

**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.

<u><b>This Week at Immanuel</b></u>	
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

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**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

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



**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  
\*Prayer of the Day

Psalm 122

Word

Noisy Offering  
Children’s Message  
First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
\*Gospel  
Sermon:  
\*Hymn of the Day  
“In the Presence”

Pastor Chris  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44  
Pastor Chris

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Prayers of Intercession  
Each petition ends with  
“God of Grace ”  
And the congregation responds with  
“receive our prayer”

Worship Assistant

\*Sharing of the Peace  
Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*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:  
“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**