

## Mission Statement

"We are called to Love, Serve, and Share God's Word."

## Vision Statement

- Be a loving presence to those in our lives by opening our hearts to all.
- To serve others by being an example of Christ in all we do
- To share the Word of God through worship, education, community service, and intentional living.

### This Week at Immanuel

Today (24) 6:30pm Christmas Eve Prelude  
7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday (25) CHRISTMAS DAY  
Pastor Chris on Vacation thru January 3rd

Saturday (27) 10:00am Zumba

### **Upcoming Events**

December 31 - NEW YEARS EVE

January 1 - NEW YEARS DAY

January 4 - Degreening of Church

January 6 - Epiphany Service at Hope Lutheran

January 11 - Confirmation Resumes

January 12 - Bible and Brew

January 12 - Pastor on Army Duty thru 17th

January 13 - Coffee for Vets

January 16 - 54th Anniversary of New Church Dedication

January 17 - Dinner Nite Out

January 18 - Adult Study Group Resumes

January 19 - Church Council

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### **Serving Today**

Reader: Jennifer Vance Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath  
Counters: Sharon Aksamit & Laura Compton  
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

### **Serving December 28, 2025**

Reader: Donna Preisler Communion Assistant: Mike Acosta  
Counters: Joyce Davis & Mike Aksamit  
Greeters: Jim & Marie Combs

**PRAYER PARTNER LETTERS:** *Please sign the Letter on the Welcome Table* this morning before you leave. Today we are praying for Trinity Lutheran Church in Millersburg, Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

**On-going health concerns:** Pam, Mark, Margaret, Leslie, Jeff, Mike, Lisa, Meghan, Maria, Pat, Lynda, Arleen, Ricky, Jacob, Katie, Tyler, Elsie, Jeff, Julia, Cheryl, Nicole, Sara, Jim, Marie, Jeremy, Bill, Sandy, Linda, Keith, Dawn, Dan, Doug, Tammy, Dottie, and Ken.

### **Coffee for Veterans**

Will be held at Immanuel on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**. This is for all Veterans who have served or those who are still serving. A time to gather, spend time together, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts / rolls. Please come and see what it is all about and share this with others. If you have any questions, please call Jessie (269)650-0026 or the church office at (269)673-3335. Thank you.

### **Our Financial Stewardship**

\$3,349.50 (includes online giving)  
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,835.50  
SMART offering goal: \$2,360.36  
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$145.33  
Attendance Last Week: 50 Bible Study: 9

### **2025 Church Council**

Sandie Horwath, President  
Rick Bierlein, Vice President  
Linda Scott Recording Secretary  
Trevor Horwath, Treasurer/Stewardship  
Shelley Busfield, Worship/Music  
Laura Compton, Education  
Brad VanMelle, Property  
Sharon Aksamit, Mission/Outreach

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



## **Christmas Eve December 24, 2025**

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**Pastor Chris Laughlin**

## Immanuel Welcomes You!

We welcome all visitors who worship with us today. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome Table outside of the sanctuary.

### CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE

Pastor Chris - Lost in the Night

Congregation Singing: Christmas Medley

Denny Gorr - Poem—Christmas Memories

Lilly Horwath - Go Tell It on the Mountain

Praise Band - Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Marie Combs - Poem—True Meaning of Christmas

Emma Horwath - Silent Night

Craig Melland - O Holy Night

Children's Choir - The Little Drummer Boy

Adult Choir - Christmas Grace

Pastor Chris - Love has Come

A big **THANK YOU** to all of those who added  
To our joyous Christmas celebration tonight!  
We appreciate you sharing your gifts and talents  
With us and spreading the joy of the season!

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

We believe that Holy Communion is Christ's own body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, as Christ himself promised. We also believe that this is Christ's table, not ours, so we welcome all as Christ welcomed all. Communion comes in two elements, or forms – (1) bread and (2) wine or grape juice. The bread we serve is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free in hopes that our entire community will be able to share the same bread. The wine is in the clear cups or grape juice is in the purple cups; please indicate to the assisting minister which you would like. If you can only receive the sacrament in one element (bread or wine / grape juice), please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in that one element.

### Prelude:

### Gathering

#### \*Entrance Hymn:

“Joy to the World”

Advent Wreath Prayer

Carter Vance

Advent Wreath Lighting

Hudson Vance

#### \*Hymn of Praise:

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Apostolic Greeting

\*Call to Worship

\*Prayer of the Day

### Word

Noisy Offering

Children's Message

Pastor Chris

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm

Psalm 96

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Praise Band: “Mary Did You Know?”

\*Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

\*Hymn of the Day

“What Child is This?”

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

#### \*Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition ends with*

*“Lord in Your Mercy”*

*And the congregation responds with*

*“receive our prayer”*

Worship Assistant

#### \*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory “Away in a Manger”

\*Doxology “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

\*Offertory Prayer

Worship Assistant

### Meal

\*The Great Thanksgiving

\*The Proper Preface

\*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

\*The Verba (Words of Institution)

\*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

The Distribution

Communion Song:

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

\*Communion Blessing

\*Post Communion Canticle

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

\*Prayer after Holy Communion

Worship Assistant

### Lighting of the Candles

John 1:1-18

“Silent Night”

### Sending

\*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

\*Dismissal:

Glory to God in the Highest

Peace to God's People on Earth!

Go in peace. Share the Gift of Jesus

Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: “We Wish You a Merry Christmas