

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 (30) 9:00am Fellowship Hour
9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:00am Worship Service
11:30am Adult Study Group

Tuesday (02) 9:00am Quilting Group

Wednesday (03) 10:00am Bible Study
4:00pm Praise Team Practice
6:00pm Zumba

Saturday (06) 10:00am Zumba
4:00pm Hanging of Greens
5:30pm Light Meal
6:00pm Special Guest

Upcoming Events

December 8 - Pastor Chris Army Duty thru 13th

December 8 - Bible and Brew

December 9 - Coffee for Vets

December 14 - Annual Congregation Meeting

December 15 - Church Council @ Horwath Home

December 20 - Dinner Nite Out ??

December 22 - Book Group

Serving Today
Reader: Michele Radke Communion Assistant: Mike Acosta
Counters: Laura Compton & Mike Aksamit
Greeters: Jim and Marie Combs

Serving December 7, 2025
Reader: Karen Acosta Communion Assistant: Jim Horwath
Counters: Laura Compton & Joyce Davis
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 Manton Michigan.

Please remember these people in your prayers for:

On-going health concerns: Leslie, Gail, Jeff, Mike, Lisa, Meghan, Maria, Pat, Bill, Lynda, Arleen, Ricky, Jacob, Katie, Tyler, Elsie, Jeff, Julia, Cheryl, Nicole, Sara, Sandy, Keith, Dawn, Dan, Doug, Tammy, Dottie, Ken, Marie, and the family and friends of Jim MacRunnels.

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
\$2,823.50 (includes online giving)
Our weekly offering goal: \$1,835.50
SMART offering goal: \$2,360.36
Noisy Offering (Previous Month) \$149.77
Attendance Last Week: 60 Bible Study: 7

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

If you would like to donate to Immanuel, but do not have cash or check, we offer an electronic option; just scan this QR code with your phone:



Immanuel Lutheran Church



But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matthew 24:36

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will begin at 4pm on Saturday December 6th. There is a signup sheet on the Round Table. Please come and participate if you are able. Many hands make the load lighter. We should be done by 5:30pm at which time we will gather for a light meal. Bring your kids as there may be a special guest.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is coming up very soon now (Sunday December 14th) so it is time for all leaders in the congregation to begin collecting their notes for the annual reports. When preparing your reports, please send them to the church office in a digital WORD, or rtf document, or an email. We will put everything together in the office in preparation for the meeting. Thank you.

GIVING TREE: We are providing a Christmas meal and gifts to two families this year totaling 5 children and 3 parents. Thank you for your ongoing support. There will be more details in the December Newsletter. If you have any questions please ask Sharon Aksamit.

POINSETTIAS: Please fill out the form included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Next Sunday is the last day to order yours.

2026 ENVELOPES are in your church mailbox. If you do not have envelopes and would like a set please see Ken Kingsbury in the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE: We begin the Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm with a prelude by members sharing their talents (singing, playing an instrument, reading, etc.) If you are willing to share please see Lori by December 14th.

OFFERING COUNTERS: We are in need of several individuals willing to count the offering after worship. **Please** see either Joyce Davis or Ken Kingsbury today if you are willing.

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:

“Everlasting God”

Advent Wreath Prayer

Advent Wreath Song and Lighting
Announcements

Carter Vance

Hudson Vance

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

*Entrance Hymn:

“The King Shall Come—ELW 260”

*Call to Worship

Psalm 122

*Prayer of the Day

Word

Noisy Offering

Children’s Message

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

*Gospel

Sermon:

*Hymn of the Day
“In the Presence”

*Affirmation of Faith

*Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends with

“God of Grace”

*And the congregation responds with
“receive our prayer”*

*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Chris

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor Chris

Worship Assistant

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:

“Turn Your Eyes to Jesus”

“Give Thanks”

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Holy Communion

Worship Assistant

Sending

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn

“Sing to the Mountains”

*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the Harvest!

Thanks be to God!

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12