





Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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! May God's peace
in the birth of Jesus fill your lives this night
and always. Members and visitors, please
sign the worship welcome pad (red binder)
during the offering. Thank you!**

**Worship with Holy Communion
8:15 AM and 11:00 AM.**

**Sunday Church School
For all ages 9:30 AM**

The nursery is available for children in kin-
dergarten and younger following the Chil-
dren's Message.

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

Members of Immanuel	Ministers
Paul E. Shoop (Residence ó 585/216-2167)	Pastor
Dave Ekimoff Assoc. for Congregational Ministries	
John F. Beeg	Pastor Emeritus
Barb Rafferty	Administrative Associate
Russell Draeger	Director of Music
Marguerite Manning	Handbell Director
Ron Corey, Jr.	Sexton
Tom Lombardo	Congregational President

The staff of Immanuel (Pastor Paul, Dave, Russ, Marguerite, Ron and Barb) extends to you their hopes and prayers for a blessed Christmas and a joyous new year!

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

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 óTø (telephone) switches.

Join us for one worship service on Sunday,
December 25, at 9:30 AM.

There are no Sunday School classes on
December 25.

Today in the
town of David a
Savior has been
born to you....

Luke 2:11



Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Youth of Immanuel

WELCOME & GREETING

GATHERING SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283

Children wave ribbons of gold, white, and silver in a procession during the gathering song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 5:2–5a

- ² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
- ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
- ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
- ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

Angels We Have Heard on High, vs 1 & 2

ELW #289

Children ring bells each time "Gloria in excelsis Deo" is sung.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1–20

Our Christmas Eve story comes from the Gospel of Luke. Each time the reader announces "*To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord,*" the congregation responds "**Glory to God in the Highest**" and bells are joyously rung.

Gospel Reader 1: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

*To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Glory to God in the Highest!***

Gospel Reader 2: Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

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Gospel Reader 3: While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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Gospel Reader 4: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

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Gospel Reader 5: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

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Gospel Reader 6: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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Gospel Reader 7: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

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Gospel Reader 8: When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

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Gospel Reader 9: The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL

Angels We Have Heard on High, verse 3

ELW #289

(Bells are joyously rung.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – *Coming to the Manger*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Away In a Manger

ELW #277

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Silent Night, Holy Night!

ELW #281

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE