

*Glorious Father, You sent Your own Son into the world to bring to the World Your salvation. You gave Him the name Jesus, which means Savior, in order to bring the message to us all that He was Your chosen Savior for all mankind. May we always believe and hold fast to this truth.*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** First Saturday after Christmas  
Church Phone: 812- 867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854  
December 28, 2024 --- 5:30 pm

**Opening Prayer** /// **Opening Hymn:** "A Great and Mighty Wonder" 383

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

P: O Lord, open my lips. **C:** *And my mouth will declare Your praise.*

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **C:** *Make haste to help me, O Lord.*

P: God asked that each first-born male **C:** *Be brought before Him for purification.*

P: The Law required sacrifice **C:** *Two turtle-doves or two young pigeons.*

P: Simeon was given a promise by the Holy Spirit **C:** *He would not die until he would look upon the face of Christ.*

P: Simeon saw the Lord and could now "depart in peace" **C:** *For he had seen the face of Christ.*

P: A light of revelation to the Gentiles **C:** *And the Glory of Your people Israel.*

P: This is the day the Lord has made **C:** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it*

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 111*

P: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. **C:** *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

P: Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. **C:** *He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

P: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. **C:** *He has shown His people the power of His works, giving them the lands of other nations.*

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. **C:** *They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.*

P: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—holy and awesome is His name. **C:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.*

**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:** 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 the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn:** "The God of Abraham Praise" 798

**O.T. Lesson:** *Exodus 13: 1-3a, 11-15* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Colossians 3: 12-17*

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 2: 22-40* /// **Hymn:** “*Angels From the Realms of Glory*” 367

**Children’s Sermon** /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of Hymnal)*

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Letterman, Bob and Kim, Riley and Max; Letterman Robert and Elizabeth; and Lousignont, Mike, Laura, Malia, Evan, and Elise.

**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**

**Closing Hymn:** “*O Sing of Christ*” 362

**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 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am  
**TUESDAY:** *New Year's Eve Worship w/HC 7 pm*  
**WEDNESDAY:** **NEW YEAR'S DAY** Office closed  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Installation of Officers, Officer's Luncheon

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Advent 4: 54; Sat, Dec 21: 53 LS: 46; Sun, Dec 22: 8 am: 57; 10:15 am: 55; Christmas Eve 6 pm: 176 LS: 124; Candlelight: 67 LS: 48; Christmas Morning: 50 LS 40

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next week we will be praying for the families of Mans, Bryan and Yvonne; Mans, David, Midori and Johnothan; and Martin, Daniel, Harley, Charlee and Laine.

