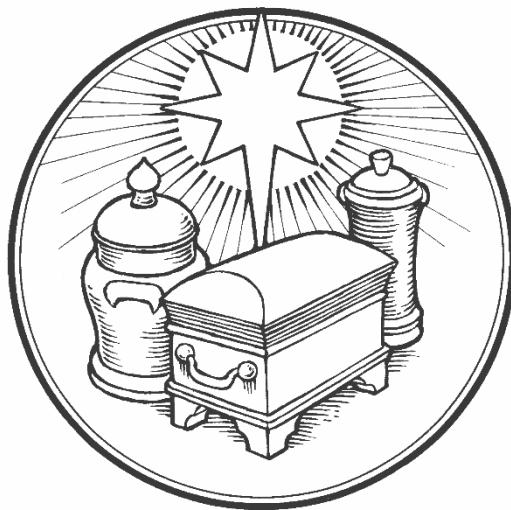


# The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 4, 2026



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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

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## Sunday Worship

9:00 am  
with

LIVESTREAM –  
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and RADIO – 103.7 FM

## Monday Worship

6:30 pm



A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

# Epiphany

January 4, 2026

## WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

...In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 Repent of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 Trust the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 Confess the faith of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

## Galatians 5:22

*...But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.*

## COOK BOOK DEADLINE EXTENDED

...The Stewardship Board has not received the response we need to publish a cookbook. As a result, we have decided to extend the deadline for recipe submissions until we receive enough recipes. Please submit recipes to the church office or Stewardship mailbox. Or if you wish, email them to the church office at [church@ilcmi.org](mailto:church@ilcmi.org). Thanks for supporting this effort!

## THANK YOU

...to everyone who shared Christmas joy with me in the form of cards, gifts, and kind words! You are all appreciated. Merry Christmas and New Year Blessings - Traci

## RED LETTER CHALLENGE-GIVING

...It is time to order the Red Letter Challenge, Giving 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 put in the Stewardship mailbox.

## 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!

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

+ The family and friends of **Judith Halstead** who entered her Heavenly home on Christmas Eve. A funeral service for Judy was held at Immanuel on Saturday, January 3, 2026.

### **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 28, 2025; 9:00 – 102

## **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 "Knowing and Being Known in a New Year" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved. (John 17:3)

## **School News**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

...We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a wonderful break! School resumes January 5.

*Wishing you many  
Blessings in 2026!*

# Our Lord's Business this Week

## January 4 – January 11

SUNDAY:	7:15 AM	Elders Meeting
	9:00 AM	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
MONDAY:	5:00 PM	Finance
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
TUESDAY:	10:30 AM	Devotions at Bay View Gardens
	6:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study at Lamplighter
	8:05 AM	Chapel
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
THURSDAY:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:00 AM	<b>WORSHIP/Communion</b>
	9:00 AM	7/8 Handbells at St. Paul
	10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Youth Board

Online giving with Vanco



### SERVING NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 11)

Elders: 9:00-Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl  
Acolytes: 9:00-Madison Reithel & Emersyn Reige  
Greeters: 9:00-Ev Adam & Mary Bauer  
Scrip: 9:00-Candice Reithel  
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 2: Mark Bauer, Dale Truemner, Tucker Truemner, Easton Konecny, Garrett Adam, Mark Adam, Cole Finkbeiner, Cody Finkbeiner, Caden Finkbeiner, Adam Maust

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 4, 2026

9:00 am

## Divine Service 3

### *Announcements*

Hymn – *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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### Divine Service 3

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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### Introit

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of  
uprightness;  
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your  
companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

**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.**

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead  
us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the  
same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading – *Isaiah 60:1-6*

### The Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## The Epistle – *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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## The Gospel – *Matthew 2:1-12*

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Hymn – *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

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The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

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*What Child Is This*

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*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

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Nunc Dimitis

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Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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## **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon  
you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the  
hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be  
turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to  
you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of  
the Lord.

## **Ephesians 3:1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ  
Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming  
that you have heard of the stewardship of God's  
grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the  
mystery was made known to me by revelation,  
as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this,  
you can perceive my insight into the mystery of  
Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons  
of men in other generations as it has now been  
revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by  
the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are  
fellow heirs, members of the same body, and  
partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through  
the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister  
according to the gift of God's grace, which was  
given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me,  
though I am the very least of all the saints, this  
grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the  
unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to  
light for everyone what is the plan of the  
mystery hidden for ages in God who created all  
things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the  
manifold wisdom of God might now be made  
known to the rulers and authorities in the  
heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the  
eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ  
Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness  
and access with confidence through our faith in  
him.

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of  
Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold,  
wise men from the east came to  
Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been  
born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when  
it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When  
Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and  
all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the  
chief priests and scribes of the people, he  
inquired of them where the Christ was to be  
born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of  
Judah, are by no means least among the rulers  
of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who  
will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men  
secretly and ascertained from them what time  
the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to  
Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for  
the child, and when you have found him, bring  
me word, that I too may come and worship  
him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on  
their way. And behold, the star that they had  
seen when it rose went before them until it  
came to rest over the place where the child  
was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced

exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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### Who Should Commune?

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**Our Congregation at Prayer  
Daily Scripture and Prayer  
To be Used in the Home  
Getting Ready for The Baptism of our Lord A  
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Theme for Sunday: Jesus is baptized to fulfill your righteousness. Through your baptism into Him you receive this gift.

*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**      *Psalm 2.7-11, 12c; ant Isaiah 42.1a*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
    My chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

    The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make nations your heritage,

    And the ends of the earth your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron

    And dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”  
Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

    Be warned O rulers of the earth.  
Serve the LORD with fear,

    And rejoice with trembling,  
For his wrath is quickly kindled.

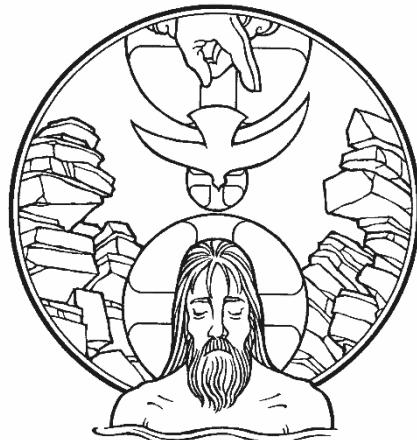
    Blessed are all who take refuge in him.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
    My chosen, in whom my soul delights.



**Collect**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaim Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Gradual**      *Psalm 117.1-2a, Psalm 96.8*

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    Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,

And the faithfulness of the LROD endures forever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

The Psalm for The Baptism of our Lord A may be read (Psalm 29) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	67	51	54	65	143	86	122
Evening	46; 93	85; 47	28; 99	125; 91	81; 116	6; 19	141; 90

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

Sunday	Isaiah 61.1-11	Luke 1.57-80
Monday	Isaiah 62.1-12	Luke 2.1-20
Tuesday	Isaiah 63.1-14	Luke 2.21-40
Wednesday	Isaiah 63.15-65.7	Luke 2.41-52
Thursday	Isaiah 65.8-25	Luke 3.1-20
Friday	Isaiah 66.1-20	Luke 3.21-38
Saturday	Ezekiel 1.1-14, 22-28 (Hab 1.1-3.19)	Romans 1.1-17

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9**

Who is the servant Isaiah is talking about?

What would this servant do?

How is this servant given as a covenant for the people?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Romans 6.1-11**

How is baptism our death?

If we have died with Christ are we really raised with Him?

How does baptism give us lifelong confidence in our salvation?

### **Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.13-17**

Why does John not want to baptize Jesus?

How does this baptism "fulfill all righteousness"?

Why is the voice of the Father important here?

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

### **Confession**

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

*Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?