

God Almighty, You revealed Your Son in the River Jordan through the wondrous act of Baptism and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. In this act you placed Your righteousness into Baptism, bringing to us eternal hope. May the blessing of Baptism daily renew our hearts.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of our Lord
February 1, 2025 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” 374

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.	C: <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus came asking to be Baptized.	C: <i>He came to John at the Jordan River.</i>
P: Jesus came to accomplish a purpose.	C: <i>He came to fulfill all righteousness.</i>
P: The heavens opened.	C: <i>The Spirit of God descended,</i>
P: The Spirit rested upon our Lord;	C: <i>The Father’s voice from heaven proclaimed,</i>
P: This is My beloved Son	C: <i>In Whom I am well pleased.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: Psalm 84

P: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! C: *My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

P: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near Your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God. C: *Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You.*

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. C: *As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.*

P: They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. C: *Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.*

P: Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on Your anointed one. C: *Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

P: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless. C: *Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in You.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: *"I Leave All Things to God's Direction"* 719

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: 1 Samuel 1: 21-28 /// **Epistle Lesson:** Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 22-32 /// **Hymn:** *"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"* 834

Children's Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Meny, Trey, Alicia, Easton and Shiloh; Meyerholtz, Bob; and Miles, John and Julie.

Lord's Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution** /// **Hymn:** *"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"* 903

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship w/HC at 8 am, SS:9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Un-Birthday Party 11:15 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation at 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
Next SUNDAY: Worship at 8 am, SS:9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Saturday Jan 25: 57 LS: 48; Sunday Jan 26: 8am: 62; 10:15 am 64

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Militello, KaSandra and Noah; Mills, Scott, Jennie, Breyton, Jersey, Beckett, Jaize, Bannon, Jovie, and Baina; and Miller, Bob and Cheryl.

THANK YOU: *Mark and I are so grateful for the prayers, encouragement and love shown by our church family and Pastor Horstmeyer during my recent knee replacement surgery. The food, cards, calls and visits confirm just how blessed we are to have such a caring extended family. May God continue to bless us all as we seek to do His will in all things! Blessings! Darlene Moog*

Thank you for all your prayers and cards. I'm feeling stronger each day. Judy Wittman



Join us Sunday, February 2, 2025, as we celebrate everyone's birthday during our annual un-birthday celebration.

The Fellowship Committee will supply lunch.

Our menu will be: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Corn, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Rolls

There will be tons of fun and prizes.

We look forward to seeing everyone for fabulous food, fun and fellowship

ORGANIST NEEDED: Immanuel is looking for an experienced organist, preferably familiar with Lutheran liturgy and order of service, to play for our 8:00 a.m. worship service. This is a paid position. I ask members of the Immanuel congregation to forward any organist prospects you may know of to Jim Bratten at 812-457-4173 or jim.bratten@gmail.com

Matt Wilson is leaving us after many years of wonderful service. If any of you wish to thank Matt, cards or notes can be left in my mailbox at church and I will forward them to Matt.

May our Father in Heaven bless our search. Thank you for your assistance, Jim Bratten

ST. JOHN'S LADIES RETREAT: Bev Racine is going to St. John's Ladies Retreat, Evanston, IN, on Saturday, February 22. Registration is at 8:30 am so we need to leave from church at 7:30 am. My husband, Jerry, was baptized at St John's and my grandmother grew up there. So I have a lot of connection at St. John's. We need to RSVP a week before. Praying a bunch of you will attend. Call Bev at 812-867-2306 if you are going.

LWML Indiana District Convention: Another BIG EVENT is happening at the 4-H Center, June 26-28, 2026, our District Convention. We will need A LOT OF HELP, men and women, with the work leading up to the event. Carol Grimm from St. Paul's is the District Vice President. She will be coming to Immanuel in the near future to talk to all of us.

Praise God with Song!!!

The choir will be starting practices for Lent and Easter on Wednesday February 12th at 6pm. We are always looking for new members who like to sing, high school age on up. It's a lot of fun and great fellowship. If you are interested, please come and see if it is something you'd like to do. Questions? You can call or text Cheryl Bratten 812-604-9076.

A Reminder, you may be on camera:

The Saturday night service is livestreamed on Facebook and the Sunday 8am service is livestreamed to YouTube and on the church website. The 10:15 service is not recorded.