

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve**  
**Friday, December 24, 2021, 6pm**

**Announcements**

**Introduction**

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

**Gathering Hymn**                    **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**                    **#270**

**Call to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Hymn**                                **“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”**    **#271, vss. 1,2,5**  
*Lyrics Provided*

**Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn**                                **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**                    **#289 vss. 1,3**  
*Lyrics Provided*

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]**

**Puppet Show**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**                    **“Joy to the World”**                    **#267 vss. 1,3,4**  
*Lyrics Provided*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<i>See The Orange Paper in the Pew Book Racks</i>	
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>		
<b>Sharing of Peace</b>		
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>“Go Tell It on the Mountain”</b>	<b>#290 vs. 1</b>
	<i>Lyrics Provided</i>	
<b>Offering Prayer</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Dialogue</b>		
<b>Preface</b>		
<b>Holy, Holy, Holy</b>		<b>pg. 144</b>
<b>Thanksgiving at the Table</b>		
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Communion</b>		
<i>All are welcome at the Lord’s table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine, that is his body and blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward during the distribution of communion. If you are unable to come forward during distribution and wish to receive communion, please let the usher know and the pastor will come to your seat. Wine and grape juices are available as well as gluten free wafers upon request.</i>		
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”</b>	<b>#490</b>
	<i>Use Hymnal</i>	
<b>Blessing after Communion</b>		
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>		
<b>Blessing</b>		
<b>Litany from John 1</b>		
<b>Lighting of the Candles</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Silent Night, Holy Night”</b>	<b>#281</b>
	<i>Lyrics Provided</i>	
<b>Dismissal</b>		

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**Holy Communion:** You will not be invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion will be provided in a safe container that will be given to you prior to the service. If you do not have one, please check with the usher. The presiding minister, Vicar Maggie, will inform you when you may receive the Holy Communion. If you need assistance to open the container, please raise your hand and a volunteer will come to help you.

**Prayer Concerns:** Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Kathrine-Sylvia and Jezel (Pastor Sarras' Family), April, Brianna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis Hustedt, Ashley Nickolai, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff Groethe, Edie Smith, Joan Winterhoff, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Pat Stolen, Sonya McCutcheon (Jackie's Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, Nancy (Reinertson friend), Linda Knott, Tom McDonell, Danielle (Reinertson Niece), Dan Westaby's sister, Cookie, for health and recovery, Jancie Osswald (Donna's Sister). (Contact ILC office to update.)

## News

**Saturday, December 25, 2021,** Christmas Day. No service.

**Sunday, December 26, 2021,** Christmas Carol Service at 9 am.

**Monday, December 27, 2021, Church Office Closed.**

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Deadline for Monthly Newsletter.**

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Year-End Giving Deadline.** Members' contributions for the 2020 Tax Year must be submitted by this date.



ILC is collecting **mittens and hats** during December to donate them to families in need in our community. Please place your donations under the Mitten Tree in the Narthex.

## **CHAIRS AND BOOKCASES NEEDED!**

Do you have any occasional chairs or bookcases in good condition that you are not using? Linda and the ILC children are remodeling the fish sandwich. Linda is looking for 4 to 6 colorful and comfortable occasional chairs. She will also need bookshelves. Please let Jackie in the office know what you have.

## Afghan Refugee Support

“God defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing” (Deuteronomy 10:18).

The church council has voted to start a campaign to collect items to support the Afghan refugees in Wisconsin. Here is the list of items needed:

- Socks and underwear for men, women, and children in all sizes.
- New or very gently used and clean winter coats and hats for men and women, sizes small and medium. Please note: we are unable to accept any other clothing at this time. (LSS)
- Toiletries kits\*: personal items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes.
- Kitchen kits\*: pots and pans, tableware, mixing bowls, etc.
- Cleaning supplies kits\*: dish soap, laundry detergent, sponges.
- Linens kits: bath towels, sheets, blankets.

The deadline for collecting the items above is **January 31, 2022**. We will be asking for volunteers to assemble the kits. We will drop them at LSS Refugee Resettlement Office in Milwaukee, WI. If you are giving a monetary donation, please make your check payable to “Immanuel Lutheran Church” with LSS in the memo.

\*These individual kits will be securely packaged as individual kits.

<b>Worship Assistants – Today</b>		
Presiding Minister: Vicar Maggie		
<b>Pianist / Organist</b>	<b>Reader(s)</b>	<b>Usher</b>
Judy Kort		Dan & Holly Westaby
<b>Video Recorder: Volunteer</b>		
<b>Altar Guild: Dan &amp; Holly Westaby</b>		

### Attendance on 12/19/21: 54

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: [nkalesto@gmail.com](mailto:nkalesto@gmail.com)