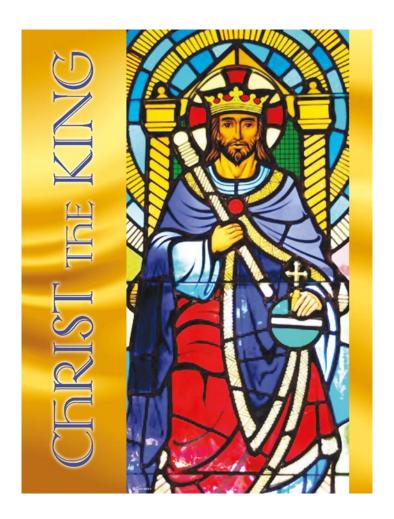
Christ the King



November 23, 2025

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church
The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor
Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

PRELUDE (Prayerful time for reflection.)

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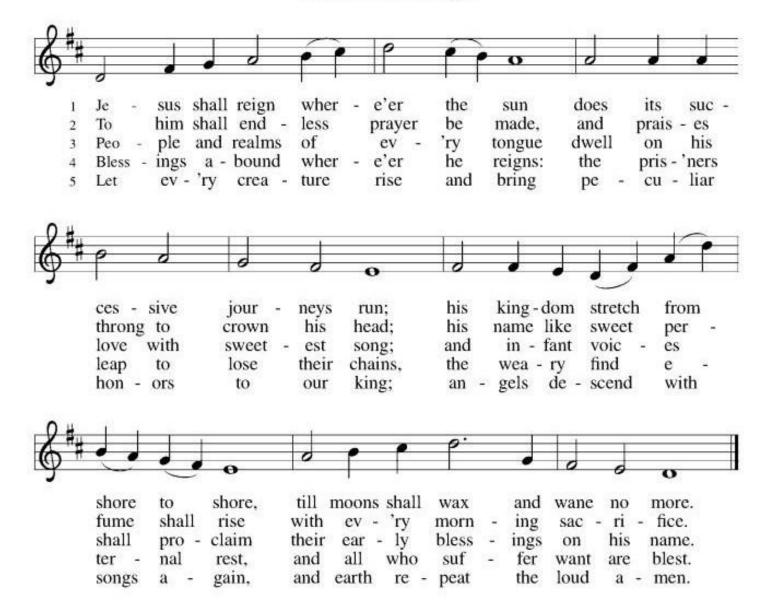
C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

GATHERING

P: Today we mark the end of the church year as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Traditionally, this is the day we recognize the rule of Jesus. We acknowledge the reign of God comes to us in unexpected ways: through life-giving love, a splash of water, and a bit of bread and wine. We acknowledge the reign of God welcomes the weak, heals the broken, and restores wholeness. Today, we acknowledge the reign of God is love for us in all seasons and times. Worship on this day is a journey through the liturgical year, the way the church marks time. Beginning with Advent and continuing through Pentecost, we will learn of the church seasons. We will hear God's Word and experience in song, readings and art the message of the church's time. In this, we honor and celebrate Christ the King, in all seasons and time.

^HYMN (verse 1)

Jesus Shall Reign



^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ADVENT

The Season of Expectation

P: Happy New Year! The season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is the beginning of the church year. But Advent is first of all about the end of time. Advent means 'coming 'or 'arrival'. We tend to view this time as exclusively devoted to getting ready for the celebration of Jesus 'birth. However, the primary focus of Advent is on Christ's second coming. The beginning of the year moves us to the end of time as we await God's coming again and the fulfillment of God's plan of justice and peace for all creation. As we journey through this time, our focus is on hope. The color of Advent, symbolizing hope, is blue.

ADVENT READING

Mark 1:1-8

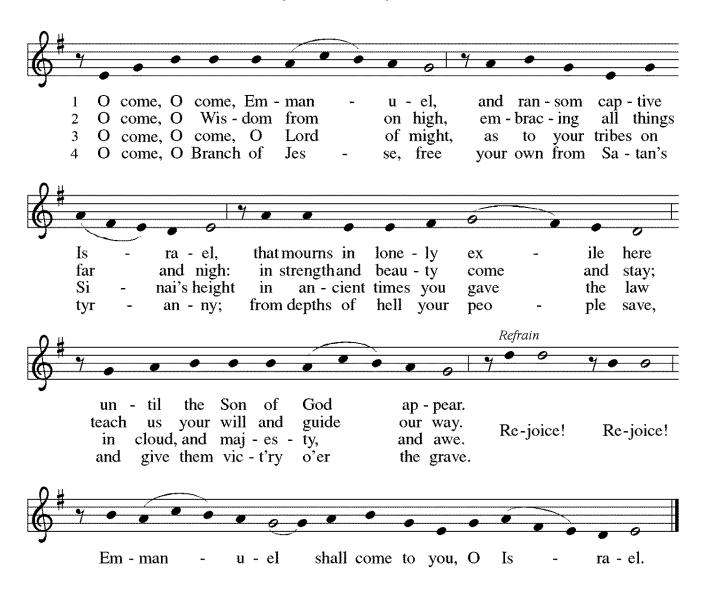
¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight' ", ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong

of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

HYMN (verse 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



CHRISTMAS The Season of Emmanuel

P: Welcome Jesus! Welcome Emmanuel, God with us. The season of Christmas begins with the celebration of the birth of Jesus and continues for twelve days, ending on January 6. This is the season of gift giving as we

share with friends and family. We also give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Most importantly, Christmas is the season of God's gift, given to us in Jesus. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the presence of God in Christ coming into the world. The color of Christmas, symbolizing the light and purity of Jesus, is white.

CHRISTMAS READING

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. '13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! '15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us. '16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned,

glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

^HYMN (verses 1 &4)

Joy to the World



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

EPIPHANY

The Season of Light for the World

P: January 6 is Epiphany Day when we celebrate the coming of the Wisemen to see Jesus. The season of Epiphany also includes the celebration of Jesus 'baptism and the beginning of his public ministry. During Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus in every time and place throughout our world. The color for Epiphany Day is white, symbolizing the light of Jesus. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the growing mission of Jesus and the color is green.

EPIPHANY READING

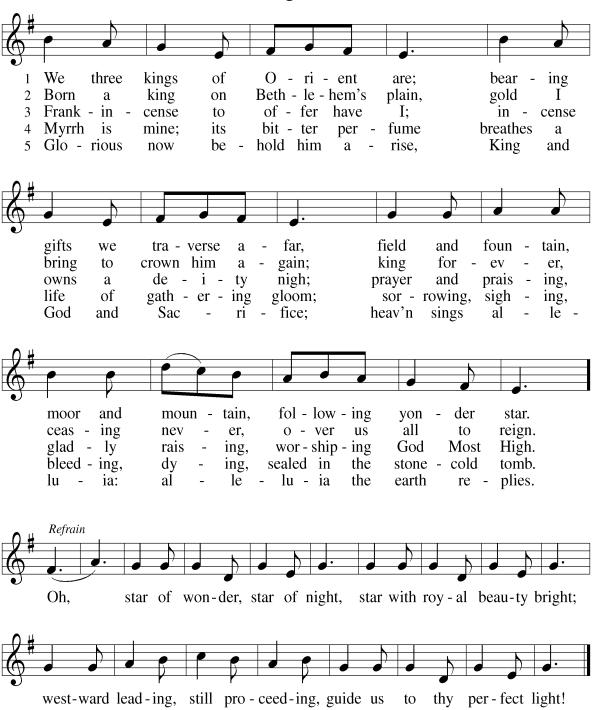
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

^HYMN (verses 1&5)

We Three Kings of Orient Are



Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

LENT

The Season of Turning to God

P: Lent marks the 40 days before Easter. This time symbolizes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent is a time of preparation and thoughtful reflection on our life of faith and our relationship with God and the world. Historically, Lenten disciplines or faith practices have included alms giving (sharing financial resources), prayer, and fasting. As we journey through this time, our focus is on returning to God. The color of Lent, symbolizing repentance, is purple.

LENT READING

Psalm 51:10-17

Do not cast me away from your presence, O Lord. (Ps. 51: 11a)

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

¹⁵O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

EASTER The Season of Life

P: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia! The greeting rings out on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the high point of the Christian year, with the celebration lasting for an amazing fifty days. One day is not enough, we rejoice at God's triumph over death and evil for a time longer than our somber period of Lent. For the entire season the Paschal Candle is lit, and stands near the altar as a symbol of the resurrection. As we journey through this time, our focus is on the risen Christ. The colors of Easter, symbolizing joy and the light of resurrection, are white and gold.

EASTER READING

Luke 24:11-12

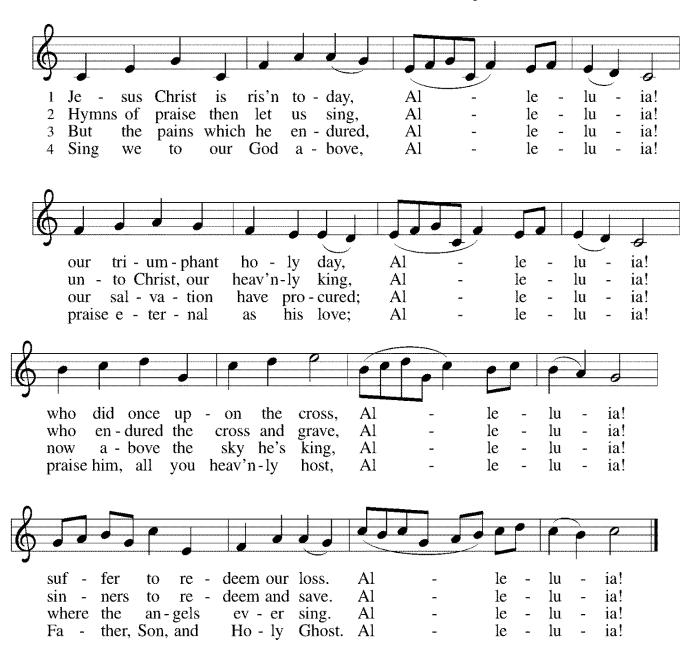
¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ¹ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁶ Then they remembered his words, ⁰ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹

¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Word of God, word of life: Thanks be to God

HYMN (verses 1 & 3)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



+HOLY COMMUNION+

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

^LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in the words of our Risen Savior,

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God! Christ is the host at this table, and all are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (By Intinction)

All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

PENTECOST The Season of Growing

P: The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, a day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. It is a grand culmination of a joyous celebration. The color of Day of Pentecost, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, is red. The season of Pentecost continues through the rest of the church year, returning us to Advent. This is sometimes called 'the long green season'. It is also named 'ordinary time' because there are no major events in the life of the church that are celebrated. As we journey through this time, our focus is on Jesus 'life and teachings. The color of Pentecost, symbolizing growth in faith, is green.

CHRIST THE KING In all Seasons and Time

P: Our church year ends with our celebration of Christ the King, in all seasons and time. As God's people, we rejoice in the gift of love and the promise of life offered by God for us. Now, we go from this place knowing next week we return in joyful expectation, to begin a new year. Thanks be to God, in all seasons and time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

^HYMN

GLORIOUS DAY BY MARK HALL and MICHAEL BLEAKER

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,

One day when sin was as black as could be,

Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,

Dwelt among men, my example is He.

The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

CHORUS:

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified, freely forever. One day He's coming

Oh, Glorious Day! Oh, Glorious Day!

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,

Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

The hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me.

REPEAT CHORUS

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.

One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose; Over death he had conquered.

Now He's ascending, my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him. The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

REPEAT CHORUS

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.

One day the skies with His glory will shine.

Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing.

My Savior, Jesus, is mine.

CHORUS:

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified, freely forever. One day He's coming Oh, Glorious Day! Oh, Glorious Day! Oh, Glorious Day!

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Reconciling Works
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

As a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we

are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

Welcome Visitors! We are very glad you are with us today! It is a

Welcome | to our Church

privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. We would appreciate having a record of your communion with us today. Please sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you have

any questions please ask any of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out www.immanuelnorwood.org or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**

Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.

We have three easy and virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a *QR code* which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!





We have a monthly **Healing Service** <u>September</u> through May. The service is the third Saturday of each month and is a laying on of hands healing service. Service is from 1pm-2pm. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people wish to stay and pray

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY Education Hour 10:00 AM
THURSDAY Thanksgiving Office Closed

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY Manger Scene Set-up 9:00 AM

| | Lector | Worship | Acolyte | Greeters |
|--------|--------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | | Assistant | | |
| Nov 23 | | M. Horne-Onimus | | J. Crane |
| Nov 30 | | K. McClellan | | B. Funk |



October Income - \$9035 October Expenses \$9644

Chance to help! On Saturday, November 29th, the church Christmas tree and Nativity scene will be put up. Gathering begins with snacks at 8:30AM and the work begins at 9AM. For further information or questions, please contact

Karl McClellan at 610 761 4804. Thank you to everyone that can lend a hand!

Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. Our church receives 5% of the value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church! See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.



Fall is harvest time, a traditional time to share the generous gifts that God has given us. At Immanuel we have several opportunities to share. Our Little Free Pantry has active use. Let's be sure we don't run short of supplies. Please try to bring some nonperishable food products with you when you come to church; or use the link below to order directly from our approved items on our Amazon.com list. The Little Free

Pantry shows Norwood that we care about our neighbors! Thanks.

Please consider using the below link to help supply our little pantry this holiday season.:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/1P5SBOQ5TNWF4



Our Christmas Cantata this year will be on Sunday, December 21st at the 11:00 AM service. Practice begins at 9:15AM every Sunday, up to and including December 21st.

Heating Oil Season is Here!

Our mascot for our Heating Oil campaign, **Scout** is asking that our members do their best to contribute monthly a little extra using **the OIL envelopes you'll find at the BRIGHT YELLOW Heating Oil campaign poster** board located in the Hospitality area.





Christmas Poinsettias! It's time to order again! Please see Jean Crane to order a poinsettia plant through Sunday,

December 7th. The cost per plant is \$8.00.

RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT GIFT CARDS ~ Immanuel is selling gift cards



for just about every store you may want. RaiseRight Immanuel will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the

hospitality area. Fill out form, make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office. The last date that orders will be sent in for purchase will be Dec 7. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. Don't see a store you need, you can go online at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.

Blue Christmas -The Blue Christmas, a Service of Hope for the Holidays, pays attention to the special needs of people who are "blue", sad or in pain at this holiday time. Local churches in the Ministerium are



combining efforts to hold this service at **December 21st**, 2025, at 7:00 pm location to TDB. This service blends elements of Christmas worship and the hope that Jesus can give to people who are in pain. This service is open to any individual or family that might find it helpful during the challenging holiday season.

Important Dates – Please join us!

Dec. 21nd 11:00 AM Service Cantata Dec. 24th Candlelight Service 6:00 PM Service Dec. 28th Lessons & Carols 11:00 AM Service

