



Celebrate ~ Grow ~ Serve

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*In response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we the people of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran
Church are committed to:*

***Celebrating** the excitement of God's
influence in life by being visible witnesses
of Christ and*

***Ministering** to the spiritual and physical
needs of our community and the world,
through our God given talents.*

**Welcome to Immanuel! Thank you
for worshiping with us today. Please
sign the worship welcome pad (red
binder) during the offering. Thank
you!**

Worship with Holy Communion

8:15 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School for all ages

9:30 AM

Grace @ 5 5:00 PM

The nursery is available for children in
kindergarten and younger following the
Children's Message .

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday ó Friday

**FM hearing loops and large print
hymnals** are available at the back of the
church. Please see an usher to assist
you. The church is equipped for hearing
aids with TØ (telephone) switches.

Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all
baptized Christians who have been admitted to
the Lord's Table in their own church and
acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in
the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness
of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to
offer white grape juice to those not desiring red
wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are
next to the communion assistants. Please
indicate your desire for grape juice to the
communion assistant. Empty communion
glasses are deposited on the end of the front
pews. All who commune are asked to check the
"will commune" box in the red worship
welcome pad.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, setting III
is our order for worship today.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prior to the start of worship, please turn off
cellular phones, pagers or watch alarms that
may sound during the worship service.

**This week's Memory Verse is
John 1:1**

**The December Memory Verse is
Luke 2:1-20.**

**The Service of Holy Communion
December 26, 2010 9:30 AM
First Sunday of Christmas**

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her* ó Johann Ludwig Krebs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#17 of 52 Great Verses - John 1:1 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 94)

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

Congregation: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of glory, God of peace,

C: we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in + Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy.

C: Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW #289

GREETING

P: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen *(Please be seated.)*

WORD**FIRST READING** Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and he became their savior

⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 148 Read responsively by whole verse.

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**²Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they were created.
**⁶He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
**⁸fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
**¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**
¹¹kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
**¹²young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
**¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory vs. 1 & 2

ELW #275

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory vs. 3 & 4

ELW #275

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time the children are invited forward for a message. The nursery is available after the message for children 5 and younger.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW #272

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor/A: Hear us, O God, **Respond: your mercy is great.**

MEAL

OFFERING

In the Bleak Midwinter ó Harold Darke
Senior Choir

(Please sign the worship welcome pad, red binder, in your pew during the offering.)

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

Joy to the World vs. 1

ELW #267

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD *Let All Together Praise Our God* vs. 1 & 6 **ELW # 287**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

P: The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C: We come to eat and live.

LAMB OF GOD *Of the Father's Love Begotten* vs. 1 & 5 **ELW #295**

COMMUNION Ushers will invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *What Child Is This* **ELW #296**
Love has Come **ELW #292**

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW #288

DISMISSAL A: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *In dulci jubilo* ó Johann Michael Bach

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**Pastor Paul is on vacation December 27 - January 3. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Church Council President Tom Lombardo (347-4618).**

**Join us each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our Grace@5 worship.** Grace@5 is a different worship service ó casual, informal, interactive and musically diverse.

**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Jim White, Randy Stachyra, Dan Klauck, Bev Milner, Bill Oad, Britni Fox, Laurie Reynolds, Cindy Weierman, Helen Tice, Ruth Rauber, John Geery, Kressa Sweezy, Melissa Hoke, Jane Hughes, Naomi Gregory, Carol Meyer, Margi Goodwin, Jane Hughes, John Conner, Albert Pumilio, Amy Milton-Cannon, Helen Klick, Esther Huehn, Jacob Baller, Clarence Fink and the grieving family and friends of Gordon Lewis and Robert Campbell. To share a prayer concern or celebration, email [immanev@frontiernet.net](mailto:immanev@frontiernet.net) or call 585/872-5180. Members of Immanuel will raise your request in prayer. The full list of ongoing prayer concerns is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. For an email copy, please contact the church office.

### **St. John's Home - People Pushing**

**People-pushing, an activity in which all the able-bodied that are able go to St. John's Home to push all those who wish to attend worship service, is Sunday, December 26th.** We will meet at church to carpool at 1:00 PM, drive to St. John's, push people to and from the service, and return to church around 3:30. It is a fun activity, interacting with some delightful folks and trying to get them back to the place where you picked them up!!! They are very appreciative of your help, so do come!! Please contact Deb Huehn if you have any questions at 265-2266.

### **Save the Date—January 30, 2011**

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 30, 2011, after the 11 am Church service. Refreshments will be served. Your attendance is very important to the Immanuel's mission  
óCelebrate ó Grow ó Serveö.

## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

First Communion Classes for youth in grade 4 begins on Wednesday, January 5. The classes meet Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7:00-8:15 PM, at Immanuel. First Communion Sunday is Sunday, February 6, at the 11:00 AM Service.

The First Communion Class prepares youth of the congregation to begin receiving Holy Communion. The classes study passages in Scripture that help build an understanding of what Holy Communion is. There are activities that help the youth grow in appreciation for the gifts God gives in Holy Communion. Time is devoted to the how-to of receiving Holy Communion. During the final class the youth will bake the bread used on First Communion Sunday. Dave Ekimoff and Pastor Paul lead these classes. Please see either of them if you have any questions.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR December 26- January 2**

### Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  
No Sunday School or Grace @ 5

### Monday

8:00 pm AA in Fellowship Hall, Al-Anon in Library,  
Alateen in Sr. High room, 2- floor

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

9:00 am Office Helpers

### Saturday

### Sunday

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
5:00 pm Grace @ 5

The church office will have limited hours this week. Thank you to Marguerite Manning for filing in for Barb Rafferty on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The office will reopen on Monday, January 3.

Pastor Paul is on vacation December 27-January 3. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Tom Lombardo, Council President(347-4618) or the church office (872-51800).

**Music at Immanuel presents: Thatcher Lyman  
January 23, 2011 at 7:00PM**

Immanuel's Director of Music will pull out all the stops in a tour of organ music through the ages from France and Germany. Thatcher will display both the lyrical and the powerful sides of Immanuel's magnificent pipe organ.



**YOU ARE INVITED to Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program and a delicious lunch. Transportation is available by calling the church office by 10:00 AM on the Tuesday before. Do come and have a good time!!!

**Schedule**

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|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 5   | Mary Jane Frees shares "A Woman's Legacy"<br>Come and join us as our own Mary Jane tells of her life                                                                                  |
| January 12  | Winter is Here! Bring your snowstorm/ice/storm stories to<br>Tell and make snowflakes to take home for your windows                                                                   |
| January 19  | Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with our own<br>Kay Kennedy and sing some African-American spirituals                                                               |
| January 26  | Sebastian Maroundit will speak about "The Lost Boys of Sudan" a<br>Personal story you won't want to miss!!!                                                                           |
| February 2  | Celebrate Groundhog Day in story and song. Make Valentines for those<br>Home-bound in our congregation or yours or just a friend!                                                     |
| February 9  | Barbara Bruce, noted speaker on senior issues, will tell about<br>"Reducing Stress with Chocolate!" Bring a friend too!!                                                              |
| February 16 | Game Day or bring your favorite game or play one of ours. Cards will be<br>Available and so will hot chocolate!                                                                       |
| February 23 | A Visit to Oberammergau's "Passion Play", presented by the townspeople every 10<br>years to remember their escape from the plague, with narration and pictures by<br>Pastor Jim Dugan |

**Save the Date - February 13, 2011**

On February 13th we will celebrate another Milestone Ministry event - the anniversary of Baptisms in our congregation. This is a time for all of us to remember our baptisms and celebrate with those who have been baptized over the past year at Immanuel. Whether it has been one week or many months since the baptism, you are encouraged to return to the font. There will be a luncheon for the baptized and their family members. Additional information will follow in January.

# Serving God and God's Church

|                              | December 26, 2010                           | Next Sunday, January 2, 2010               |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                              | 9:30 AM                                     | 8:15 AM                                    | 11:00 AM                  |
| <b>Deacon/ Worship Asst.</b> | Deacon Ed Huehn                             | Deacon Dave Reville                        | Deacon Dave Reville       |
| <b>Reader</b>                | Tamie Miller                                | Linda Belmont                              | Sarah Rowland             |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>   | Deb Huehn                                   | No Communion                               | No Communion              |
| <b>Acolyte</b>               | Andrew Miller                               | Michael Cawley                             | Gary Immesoete            |
| <b>Crucifer</b>              | Patrick Miller                              | Alyssa Wicks                               | Mac Immesoete             |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | Ed & Nancy Behrens                          | Linda & Bill Saucke                        | Jay & Arline Taber        |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Ilene Roeger,<br>Don O'Mara,<br>Fran Mooney | Ed & Nancy Behrens,<br>Jeff & Bonnie Slack | Heather & Gary Immesoete, |
| <b>Nursery</b>               | Dena Fedkew                                 | Nan Nesbitt                                | Heidi Smith               |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | Carol Galskoy                               | Marj Bovenzi                               | Janice Durand             |
| <b>Counters</b>              |                                             |                                            |                           |

Members of Immanuel  
 Paul E. Shoop (Residence 6 585/216-2167)  
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 Marguerite Manning Handbell Director  
 Isobel Davies Grace @ 5 Music Coordinator  
 Ron Corey, Jr. Sexton  
 Tom Lombardo Congregational President

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.

Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns.

**Carol Galskoy is the December shepherd.**

Please contact her (265-4957) if you know of a member in need of help or support.

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