

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 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

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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 of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.

1 Peter 3:8-9

...Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

OFFICIAL COOK BOOK DEADLINE

...The Stewardship Board now has enough recipes to make a cookbook!! If you would like to participate there is still room for more, recipes can be turned in until **FEBRUARY 22**.

VOTERS' MEETING

...Immanuel's next Voters' Meeting will be Monday, January 19 at 7:30pm. There will be a vote during this meeting on making changes to the constitution regarding the number of Voters' Meetings per year and moving them from Monday evenings to Sunday mornings. If you would like your opinion heard, make plans to attend the January meeting.

L.W.M.L.

...We will have a group meeting on January 27th at 1:00 PM. Mark your calendar and join us! All ladies of the church are invited. We usually have a Bible Study, business meeting, and a delicious snack. We would love to see you there!

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

...Sunday, January 25 enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, fruit, coffee, juice, and milk at the Sportsmans VFW Hall. Adults \$13, Children 5-12 \$6, under 5 eat free. Proceeds to assist Becky Fritz with medical and travel expenses.

CHURCH SAFETY CLASS

...Anyone is welcome to join the Elders and Ushers on Monday, January 26 at 7:20pm to learn more about keeping our church and members safe.

IN OUR PRAYERS

+ 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, January 11, 2026; 9:00 – 124; Monday, 6:30 – 43

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST

...is underwritten in loving honor of Barbara Neuman's 90th Birthday, January 21, by her family.

OWLS

...Tomorrow, Monday the 19th, at 10:00 am. in the great room is a planning meeting. As stated in last week's bulletin there is a vacancy for another member on the committee. Join us, with no obligation, to see how this committee carries out its responsibilities.

LAST CALL!!

...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.

175th Anniversary in 2027

...Our anniversary committee has been busy making plans for Immanuel's 175th celebration, but we still want to hear from you. What are your thoughts? What would you like to see happen? Please speak with me or any committee member (Cindy Smith, Doug Forsberg, Kelly Dufty). At this time we are planning to have a Thanksgiving service, a Youth Sunday, and an outdoor service at the Luckhard Indian Mission. Of course, food of some sort will be included with these special times. If you care to contribute financially to the celebration expenses, special envelopes are on the small table by the office. They may be returned to the office or put in the offering plate. Each of you is important to our church. Plan to join in the celebration! Barbara Bleck, Chair of 175th Committee

School News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

...CTK A Basketball (Girls only) hosted Frankentrost last week. This week they will travel to St Lorenz on Thursday.

...Lutheran Schools Week is coming up! Beginning January 25th, students will sing their praises at St. Paul, to kick off the week, and then will end it singing at Immanuel on February 1. There will be spirit days and special activities throughout the week. We are excited to celebrate our school!

...The CTK Spelling Bee is also coming up! Students are preparing in their classrooms. Top spellers will compete in the school wide bee on February 5th. Watch for more details.

...CTK will be hosting a donation rummage sale this spring. More details will be shared as they become available. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Scholarship Fund.

...CTK is hiring a preschool aide. This person would be responsible for assisting our lead teachers in our program in support of the mission and ministry of Christ the King. This position would be part time for the remainder of this school year, with possible full time for next school year. Please email a resume to Jen Yoder at principal@ctkl.org or leave a message with the school office at 989-883-3730.

...CTK is in need of individuals to sub in our school. We need passionate, caring individuals to sub in our preschool room and our classrooms. Please contact the office at 989-883-3730 for qualifications.

Our Lord's Business this Week January 18 – January 25

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM Meet with the Elders
 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion**
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study
 1:00 PM Taking down Christmas decorations

MONDAY: CTK – No School
 5:00 PM Finance
 6:30 PM WORSHIP/Communion
 7:30 PM Voters' Meeting

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TUESDAY: 6:00 PM Public School Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY: 8:05 AM Chapel
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Class
 4:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
 5:00 PM Appreciation Supper for choirs and bells

THURSDAY: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Music and Fellowship in the Great Room
 9:00 AM **WORSHIP/Communion** – K-8 sing at St. Paul
 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

SERVING NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 25)

Elders: 9:00-John Kemp & Jeff Williamson

Acolytes: 9:00-Mya & Carter Sweetman

Greeters: 9:00-Joanne Harder & Kathy Hofmeister

Scrip: 9:00-Traci Kuhl

Ushers: 9:00-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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Divine Service 1

Announcements

Hymn – *Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered*

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Divine Service 3

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,

and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

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.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The First Reading – ***Isaiah 49:1-7***

The Gradual

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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 – ***1 Corinthians 1:1-9***

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The Gospel – ***John 1:29-42a***

Hymn – ***The People That in Darkness Sat***

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



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Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***

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Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my
name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;
yet surely my right is with the Lord,
and my recompense with my God.”

⁵And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be
his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of
the earth.”

⁷Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves;
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen
you.”

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an
apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother
Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to
those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be
saints together with all those who in every place
call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that was given you
in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were
enriched in him in all speech and all
knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about
Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait
for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who
will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day
of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by
whom you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:29-42a

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming
toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of
God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This
is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man
who ranks before me, because he was before
me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this
purpose I came baptizing with water, that he
might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore
witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven
like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself
did not know him, but he who sent me to
baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you
see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he
who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” ³⁴And I have
seen and have borne witness that this is the Son
of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with
two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as
he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of

God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

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Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Epiphany 3 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: The true light has come! He calls sinners from the shadow of death to eternal life in Him.

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 22.27-31; ant Psalm 22.22

I will tell of your name to my brothers;

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

And he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him;

It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, That he has done it.

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.

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 3 A may be read (Psalm 27.1-9) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103	5	42	89.1-18	97	51	104
Evening	117; 139	84; 29	102; 133	1; 33	16; 62	142; 65	118; 111

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

Sunday	Ezekiel 37.15-28	Romans 6.1-23
Monday	Ezekiel 38.1-23	Romans 7.1-20
Tuesday	Ezekiel 39.1-10, 17-29	Romans 7.21-8.17
Wednesday	Ezekiel 40.1-4, 43.1-12(Ezek 40.5-42.20, 43.13-27)	Romans 8.18-39
Thursday	Ezekiel 44.1-16, 23-29	Romans 9.1-18
Friday	Ezekiel 47.1-14, 21-23	Romans 9.19-33
Saturday	Joel 1.1-20	Romans 10.1-21

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

Who is this one in anguish?

Who are the people who walked in darkness?

What is the light that shines on these people?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

What was one of the problems the church in Corinth had?

Why should there be no factions in the church?

How is the word of the cross folly to those who are perishing, yet the power of God to those who are being saved?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.12-25

Who are the ones dwelling in darkness?

What is this light?

What does the light do for Andrew and Peter, James and John, and many others?

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

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."