

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of
the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the
earth,

among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong
for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height
of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness
of the LORD,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness
for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]

Psalm 147:12-20

or Wisdom 10:15-21

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

[not printed]

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

We have all received,
grace upon grace

JOHN 1:16

Immanuel Lutheran Church

34606 E. 2450 N. Rd., Colfax, IL
(309)723-5091
immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

Interim Pastor – Pastor Nathan Feig
217-637-9606 feig777@yahoo.com

Council President: Ryan Myers 309-238-1081 RTFarms@outlook.com
Church Secretary: Cindy Wilson 309-825-4099 ckwilson1983@gmail.com

Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - We are delighted to have friends and family joining us for worship as we celebrate the Christ Child. May the gift of His birth give us hope for things to come going forward into the new year.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings we receive each day. Open our hearts to receive the love you send through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to
ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, January 5, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Rebecca Casson

Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Communion: Angie Kratochvil, Rebecca Casson

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, January 12, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Dennis Greipentrog

Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms, Alec Harper

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

Today we welcome our new Interim Pastor, Nathan Feig.

We shared his profile in the January Newsletter so that we can learn a bit about him and his family. Please introduce yourselves and give him a warm Immanuel Welcome so that he can learn a bit about us.

Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 am.

The Annual Meeting will take place on February 16, 2025 after worship. Everyone is encouraged to attend. **Annual Reports are requested to be turned in by Sunday, February 2, 2025 or sooner if possible.**

LWR Quilts - We will begin knotting quilts on Tuesdays, January 14th and 28th from 12:30-3:00 p.m. If you can thread a needle, we would love to have your help! No other sewing skills are needed. In the parish hall, there are packages of quilt squares that need to be sewn together using 1/2" seams and pressed to the side or open if you would like to make a quilt top.

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Congregation may remain seated or stand as you are able*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

† forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

*GREETING **Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE ELW page 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung) C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 140

All: Refrain ~ ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Women: ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God.*** Refrain

Men: ***Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.***
Refrain

All: ***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

Refrain

All: ***For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*** Refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your
incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING Jeremiah 31:7-14 back of bulletin

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In
Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express
their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 147:12-20

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,
**Who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed
your children within you.**

God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.

God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?

The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.

The Lord has not done so to any other nation;

They do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

READING Ephesians 1:3-14 *printed below*

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth
are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have
been promised eternal salvation.*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in
Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us
in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before
him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace
that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of
his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made
known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set
forth in Christ,

¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 142

***Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

*GOSPEL READING John 1:1-18 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**
Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** ELW 270

*APOSTLE'S CREED ELW page 104

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin

Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church,
the earth, and all people.

After each petition: P: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known
to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.* ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... God of Heaven and Earth,

C: from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

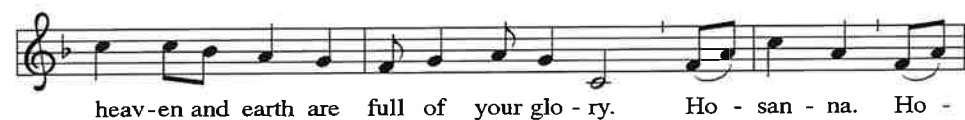
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.
Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God
Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW, page 146

ELW 510

ELW 515

After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace,
illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE