Immanuel Lutheran Church Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I The Epiphany of Our Lord January 5, 2025 10:00am

3000 West Main Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

PRELUDE

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church!

* The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.

*ENTRANCE HYMN



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*INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen

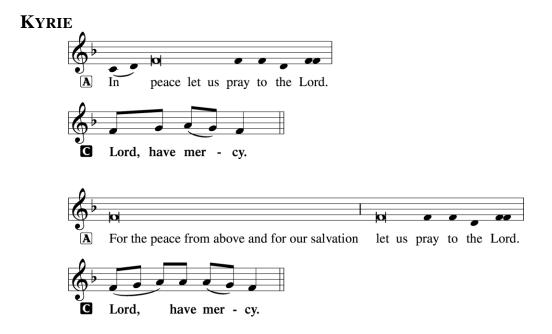
- *Pastor:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

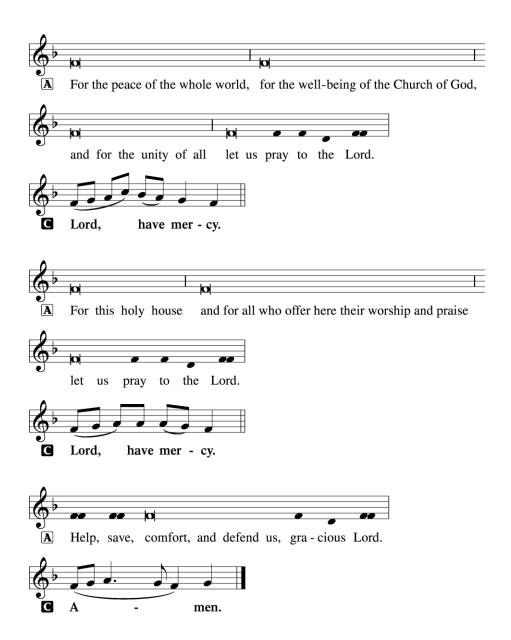
*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- *Pastor:* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Cong: 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, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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.
- Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Cong: Amen.

INTROIT

- Pastor: 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 up-rightness; 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.
- Cong: 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.
- *Pastor:* I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore, nations will praise you forever and | ever.





GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



SERVICE OF THE WORD

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your onlybegotten 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.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6 (ESV)

Lector: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

> Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. (con't)

	They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
Lector:	This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong:	Thanks be to God.
PSALM	PSALM 72:1-5 (ESV)
Lector:	Give the king your justice, O God,
Cong:	and your righteousness to the royal son!
Lector: Cong:	May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice!
Lector: Cong:	Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
Lector: Cong:	May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
Lector:	May they fear you while the sun endures,
Cong:	and as long as the moon, throughout all generations
Lector: Cong:	May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
Lector:	In his days may the righteous flourish,
Cong:	and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
Lector:	May he have dominion from sea to sea,
Cong:	and from the River to the ends of the earth!
Lector:	May desert tribes bow down before him
Cong:	and his enemies lick the dust!
Lector:	May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
Cong:	may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

Lector: Cong:	May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
Lector: Cong:	For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
Lector: Cong:	He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
Lector: Cong:	From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.
Lector: Cong:	Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!
Cong:	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.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:1-12 (ESV)

Lector: For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.





HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.""

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

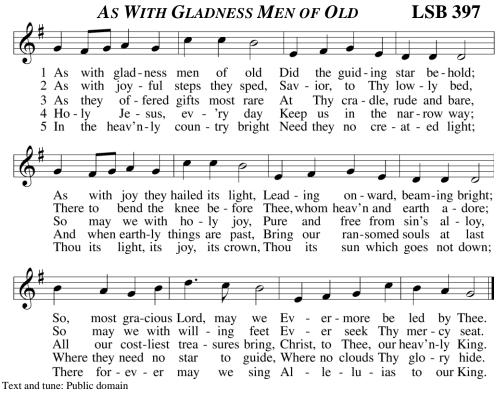


SERMON

REV. DR. PHILIP QUARDOKUS

- *Pastor:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Cong: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY



***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy God, eternal Light, the darkness of sin covers the earth and its peoples. Let the light of the Gospel lead us to Him who was born King of the Jews. Give us humble and grateful hearts that bow down and worship Him and willingly offer the most precious gifts we have to give. Lord, in Your mercy,

- Cong: hear our prayer.
- Lector: From distant lands and far off places, You gather a people to bear Your name and live in the light of Your Word. Bless the Church, that she may be united in doctrine, live in harmony and peace, and labor to bring the light of Christ to those still dwelling in darkness and death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.
- Lector: You have established Your Church and drawn into her people from every race, tribe and nation. Bless those entrusted with the leadership of the Church. Give to pastors and missionaries the boldness of Your Spirit, that they may proclaim the saving truth of Your Word without fear. Bless those who hear, that they may be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.
- Lector: Holy God, eternal Light, the psalmist begged that You would endow the king with Your justice. Grant the same gift to the leaders of our nation and every nation. Fill them with wisdom, compassion and care, so that, unlike Herod, they would seek to uphold life and watch over the welfare of the governed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Give to all people the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, relief in suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart. We pray especially for *those on our prayer list* and those we name in our hearts (*pause*). Sustain the weary with Your Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: You have made us Your chosen people, members of Christ's Body, co-heirs with Him of all the riches of Your grace, including the privilege of this holy table. Bless our communion in Christ and bring peace and unity, that we may see the day when no divisions prevent us from kneeling in Your presence and receiving this blessed Sacrament for the life and salvation of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

- *Pastor:* May Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word, that we would embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Cong: Amen.

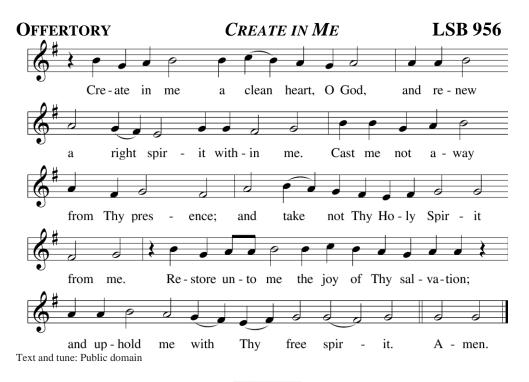
*PEACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

OFFERING





We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

***PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

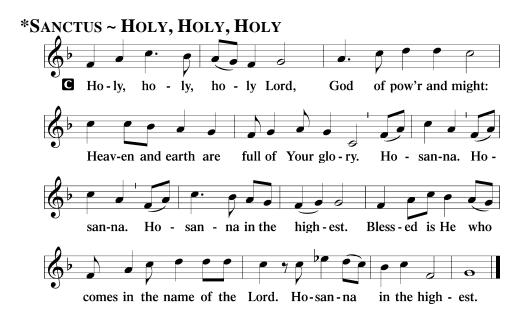
Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them to the Lord.

- *Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God
- **Cong:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

***PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

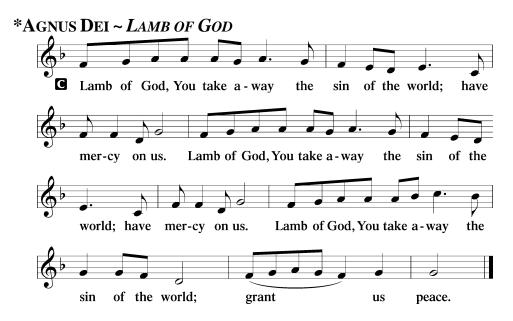
- *Pastor:* As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Cong: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- *Pastor:* O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*LORD'S PRAYER

Cong: 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.

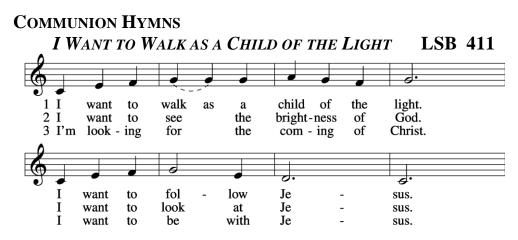
*PAX DOMINI

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.Cong:Amen.



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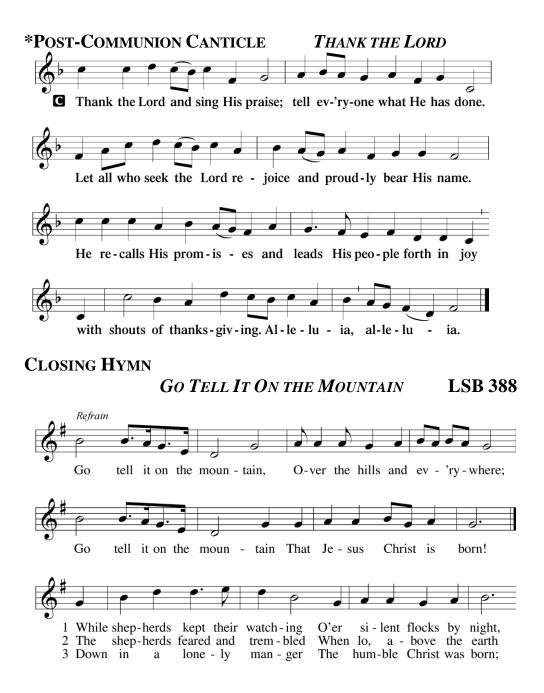
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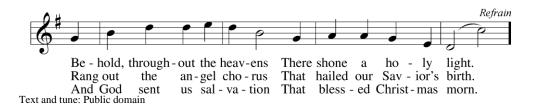




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***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

- Cong: Thanks be to God.
- Pastor:The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.Cong:Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and all people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

NOTE RE: "JOY" BIBLE STUDY LED BY AMBER TOWNSEND

The name of the book is **Joy** - **A Study of Philippians** by Deb Burma published by CPH. It is available through CPH or less expensive through Amazon or some of the other Christian bookstores. For those of you who are hesitant about putting your credit card information online, Amber would be happy to have one sent to your home if you give her a call or text her at (269) 599-6268.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED: Patti Wills asks prayers for her sister-in-law, **Susan**, whose been having heart problems.

<u>GRIEF</u>: Christa Perri's mother, **Carol Helen Quandt**, (age 92) passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

THANKSGIVING:

<u>HOMEBOUND</u>: Marian Brugh, Marlys Olson, Ellen Plano, Jan Wilson, John Curtiss, Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst, and Beth Mitchell.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

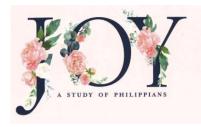
LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum, requested by Chuck and	Susan & Gregory Fritz, Stephanie Beck's parents			
Amber Townsend				
Amy Stillwell, sister of Dave Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey, friend of Dotty Smith			
Bob Perri, brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack, requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck			
John Blasko, requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell, sister of Shelly Reynolds			
Kyle Reinbold Family, requested by Kyle's	James Leo Brown, requested by Shelly and Dave			
sister, Sonya DeVary	Reynolds			
Karen McDougall, requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo, friend of Susan Steuer			
Katie VerKow, former member of	Sue Steuer's sister-in-law Christine's mother			
Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Elaine, and her daughter-in-law Molly			
Vicki Dilley, requested by Christa & Phil	Suzie Brink, Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill			
Perri	Brink, her brother			
Joanne Cleason, Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa, friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura			
Marie Winberg, godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer, 4 y.o., requested by her father			
Lisa and David Wentzel, Sue Steuer's	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie, friends of Dotty			
cousins	Smith			
Ware Washam, requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale, requested by Stephen Presdorf			
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman			
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht, John Hecht's mother			
Loren Gerber, Sue Anderson's father	Beth and Bob Mitchell			
Alice Schley, Jane Schley's granddaughter	Charlie Miller, Marian Brugh's brother			
Toni—Jane Schley's cousin	Jason, son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson			
Sharon S., requested by Dotty Smith	Karen Petersen, daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet			
Ruth Krueger	Jason Nichols, requested by Justin Beck			
Deb, friend of Sue Steuer	Marilyn Borgeson, Annie Hecht's grandmother			
Sophie Rose Verile, Brindley's grandniece	Lynne Partridge, friend of Christa Perri			
Linda & Scott Spurlock, req. by Esther C.	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by			
	Jonathan Fritz			
Kim N., Kim M., Emilie H., & Sydney B., all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint, Kim's cousin's baby				
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country				
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Cathy Mollet, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer,				
Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst & John Miller				

	CHURCH CALENDAR						
JANUARY'S MISSION: KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES							
SUNDAY	Mon	TUES	WED	THURS	Fri	SAT	
5 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION SERVICE (QUARDOKUS) 11:30AM ADULT CLASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	6	7 10:00am Bible Study @ ILC RE: Book of Genesis 5:30pm Mary/Martha 7:00pm Baumgart Bible Study @ Immanuel	8	9 11am-12:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 10-11AM "JOY" BIBLE STUDY	
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Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule							
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour	
Sunday 1/5/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Adelaide Jefferies	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Shelly Reynolds	
Sunday 1/12/2025	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Jane Schley	John Wagner	Ninah Miller	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Sue & John Wagner	
Sunday 1/19/2025	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & John Wagner	AnnMarie & Philip Miller	
Sunday 1/26/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Vivian Westphal	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Helen & Phil Roekle (coffee) Jane Schley (snacks)	
Sunday 2/2/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Adelaide Jefferies	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Jane Schley (coffee) & Melanie Baumgart (snacks)	
Sunday 2/9/2025	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Sue & John Wagner	
Sunday 2/16/2025	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Vivian Westphal	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Amber & Chuck Townsend	





<u>Starting Saturday, January 11, 2024</u> (The 2nd Saturday of the Month) In the church kitchen 10am – 11am

Philippians is known as the book of "joy"! Join the women of the congregation for a study on this Book of the Bible. A Study Book will be required.

> Coffee, tea, and muffins will be provided. Bring a friend!

Questions? Call Amber Townsend at 269-599-6268

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX SO WE KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING !!



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

- 1. Be Baptized Christians.
- 2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
- 3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew* 26:26-28)
- 3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Noncommuning children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

Serving at Immanuel Lutheran Church Today

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