

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, December 26, 2021, 9am**  
**Nativity of Our Lord III: Christmas Day, Year C**

**Announcements**

**Introduction**

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ’s birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of “the salvation of our God.” O come, let us adore!

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>“Joy to the World”</b>	<b>#267 vss. 1, 4</b>
	<i>Lyrics Provided</i>	

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Greeting:**

**Prayer of the Day**

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Once in Royal David’s City”</b>	<b>#269 vss. 1, 4</b>
	<i>Use Hymnal</i>	

**First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10**

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</b>	<b>#272 vss. 1,4</b>
	<i>Use Hymnal</i>	

**Psalms: Psalm 98**

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”</b>	<b>#275 vss. 1, 4</b>
	<i>Lyrics Provided</i>	

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]**

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”</b>	<b>#282 vss. 1, 4</b>
	<i>Lyrics Provided</i>	

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel: John 1:1-14**

**Hymn**                                    **“Let Our Gladness Have No End”**                                    **#291 vss. 1, 4**  
*Use Hymnal*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Hymn**                                    **“What Child is This”**                                    **#296 vss. 1, 3**  
*Lyrics Provided*

**Sharing of Peace**

**Offering**    *You are welcome to leave your offering as you leave the sanctuary.*

**Offertory Hymn**                                    **“Gold December Flies Away”**                                    **#299 v. 1**  
*Use Hymnal*

**Offering Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Dialogue**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**Thanksgiving At the Table**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

*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.*

**Hymn**                                    **“The First Noel“**                                    **#300 vss. 1, 2, 5**  
*Lyrics Provided*

**Blessing after communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**                                    **“Go Tell it to the Mountain”**                                    **#290**  
*Lyrics Provided*

**Dismissal**

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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**

**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	Mary McDonell	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:

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