

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 21, 2025



Immanuel Lutheran Church



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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

*Faithful to God's Word -
We receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.*

Advent

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Sunday Worship

9:00 am

with

LIVESTREAM –

FB & YOUTUBE

and RADIO – 103.7 FM

Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

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John 1:14

...The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SAVE THE DATE

...Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 2pm in Immanuel's Great Room. Immanuel will be livestreaming a Lutheran Hour Rally that will be held at the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship Center in Frankenmuth. Join us that afternoon in our Great Room for a special time of worship and fellowship!

RED LETTER CHALLENGE-LENT

...It is time to order the Red Letter Challenge devotional books for Lent. This year we are offering a \$5 discount when paying in advance. The normal cost per book is \$20, but if you pay by **January 19**, your cost is only \$15. Please consider purchasing one of these inspiring devotional books to help prepare you for your journey to the cross this Lenten season. Payment can be made in the church office or to the Stewardship mailbox.

REMINDERS

...There will be no Monday evening worship on December 29.

...There will be a scripture and song service led by Pastor Kuhl and Barbara Bleck on Wednesday, December 31 at 4pm.

...The church office will be closed December 24, December 25, December 31 and January 1.

...The white sleigh will be in the Great Room through January to collect items for Mott's Children Hospital in memory of Jimmy Mammel. Thank you to all who have already donated!

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ **Cooper & Marisa (Morton) Kauffold** who were joined in marriage on Saturday, December 20.

+ Our condolences and prayers are with the family and friends of **LeRoy Schweitzer** during this time. LeRoy entered his heavenly home on December 13.

+ **SPECIAL NEEDS**

...Lorraine Morey, Kevin Weeks, John Volz, Cassie (Molina) Kerinuk, Loretta Tope, Marlene Faber, Warren Beers, Joan Walz, Gil & Joy Sprague, Nancy Pommerenke, Gary Volz, Nelda Gnagey, Chuck Dutcher, LoAnn Rieman, Ernie Sbresney III, Sue McGathy, Jim Simmet, Barb Nitz, Collin Nitz, Frank Gunsell, Ian Faist, Wayne Morris, Karen Swartzendruber, Stephen Sprague, Scott Smith, Brenda Chambers, and Rick Chambers.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

...Sunday, December 14, 2025; 9:00 – 147; Monday, 6:30 - 43

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

...every Sunday morning on WLEW 1340AM at 11:10, WMIC AM 660 at 10:05 or WSAM AM 1340 at 8:30. Today's Lutheran Hour message is "Everybody is Somebody" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God sends His people – the Church – to be His letters to the world, delivering His Word of promise. (Romans 1:7)

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...Great job to all our students on their Christmas programs this past week! We are blessed to have them share the Christmas story with all those who were able to attend!

...We have received several gift donations and wrapping supplies for our first Holly Jolly Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who donated! A big thank you to Sebewaing Mercantile and ACE Hardware for their generous donations! We truly are blessed and are grateful for your help in making this a success. The children very much enjoyed their shopping trips to the school store! We look forward to making it even better next year!

...CTK will be on Christmas break starting December 22 and we will be back in session on January 5, 2026.

...All of us at CTK wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year!



Our Lord's Business this Week

December 21 – December 28

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
2:00 PM Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY: CTK – No School
5:00 PM Finance
6:30 PM WORSHIP/Communion

TUESDAY: CTK – No School
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Christ's Messengers
7:00 PM Adoration Choir



WEDNESDAY: CTK – No School/Church Office Closed
1:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship/Communion – Group 5 ushers
6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship/Communion – Group 6 ushers

THURSDAY: CTK – No School/Church Office Closed
9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship/Communion – Group 7 ushers

FRIDAY: CTK – No School/Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion** – No Monday Evening Worship this week
10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 28)

Elders: 9:00-Ken Walz & Mike Zagata
Acolytes: 9:00-Ben Bowman & Addison Pommerenke
Greeters: 9:00-Ed & Lori Kemp
Scrip: 9:00-Lori Kemp
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 8: Brian Rievert, Bruce Jubar, Gary Wissner

Online giving with Vanco



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9:00 am

Divine Service 3

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Hymn – *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Kyrie

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The Fourth Sunday in Advent: The Love Candle

About Today's Candle

P: Today we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath. In one tradition it is called the Love Candle. The light of this candle reminds us of the love of God our Father, who sent His one and only Son to be our Savior.

C: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3.16)

Lighting the Candle – ***O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*** (verses 1 and 4)

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**This collect may be said each day during the week as the family lights their Advent wreath. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve.*

The First Reading – *Isaiah 7:10-17*

This Adventide – *Christ's Messengers*

The Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Epistle – *Romans 1:1-7*

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The Gospel – *Matthew 1:18-25*

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Offering - *Lo, How A Rose* – *Christ's Messengers*

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Agnus Dei



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Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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Benediction

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Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
ELDERS: Ken Walz & Mike Zagata
ORGANIST: Sheree Goebel
ACOLYTES: Lincoln Bloomer & Kenzie Armbruster
GREETERS: Brent & Holli Vogel
SCRIP: Anne Bell
USHERS: GROUP 4: Mike Walz, Brent Vogel, Adam Vogel, Craig Rieman, Loren Kunisch, Jeff Williamson, Isaiah Williamson, Pat Stecker, John Kemp, Jim Bratton, Greg Eremia

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Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Christmas 1 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: At just the right time the Christ comes to this world of sin and death. He alone brings salvation and hope.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Jeremiah 31.15-17; antiphon Hosea 11.1*

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called my son.
Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah,
Lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
She refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no
ore."
Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears,
For there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,
And your children shall come back to their own country."



Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called my son.

Collect

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual *Isaiah 9.6, Psalm 98.1a*

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
And the government shall be upon his shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a new song, For he has done marvelous things!

The Psalm for Christmas 1 A may be read (Psalm 111) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103	5	19	2	97	51	104
Evening	117; 139	84; 29	1302; 114	98; 96	16; 62	142; 65	118; 111

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Isaiah 34.1-2, 8-35.10 (Micah 1.1-7.2)	Revelation 6.1-17
Monday	Isaiah 40.1-17	Revelation 7.1-17
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.18-41.10	Revelation 8.1-13
Wednesday	Isaiah 42.1-25	Revelation 9.1-12
Thursday	Isaiah 43.1-24	Revelation 9.13-10.11
Friday	Isaiah 43.25-44.20	Revelation 11.1-19
Saturday	Isaiah 44.21-45.13, 20-25 (Dan 10.1-12.13, Is 48.1-22)	Revelation 12.1-17

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63.7-14

Why is Isaiah recounting the goodness and steadfast love of the Lord?

What had the people of God done to God?

Amid their rebellion of the people was God faithful to them?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

When did the Father send the Son?

Why had Jesus come?

What does Paul mean that we are no longer slaves but sons?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.13-23

What was the angel's warning to Joseph?

What was Herod's response to being tricked?

When was Joseph able to take his family back to Israel?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

Holy Baptism – First Part

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "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." (Matthew 28:19)

Holy Baptism – Second Part

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)