

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 Worship Assistant
- Each petition ends with “Lord in Your Mercy”
- And the congregation responds with “receive our prayer”

- *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