, and give it to an Usher or the Pastor.

ABOUT COMMUNION: The Lord Jesus invites all to receive Him in Holy Communion who rightly believe from Scripture that they are indeed helpless in their sinful condition, that they can do nothing to earn or deserve God's forgiveness, but that in the consecrated bread and wine they receive the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for them, for the forgiveness of their sins. If this is your profession of faith, JESUS INVITES YOU to HIS TABLE to RECEIVE HIM! If this is not your profession, you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Children who have not received instruction may also receive a blessing. To receive the blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you. WHITE GRAPE JUICE is provided in the center of each tray of individual cups for those who have a non-alcohol preference.

A CRY ROOM is available in the back of the Sanctuary for use by parents or anyone for whom it is needed.

The First Sunday After Christmas A

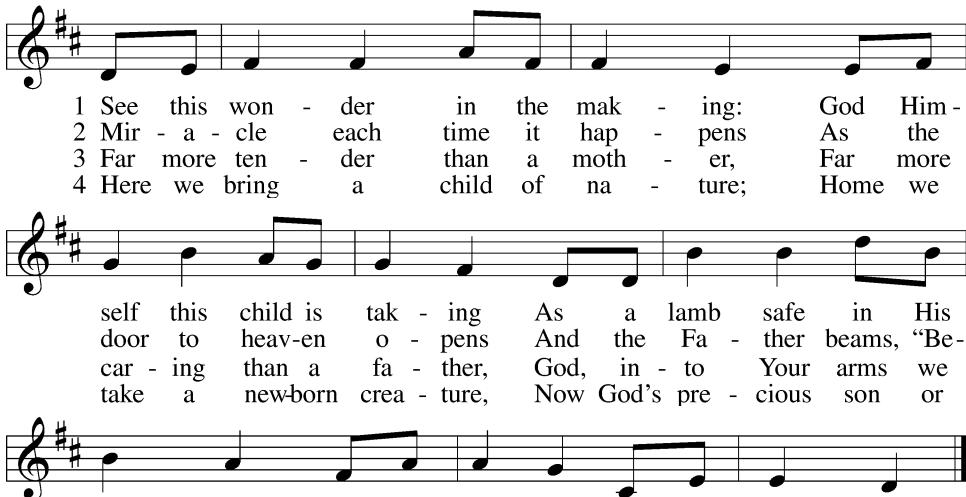
Divine Worship, Setting Four

Pre-Service Music for quiet meditation and prayer

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn –593 See This Wonder in the Making



1 See this won - der in the mak - - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - - ture; Home we

self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or

keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place him/her/them, With Your love and peace em - brace him/her/them.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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Please stand - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

+++Sacrament of Baptism+++
Benjamin Wade Bushnell

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you..."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P Benjamin, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Speaking together, I ask all to confess the Christian faith into which Benjamin is now to be Baptized.

P Do you renounce the devil, all his works, all his ways, and all his empty promises?

C **Yes, I do renounce them!**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?**

P Do you believe in God the Son?

C **Yes, I believe 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

P Benjamin, having heard this confession of faith, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sins.

C **Amen!**

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the light of the World. Live always by the light of Christ and be ever watchful for His coming.

C **Amen!**

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother

in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you to the family of God in the name of the Lord!

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have made Benjamin a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, You, would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Benjamin, Go, in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God! Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

First Reading – Isaiah 63:7-14

The First Reading can be found on the reverse side of this bulletin.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Galatians 4:4-7

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C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

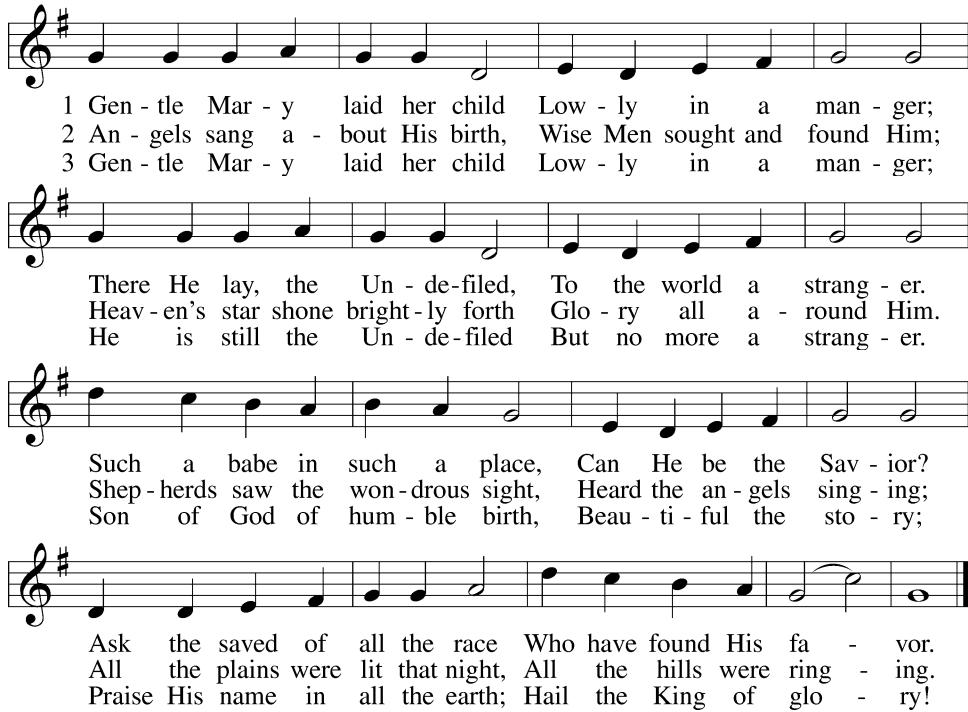
C Glory to You, O Lord.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day –374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the Un - de-filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de-filed But no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

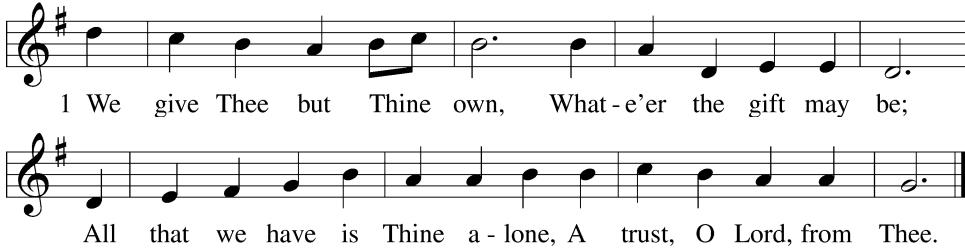
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Sermon

Offering

Please stand

Offertory -781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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Please stand

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, the people of God's promise, to whom He has revealed His Son as Savior and Redeemer, that we may enjoy the gift of good and faithful ministers; and that the Lord may prosper the Word and bring to fruition its proclamation in every place and time, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the renewal of our fellowship as the Body of Christ; and for families, husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friendship and family, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For babes and nursing infants, out of whose mouths the Lord perfects His praise, that our Lord would silence their enemies, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those who suffer, that the Lord would grant them healing in accordance with His will; and for those who give aid and care to the sick, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our communion this day in the body and blood of Christ, that we may receive this Sacrament with faith and be strengthened by it; and that the Lord would soon bring unity of faith and doctrine so that all divisions may cease and we may be fully one at the altar, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Holy Spirit would increase our joy and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last the Lord returns in His glory as Lord and judge of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

++ +Service of the Sacrament++ +

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1. That they are indeed helpless in their sinful condition,
2. That they can do nothing to earn or deserve God's forgiveness,
3. That in the consecrated bread and wine they receive the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, given and shed for them, for the forgiveness of their sins, and therefore their sins are forgiven!

If this is your profession of faith, **JESUS INVITES YOU to HIS TABLE to RECEIVE HIM!** If this is not your profession, you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

-CHILDREN who have not received instruction may also come forward to receive a blessing.

-To receive the blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you.

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Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer - (Sung)

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20

Response

John 1:29, Matthew 8:8

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are fed at His Supper.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus Christ,
Have mer-cy on us, us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns -387 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - ry heart pre - pare Him
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.
 found, Far as, far as, the curse is love,
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His found.
 love.

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389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door
 To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
 To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise.

7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
 Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
 And Spirit evermore;
 We praise You evermore.

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



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Communion with the Fellowship Cups

Please stand

The Dismissal

P And now may this, the very body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless and keep you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting.

Amen. T Depart in Peace. He has set you free!

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon

Luke:2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant go.
2 All glory to the Fa - vant ther, De -
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles, Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is -
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

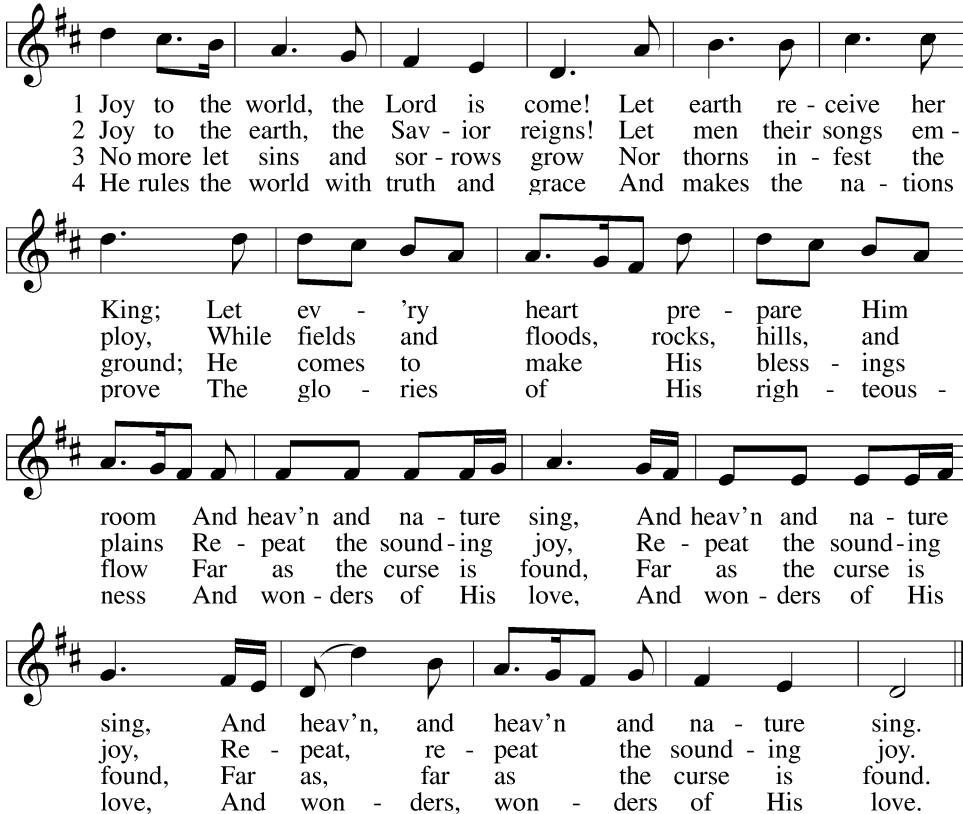
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn - 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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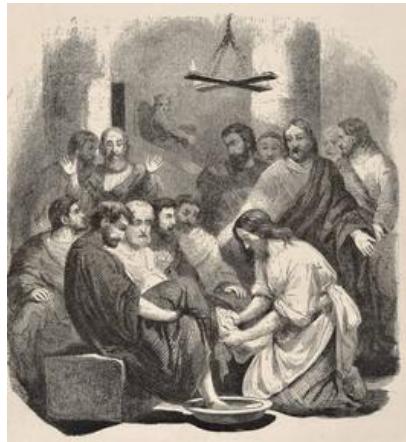
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The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by
Christy Brady and in celebration of Colleen Brady's birthday.





PASTOR AND ELDERS CONTACT PAGE

Pastor Gary Brown

For any inquiries contact the Church Office at
(520) 458-3883 or email at sec@grace2u.org

Elders Care Groups for 2025-2026:

A-D

John Conroy
Sid Germeroth

E-J

Taggart Fuller
Jim Schroeder

K-P

Rick Rambo
Jack Shaddy

R-Z

Rob Yancey
Eddie Yarbrough



THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL December 28, 2025 – January 3, 2026

MONDAY:	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OFFICE OPEN
TUESDAY:	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OFFICE OPEN
WEDNESDAY:	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OFFICE OPEN
THURSDAY:	New Year's Day	OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY:	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OFFICE OPEN
SATURDAY:		OFFICE CLOSED
SUNDAY:	9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED Sunday Service



New Member's Class – New Member's Class on January 17th, 2026 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. for anyone interested in becoming a new member at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Elders' Care Groups – The Congregation Care Groups have been assigned by last name. Two Elders are assigned to each group. Please email your assigned Elders to ensure that they have accurate contact information.

Men' Bible Breakfast – The next Men's Bible Breakfast will be on January 31st, from 9am to 10:30am. All gentlemen are invited and are welcome to bring a guest.

Council Meetings – The Council meetings are open to the membership. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The next Council meeting will be held on January 13, 2026. This is a good opportunity to voice concerns, present thoughts and ideas, and any other discussion concerning the affairs of Immanuel.

Crafty Ladies – Going forward, Crafty Ladies will meet once a month, on the second Monday of each month from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The next Crafty Ladies Meeting will be on January 12, 2026. Any questions about the changes please contact the Church Office at (520) 458-3883 or email at sec@grace2u.org.

LWML – Will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2026 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

Sunday Adult Bible Study – We are having Bible study right after Sunday Service and Fellowship time in the Friendship Hall.

Communion – If you are not able to make it to the Communion Rail, you have a choice of using the Fellowship Cup or having the Communion Assistants bring communion to you in your seat. If you would like communion at your seat, please let the Communion Assistants know.

WELCOME CARDS – are located in the pocket of the chair in front of you. If you are visiting with us, or if you are interested in becoming a new member, please fill out the card and either place it in the offering plate, or place it on the rolling cart in the Narthex after service. (Guests and visitors are always WELCOME here at Immanuel.)

Becoming A Church Member – If you are not currently a member here at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and are interested in becoming one, please let our church secretary know. You can leave her a message in her mailbox, stop by the church office during the week, or you may call her at (520) 458-3883. We would love to have you join our church family!

Good Neighbor Alliance – There are baskets under the mail boxes in the Narthex, where we collect food, toiletries, and socks for the needy in our community. There is a list in the Narthex of their current needs. Some of the most urgent are: Cereal, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars, Paper Towels, All Purpose Cleaner, Coffee, and Travel Size Shampoo.

Opportunities to Read Lessons – All who may be willing and interested in reading our bible lessons have the opportunity to sign up to read on the bulletin board in the narthex, in the entry way into the church. Reading signup is certainly on a first-come first-served basis and the signup sheets, next to the Usher signup sheets, do fill up quickly once they are posted for the next quarter. If you are willing and interested in reading, please do watch the bulletin board for the next quarter's signup sheet. Sign up for as many days as you are willing to read for the congregation.

STEWARDSHIP –The Measure of our Love

For our Lord on December 21, 2025

Together in worship: 115 Livestream: 4 Total: 119

Offerings for budget	\$5,093.50
Total Deposit for December 21, 2025	\$5,393.50
Given Year-to-date for “Above & Beyond”	\$13,430.00

Offering Envelope Information... If you are making your offerings by check, please write your check # on the outside of the offering envelope. Our Financial Secretary writes the check numbers on the outside of the offering envelopes for verification. If you could take a moment to do this, it would save her a tremendous amount of time.



You may use the QR-Code below to access our website, which includes an online giving link.





Weekly Prayer List – December 29, 2025 – January 4, 2026

Dec 17

Avaleno Bootterar – Friend of Patti Stump is very sick, please pray for healing.

Dec 10

Margaret Harney – Is in St. Joseph's hospital in Tucson, please pray for her recovery.

Dec 8

Torin Wilson – Friends of Donna and Wes Hewitt's son. Please pray for Torin who was born premature and is in NICU in Tucson.

Dec 7

Suzanne Graeber – Please pray for Darlene Oetgen's dear friend who has cancerous thyroid results pending on modules in lung.

Dec 2

Mary Ellen Knapp – Cousin of Sean Curnyn, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer which has metastasized to her liver. Please pray for her healing and that God gives her spirit peace.

Nov 26

For The Church in Nigeria – Please pray for The Church and for our Christian brothers and sisters in their suffering and to keep them strong in their faith.

Nov 2

Wesley Hewitt – Please pray for continuous healing after his successful surgery.

Oct 20

Makayla Margulies – Donna Hewitt's cousin, needs prayers during her treatment for Ewings's Sarcoma.

Oct 7

Denise & Sean Curnyn – Prayers for Denise's sister Joan, that God may heal her from her pain and vertigo and lift her spirits and give her His peace.

Sep 28

Julie –Patty Stump's niece, needs prayers after undergoing surgery for a pace maker.

Sep 1

Fuller Family – Prayers are needed for the family. Charles has gone to be with the Lord.

Aug 26

The Rambo's – Please pray for blessings for their granddaughter Salem.

Aug 11

Holly Farris – Robin Bush's niece, needs prayers for chemotherapy treatments she is receiving.

Jackie Davies – Friend of Tina Hungerford, needs prayers for health issues and scheduled surgery.

Aug 10

Danielle & Sean Culpepper – Friends of Tina Hungerford, please pray for them. They have been unsuccessful in the blessing of having a baby.

Scott Tom – Friend of The Rambo's, needs prayers for continuous healing.

Aug 4

Dartagnon Fuller – Prayers for safety on his endeavors while stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Jul 29

Brian Phillips – Marge Phiillips stepson, needs prayers for his overall health.

Jul 25

Ron Witt – Ron is now at home, please pray for his continuous healing.

June 9

Peggy Russell - Friend of Barbara Dicataldo, needs prayers of continuous healing and support as she embarks on a course of chemotherapy after her successful breast cancer surgery.

Dec 6

Michael and Arianna Conroy – Need prayers of guidance and blessings on Micheal while he is in seminary.

Nov 15

Don Pfeifer – Needs Prayers of guidance in following Gods path.

Oct 28

Joey Rambo-Pfeifer - Needs prayers of healing for her current health issue.

Attention: Please call the office if God has answered the prayers for the people on the list. If they need further prayers, call the office so that they remain on the list.