



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 influ-
ence 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
kindergarten and younger following the
Children's Message.

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Church envelopes for 2012
are available for pick up during
office hours, Monday-Friday.**

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!



CHURCH CALENDAR December 25

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
There is no Sunday School on December 25.

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 ♂T♂(telephone) switches.

The Service of Holy Communion
December 24, 2011 7:00 and 11:00 PM
The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

GATHERING

PRELUDE (7:00) *The Lord is Nigh* - arr. Rogers
Three Noels - arr. Rogers
There's a Song in the Air - arr. Callahan
Gentle Mary - arr. Kinyon
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - arr. Baker
Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chorale Preludes for Christmas Eve from the 16th-Century
- Various Composers

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

***ENTRANCE HYMN** *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* **ELW #283**

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen Glory be to God.

P: It is peaceful tonight.

C: A night of quiet hearts.

P: It is peaceful tonight.

C: A night of calm reflection.

P: It is peaceful tonight.

C: A night of tender love.

P: It is the peace of a loving Father.

C: It is the peace of a tender Spirit.

P: It is the peace of a newborn Son.

C: May God's peace dwell with us this night.

P: Tonight God's word comes alive again.

C: We celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son.

P: God's love comes to us tonight.

C: As we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, God's Son.

P: With the choirs of angels we praise God!

C: For God shows love for all in the birth of Jesus.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* **ELW #289**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS LESSON

Isaiah 9:267

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness ô
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 96 *Please read responsively by whole verse.*

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

**²Sing to the LORD and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

**³Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.**

**⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

**⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**

**⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

**⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**

**⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

**⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

**¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

**¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

**¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**¹³He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.**

HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem
Lighting of the Christ Candle.*

ELW #279

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1620

THE CHRISTMAS SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Joy to the World* ELW #267

***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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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**

THE PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Joining our voices with all in heaven and on earth praising Jesus, the Word made flesh, let us pray for the world to which Christ comes, the church whom Christ calls and all people in need whom Christ loves.

A brief silence.

Assisting Minister: Wonderful Counselor, in the fullness of time you became one of us and your wisdom from on high came down to make a home among us. On this holy night, establish and uphold our world with your justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Mighty God, when the time was fulfilled, you came down from heaven and became one with your creation by taking on our humanity. On this holy night, enable and empower your church to embrace the humanity you created in its many and varied expressions. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Everlasting Father, when all was in readiness, you became flesh and blood to heal and redeem the world. On this holy night, may the light of Christ banish the darkness of war and global strife, that the nations may rejoice in your light. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Prince of Peace, at the moment of your birth the night sky rang out with the song of angels. On this holy night, preserve the earth, sea and skies, the forests, fish and fields so peace on earth extends to every living creature. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: God of Light, illumine the lives of all who walk in the darkness of oppression, homelessness, poverty or sickness. We pray especially for . Lift the yoke of their burden and give them rest from their weariness. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Word of life, on the night of your birth you hallowed all time and all flesh. On this holy night, expand the vision of this community of faith to recognize and welcome your holy face in all people and acknowledge your sacred fingerprint on every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: God with us, in every time and place the voices of saints and angels together proclaim the good news of great joy which is for all people. Blend our voices with theirs, and at the last day assemble us all around your heavenly throne to forever sing a joyful song to you. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Come down to us, O God, and make your home with us, in us, and through us. For the sake of the one whose birth the angels sang and the shepherds proclaimed, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Congregation: Amen

MEAL

OFFERING (7:00) *On This Day Earth Shall Ring!* - arr. Cherwien
Gathering Choir and ImmanuBells
(11:00) *Still, Still, Still* - arr. Norman Luboff
Senior Choir

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

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **ELW #270**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Loving God,

C: you sent your only Son to live among us, bringing us your grace and truth. As we prepare to receive the gift of Christ's presence once again, all we have to offer is what you have given us. Receive all that we have and all that we are to your glory and for your service, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

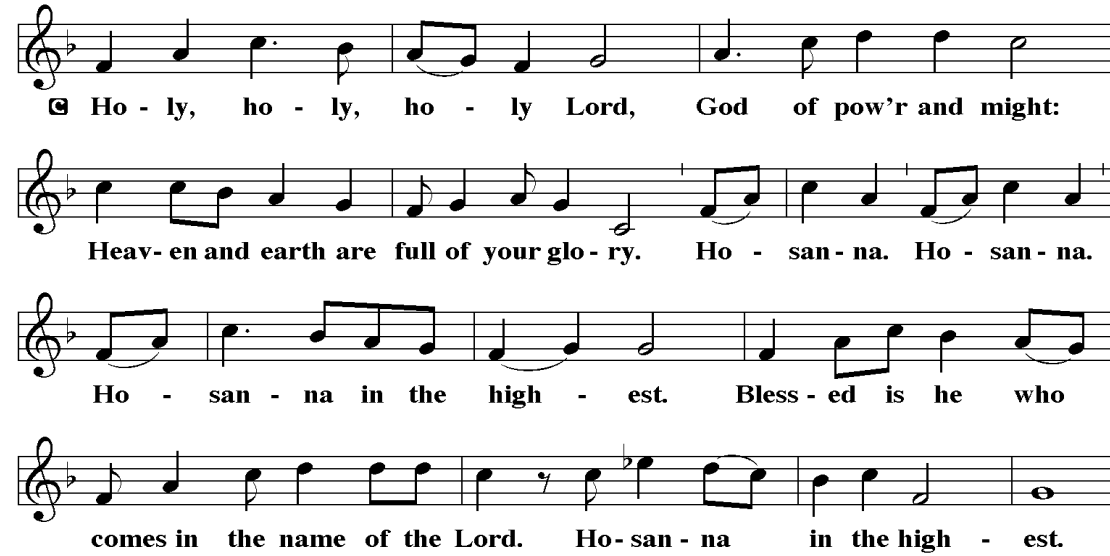
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right. . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

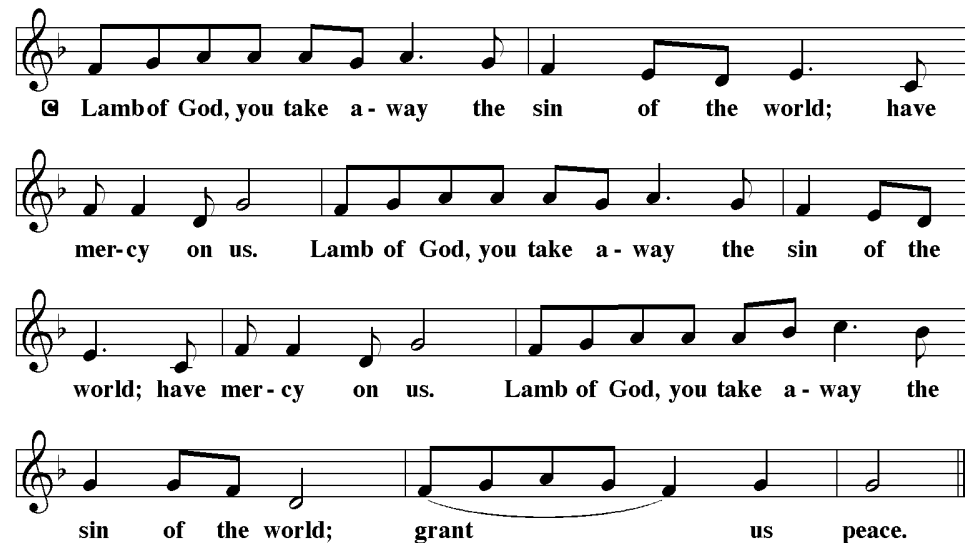
THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION Servers will commune first; ushers will then invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

The First Noel
Away in a Manger

ELW #300

ELW #277

*COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHTING

The Pastor lights a candle from the Christ Candle. The ushers receive the light and distribute it to the congregation. As the light is passed – tip unlit candles only – say, “Christ’s light be with you.” The person receiving the light responds, “And also with you.”

THE CHRISTMAS READING John 1:1-14

Read following the distribution of candlelight.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

THE HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night
Please raise candles on final verse.

ELW #281

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER *Please extinguish candles following prayer.*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace, guide your days and years in righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(7:00) *Joy to the World!* -arr. Thompson

ImmanuBells

(11:00) *In Dir ist Freude* - J.S. Bach

Serving God and God's Church

December 24, 2011		Sunday, December 25, 2011	
7:00 PM		11:00 PM	9:30
Deacon/ Worship Asst.	Deacon Dave Reville	Charlie Klauck	Leslie Schwartz
Reader	Kevin Cawley	Kelly Amey	Marguerite Manning
Communion Assistant	Deacon Ed Huehn	Sherry Klauck	Ken Schwartz
Acolyte	Jacob Kachmaryk		
Crucifer	Michael Cawley		
Greeters	Gary Cannon & Wendy Pryor		
Ushers	Bob & Nancy Sponable		Karen Holroyd, Karen Keymel
Nursery	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Altar Guild	Lyn Reville, Delores Swanson	Lyn Reville, Delores Swanson	Lyn Reville, Delores Swanson

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Paul E. Shoop (Residence 6 585/216-2167)	Pastor
Dave Ekimoff Assoc. of 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

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.

Join us for worship Sunday, December 25
9:30 AM.
There is no Sunday School.

**Marguerite Manning is the
December shepherd.**
Please contact her (265-1825)
if you know of a member in need of help
or support.