Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Baptism of Our Lord
9:30 a.m. Worship Service January 11, 2026

Welcome! We're glad that you are here, and we hope this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome Packets are available in the entryway

In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements for our service include: Pre-packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.

Restrooms are located through the entryway and to the left (signs are posted).

Assisted Listening: The Hearing Loop system in place for the hearing impaired will allow hearing aids equipped with a telecoil to serve as wireless loudspeakers, delivering sound right inside the ear. By activating a switch on your hearing aid, the sound is transmitted directly to your ears.

MISSION: To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday
With One Voice Holy Communion Setting 5
January 11, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude
Bells
Sharing Time
Passing the Peace
Candle Lighting

Transition Song: "Praise The Lord"

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord, Praise God's holy name, Alleluia!
Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord; Praise God's holy name, Alleluia!
Praise God's holy name, Alleluia; Praise God's holy name, Alleluia!
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**(Please stand as you are able)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,
C: You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests

at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **<u>"Shall We Gather at the River"</u> WOV 690 Blue Hymnal**

GREETING

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.

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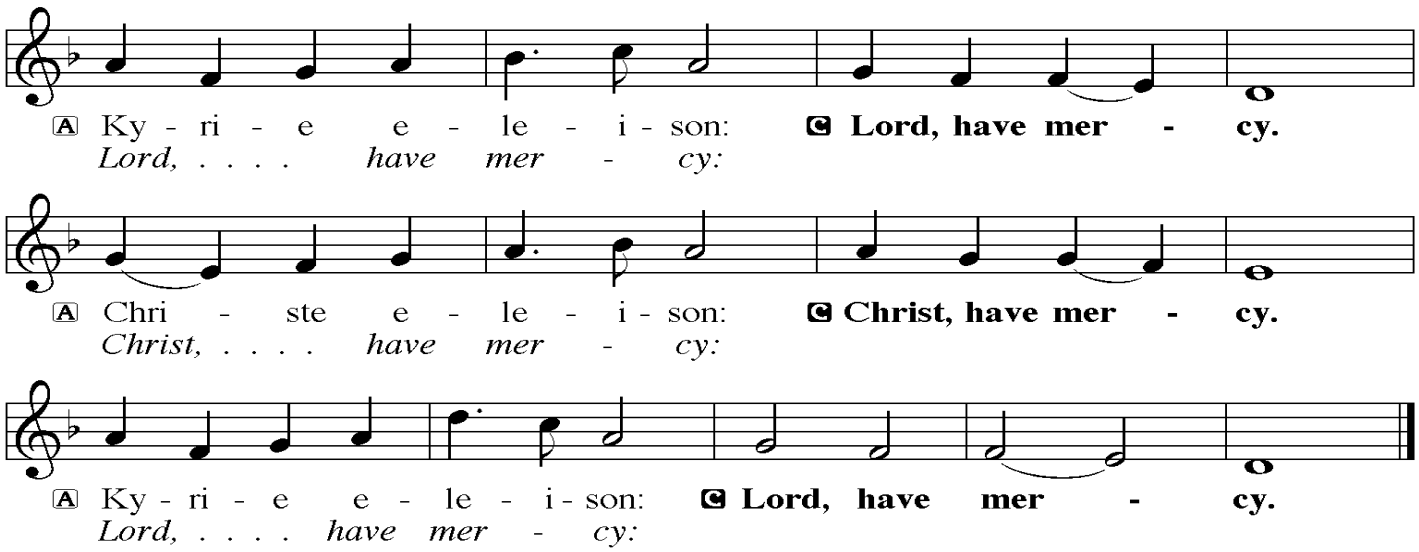

**(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF PRAISE

C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
I II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
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and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of Day
P: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

[1] Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my
spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.[2] He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;[3] a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he
will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.[4] He will not grow faint or be crushed until
he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.[5] Thus says God,
the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what
comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:[6] I am
the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have
given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,[7] to open the eyes that are blind, to
bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.[8] I am
the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.[9] See, the former
things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of
them.
A: The word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29 (We sing the Psalm)

[1] Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
[2] Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
[3] The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
[4] The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
[5] The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
[6] the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
[7] The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
[8] The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
10 The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
11 O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

34 Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

**(Please Stand if you are able)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter, vss. 13 through 17.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

13 Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have
prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus
answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."
Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and
alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON Pastor John Brown

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : "When Jesus Came to Jordan" WOV 647 Blue Hymnal
(To the tune of "O Living Bread from Heaven" LBW 197 Green Hymnal)

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.
C: APOSTLES' CREED
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 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.

**(Please be seated)*

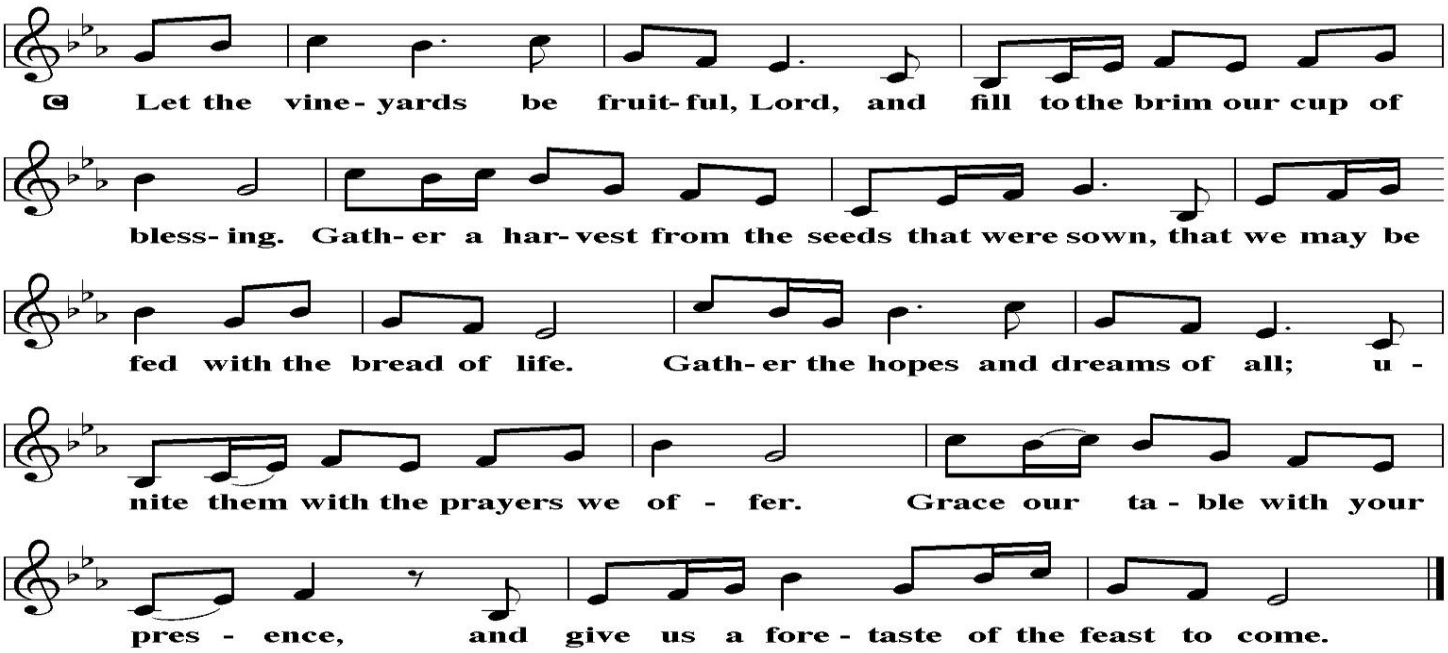
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Response following each petition:

A: Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Offerings

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL



A: Let us pray.
A: God of majesty,

C: No eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

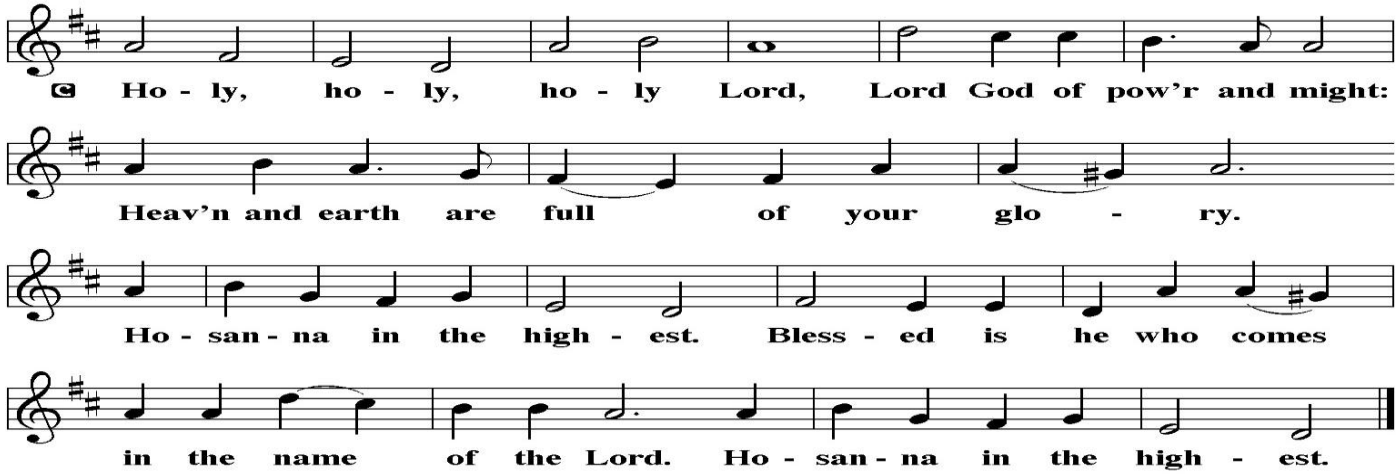
Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING
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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from

heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be Christ. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



CONSECRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this 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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

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LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN: <u>"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"</u> WOV 684 Blue Hymnal

***** *(Pease stand if you are able)*

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

A: Let us pray.

A: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

BLESSING
P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" WOV 723 Blue Hymnal

PRAYER
A: Let us pray together Immanuel's Opening Doors prayer.

C: Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love and enduring mercy. Continue to send your holy spirit: to bless us, to watch over us and to guide us in all that we do so that we grow in: our love for you, our love for each other and our love for those in our community.

Grant us the courage to be bold in opening doors by inviting and welcoming others in our community to God's church. Give us strength: to trust in you and to have faith and hope in your plans for God's church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

DISMISSAL

A: Glory to God in the highest!
C: And peace to God's people on earth!
A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The congregation and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. We encourage you to continue your tithing to Immanuel. If you have a key, you may stop by & leave them in Cindi's mailbox or slip them under her door. You may also mail them to Immanuel at 726 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your offerings.
~Stewardship Committee

Please join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today! (on 3rd Sunday

of month, cake will be served for all birthdays celebrated in the month.)

Serving in Sunday Worship Service

Musician:	**Janet Mallett**
Altar Duty:	**Carol Zimmerman, Phyllis Cousineau**
Presiding Minister:	**Pastor John Brown**
Worship Assistant:	**Jim Lindsey**
Cantor:	**Vicky Scott**
Greeter:	**Phyllis Lindsey**
Usher:	**Jim Lindsey**
Reader:	**Michelle Kauffold**
Sound Technician:	**David Scott**
A/V Projection Technicians:	**David Scott**

Birthdays this week – None to report.

Anniversary this week – None reported this week.

Altar Flowers For the Honor and Glory of God.

Readings for January 18th:

Isaiah 49:1-7	**1Corinthians 1:1-9**
Psalm 40:1-11	**John 1:29-42**

Upcoming In Person meetings

MSU concert **Sun. January 11th at 4:00 pm**
Staff meeting **Tues. January 13th at 10:30 am**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –
Jan 11: January is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. In order to prevent the main cause of cervical cancer, young girls, before becoming sexually active, need to receive the human papillomavirus vaccine; it is given in three doses. Cervical cancer is preventable and can be treated effectively if caught early.

Please pick up your poinsettia, located in the Narthex, if you haven't already. Thank you!

Saturday, February 14th, 2026

Next month's Movie Matinee is 'Random Harvest' starring Greer Garson & Ronald Coleman (1942)

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues. Jan. 20th at Noon.**

Chili Cook Off, 2026 ---- It's time to start thinking "hot" thoughts--chili thoughts, that is. This year's Chili Cook Off will be held on ***Saturday, January 24, 2026, with set up at 5 p.m. and chili served starting at 5:30 p.m..*** Everyone is welcome to participate--whether you join the cooking contest or are a taster! Those attending will each receive one red ticket to use to vote for the Chili Cook Off "Grand Champion." First, second and third place winners will be voted on by the dollar amount their entry collects. The grand prize winner will be selected by the number of "red tickets" collected in their can. The Grand Champion Prize winner receives a gift and their name on the Chili plaque.

Games and fellowship will continue after the awarding of the prizes. Donations received will be split between Manna Pantry and World Hunger Relief. Watch for the sign-up sheet, salads, dessert and chili fixin's will be needed, as well as set up and cleanup crews. Please plan to join us, it is always a great time and a wonderful way to fellowship with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

Community Events

Manna Pantry:

January: canned luncheon (meat or chicken)
February: pancake mix and syrup

Project Starburst:

Soups - any kind
Cereal

Grade School

Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, soap, underwear, sweatpants (neutral colors), socks. Sizes for children to fifth grade. Also hats, mittens, scarves, sweatshirts.

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