

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28, 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.*

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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

Christmas

December 28, 2025

WHO SHOULD COMMUNE HERE

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Matthew 2:11

...And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

THANK YOU

...To my God believing Christians who have prayed for me through my surgery and now my recovery, many thanks! May God bless each of you. God bless Pastor Boyer for all he has done, for the hospital visits and coming to my home. Thank o God above! – Deann Bumhoffer

...Thank you so very much to Ken Walz and Ruth Walz for purchasing and making the new, beautiful Communion cover to go with the new Advent Altar paraments. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! -Ursula

...Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and gifts in this Christmas season. – Pastor & Jean Kuhl

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@ilcml.org. Thanks for supporting this effort!

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ The family and friends of **Katherine “Kitty” Ricker**, who entered her heavenly home on December 19. A funeral service for Kitty was held on December 26.

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 21, 2025; 9:00 – 175; Monday, 6:30 – 35

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 “Get Ready for the Best” with guest speaker Rev. German Novelli Oliveros. Christ will return – maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year. (Luke 12:36-37)

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

... 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 28, 2025 – January 4, 2026

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY: 5:00 PM Finance

TUESDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

WEDNESDAY: Church Office Closed
 4:00 PM Scripture and Song Service – group 9 ushers

THURSDAY: Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY: 7:15 AM Elder's Meeting
 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study



SERVING NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 4)

Elders: 9:00-Roger Bloomfield & Ryan Kuhl
Acolytes: 9:00-Samuel Hofmeister & Reed Werschky
Greeters: 9:00-Betty Guenther & Barb Gunsell
Scrip: 9:00-Sandy Irion
Ushers: 9:00-GROUP 1: Warren Reithel, Jim Reithel, Mark Reithel, Joel Gremel, Shaun Gremel, Seth Gremel, Dave Lutz, Michael Lutz, Matt Bumhoffer, Doug Elston

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

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 more.”
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.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation and 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.**

The First Reading – ***Isaiah 63:7-14***

The Gradual

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 Epistle – ***Galatians 4:4-7***

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Thanksgiving

Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***O Savior, Precious Savior***

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Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of
the Lord,
the praises of the Lord,
according to all that the Lord has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of
Israel
that he has granted them according to his
compassion,
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 affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the
days of old.
¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.
¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.
Where is he who brought them up out of the
sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,
¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
¹³who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.
¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.
So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God
sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under
the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the
law, so that we might receive adoption as
sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
"Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave,
but a son, and if a son, then an heir through
God.

Matthew 2:13-23

When [the wise men] had departed,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph
in a dream and said, "Rise, 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." ¹⁴And he rose and
took the child and his mother by night and
departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until
the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the
Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt
I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had
been tricked by the wise men, became furious,
and he sent and killed all the male children in
Bethlehem and in all that region who were two
years old or under, according to the time that
he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then
was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet
Jeremiah:

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

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of
the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in
Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his
mother and go to the land of Israel, for those
who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he
rose and took the child and his mother and
went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard
that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place
of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there,

and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

PREACHER: Rev Michael Boyer
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Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Epiphany A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: The King of the Jews is born! But not just the King of the Jews
Jesus has come to save all people!

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 45.6-8a, ant Psalm 45.17*

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.



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.

Gradual *Psalm 117.1-2a, Psalm 96.8*

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 Psalm for Epiphany A may be read (Psalm 72.1-11(12-15)) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	19	136	123	15	36	130	56
Evening	81; 113	97; 112	30; 86	48; 4	80; 27	32; 139	100; 62

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

Sunday	Isaiah 49.1-18	Matthew 1.1-17
Monday	Isaiah 49.22-26, 50.4-51.8, 12-16	Matthew 1.18-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 51.17-52.12	Matthew 2.1-12
Wednesday	Isaiah 52.13-54.10	Matthew 2.13-23
Thursday	Isaiah 55.1-13	Luke 1.1-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-59.3, 14-21	Luke 1.26-38
Saturday	Isaiah 60.1-22	Luke 1.39-56

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Why should the nations arise and shine?

What was the darkness that covered the whole earth?

Why would the nations gather together?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12

How can Paul talk about the grace of God while he is a prisoner?

What is the "mystery of Christ"?

Why would Paul preach to the Gentiles?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

What were the wise men looking for?

How were the chief priests able to know where the Christ was to be born?

What do the wise men offer Christ?

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

Holy Baptism - Third

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

Holy Baptism - Fourth

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)