



**STAY AWAKE**  
*Mark 13:37*

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# **Welcome to Immanuel**

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024  
9:00am

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## Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord's house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship. The words, "*Stand*," and "*Sit*," are for those who are able. If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a green Visitor Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

**We are delighted that you're here and hope to see you again!**

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### Preparation for Worship

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

*What does this look like?*

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the "Before worship" prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- Silence your phone and silence your mind.

Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

### From Your AudioVisual Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers before or after service today.

## Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

† **"Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?"**

Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

† **"Have I confessed and repented of my sins?"**

Matthew 3:2. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

† **"Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?"**

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

† **"Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?"**

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

† **"Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?"**

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or lay minister will offer a blessing to you.

**Offerings** are given as a response of all God's gifts given to us.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 states:

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*

As a member of Immanuel, we are called to support the mission and ministry of ILCS. If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

We do invite you to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate so that we can share with you all the ministries of Immanuel.

**We thank those who serve today in worship:**

<i>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher:</i> Pastor Ryan	<i>Organist/Minister of Music:</i> Oyeniran Oyedeji	<i>Greeter:</i> Loretta Fox
<i>Assisting Minister</i> T.J. Keller	<i>Cantor:</i> Meg Bond	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Michelle Igoe and Linda Thunhorst
<i>Communion Assistant:</i> Tim Schultz	<i>Reader:</i> Twyla Walter	<i>Audio &amp; Visual:</i> (a) Doug Igoe (v)
<i>Acolyte:</i> Simon Bacher	<i>Ushers:</i> Tom & Kate Dube and Randy & Rose Salazar	

**Eternal Lights this month are given...**

**In Memory of Raymond Davis Sr. by  
the Sweet & Sherwood Family**

**Office Lights this month are given...**

**In Memory of Helen Galligan  
by her Family**

**Altar Flowers today are given...**

**In Memory of Eileen Bailey  
by Her Loving Family**



**This week we pray for...**

- Immanuel Lutheran School | Miss H.'s 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
Ryder, Samuel, Sean, Hannah, Nina, Evelyn
- Angelo
- Peter
- Michelle
- Sheyanne
- Mark
- Joyce Russotti

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:**

**Hymn accompaniment from the  
Immanuel Handbell Choir**

*Vocalists:*  
Loretta Fox, Karie Neville,  
Deanne Schultz, Meg Bond

*Flute:*  
Norma Lopez-Burton  
*Violins:*  
Alex & Audrey Bond  
*Cajon:*  
Julian Krotmeier

Divine Service Setting I LSB 151

**Prelude**

*"Prelude on 'O Store Gud'"*

*Dale Wood*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

*arr. David T. Clydesdale*

ILC Parish Choir

*Stand*

**Opening Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

*with accompaniment from the ILC Handbell Choir*

**✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# ✠ Service of the Word ✠

## Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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 mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

### This Is the Feast

LSB 155

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

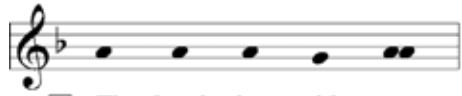
*Final Refrain*

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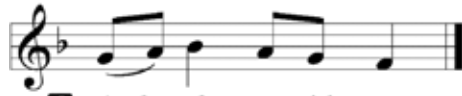
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## Salutation and Collect (Prayer) of the Day

LSB 156



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4–6

<sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody *The Psalmody is chanted responsively and the Gloria Patri in unison*

Psalm 93



<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; he is robed in | majesty;\*  
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.

**Yes, the world is es- | tablished;\*  
it shall nev- | er be moved.**

<sup>2</sup>Your throne is established | from of old;\*  
you are from ever- | lasting.

<sup>3</sup>**The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted | up their voice;\*  
the floods lift up their | roaring.**

<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves | of the sea,\*  
the LORD on high is | mighty!

<sup>5</sup>**Your decrees are very | trustworthy;\*  
holiness befits your house, O LORD, for- | evermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

## Epistle

Jude 20–25

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

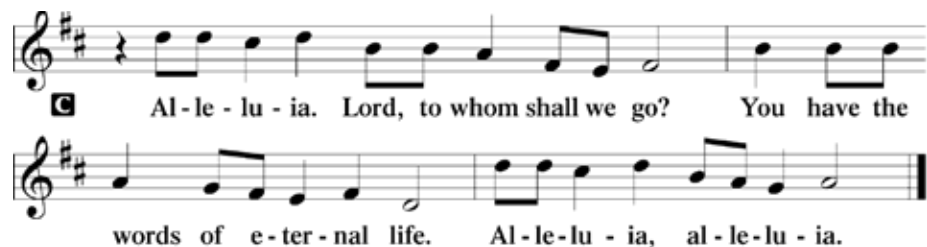
<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

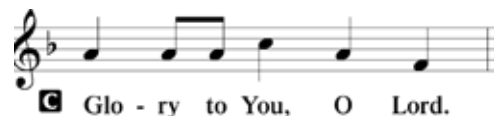


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



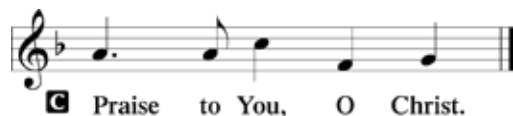
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending  
stz. 2 women | stz. 3 men

LSB 336

## Sermon

## Offertory

“Soon and Very Soon”  
ILC Parish Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

## Stewardship Thoughts

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



“For the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment.”

Isaiah 51:6

The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

## Prayers of the Church

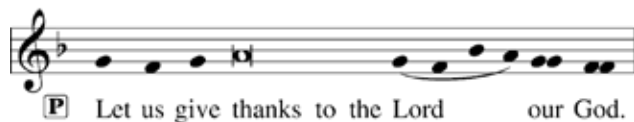
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,"  
 as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

*(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠



## Preface

LSB 160

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus *(Holy, Holy, Holy)*

LSB 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

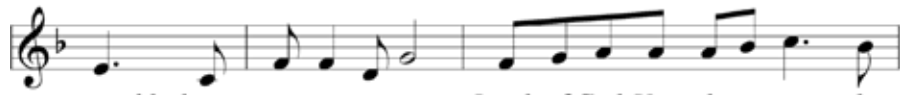
LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

## Communion

Gluten-free options are available:  
please indicate to the pastor  
if you need one of these.

Alcohol free juice options are available  
in the center of each of the  
individual cup communion trays.

## Communion Song

We Bow Down

CCLI Song #20003

1. You are Lord of creation  
and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea.  
You were Lord of the heavens  
before there was time,  
and Lord of all Lords You will be.

2. You are King of creation  
and King of my life,  
King of the land and the sea.  
You were King of the heavens  
before there was time,  
and King of all Kings You will be.

Refrain 1:

We bow down,  
and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down  
and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down  
and we worship You, Lord.  
Lord of all Lords You will be.

Refrain 2:

We bow down,  
and we crown You the King.  
We bow down  
and we crown You the King.  
We bow down  
and we crown You the King.  
King of all Kings You will be. (Repeat)

## Communion Song

How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art

CCLI Song #4348399

1. The splendor of a King,  
clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
trembles at His voice.

2. And age to age He stands,  
and time is in His hands.  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Refrain:

How great is our God,  
Sing with me  
How great is our God.  
And all will see how great,  
how great is our God!

Bridge:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Refrain

Stand

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.



## Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

## Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign  
*with accompaniment from the ILC Handbell Choir*

LSB 832

## Postlude

*"Fanfare on 'Duke Street'"*

*Raymond H. Haan*

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# This Week @Immanuel...



### • Sunday Nov. 24th

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School

10:30am Adult Bible Study

4:00pm Confirmation Class

### • Thursday Nov. 28th

**Church & School Closed**



### • Monday Nov. 25th

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

### • Friday Nov. 29th

**School Closed**

### • Wednesday Nov. 27th School Closed

6:00am Men's Mornings @Elmer's

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve with Pie



# Immanuel Lutheran School

## The wonderful world of Middle School science...

Our 6th through 8th graders have been immersed in the fascinating world of ecosystems and biomes.

Students began by learning about ecosystems, including the essential roles of biotic (*living*) and abiotic (*non-living*) factors. They explored how these factors interact to create environments, from lush rainforests to arid deserts. Diving deeper, they examined the unique adaptations that animals develop to survive in their specific biomes. Whether it's the long neck of a giraffe to reach high foliage or the ability of certain reptiles to blend into their surroundings, students marveled at how animals are intricately connected to their environments.

To put their knowledge of adaptations into practice, the students participated in a creative project called "Camouflaging Tom the Turkey." Each student designed a habitat for Tom and used art to create camouflage that would help Tom blend seamlessly into his surroundings. This activity reinforced the concept of animal adaptations and the importance of blending in as a survival strategy. If you have time, it is out on the table in the narthex.

Next, the students will be diving into a hands-on lab to discover which types of bird beaks are best suited for specific diets. Using tools to simulate different beak shapes, students are testing how well various "beaks" pick up "food" items like seeds, grains, and nectar. This activity demonstrates the direct relationship between an animal's physical features and its role in the ecosystem. It's a fun and interactive way for them to understand natural selection and specialization in species.

This unit not only aligns with science standards but also builds critical thinking and problem-solving skills. By studying real-world examples and applying what they learn in engaging activities, our students are gaining a deeper appreciation for the beauty and complexity of the natural world.

Thank you for your continued support as we foster a love for learning and exploration in our school.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vickie Baker*

*Middle School Science Teacher*

## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a few more volunteers to staff the lunch period at ILS. This involves about 1 hour on weekdays during the week from 11:30 am – 12:45 pm. Volunteers will supervise a school full of joyful students who enjoy their lunch break – a lot!

It's simple and involves a bit of clean-up after, and lets the staff get a lunch break. Our students are full of joyful noise and enjoy interacting with our volunteers and their friends!

Please contact Arla in the school office for more information or to lend a hand. [schooloffice@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:schooloffice@immanueldanbury.org) or phone 203-748-7823



My name is Vickie Baker and I am the Principal here at Immanuel. In addition to being the principal I am also the Teacher for Middle School English & Science. This is my 25th year at Immanuel Lutheran School. I started as the 5th grade teacher in August of 2000.

I grew up in Brewster, New York where I attended Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for many years. I married my husband Art in 1994 and we currently live in a small town in New York. My daughter Jolene is 21 years old and attends University of Delaware. Jolene attended ILS from 3 years old on.

I went to Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry and graduated with a degree in Psych with a certification for grades K-12 in regular education and special education. I got my first teaching job at Nazareth Lutheran School in the inner city of Buffalo. We spent 6 years in Buffalo until we moved back into the area in 2000.

When I can find spare time I enjoy reading, spending summers in the sun in the pool or at the beach.

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# MISSIONS

Where do your Mission Dollars go Immanuel?

- New England District
- ILS Tuition Assistance
- Hope for the Children of Haiti
- Jericho Partnership



- Lutheran Bible Translators
  - Capstone Ministries
  - Gbargna Lutheran School (Liberia)
  - Orphan Grain Train
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**COLLEGE COOKIES**



## Attention Bakers and Assemblers,

It is that time of year for our college student cookie assembly. This year we will be meeting in the church narthex with our baked cookies to assemble for Immanuel Lutheran Church college students on **Friday, December 6th at 6:00 PM** in the narthex.

If you are unable to join us and want to bake cookies, please drop them off to Bill Hunt Thursday, December 5th by 2:30 PM.

Please respond to Deb via text at 203-770-1450 by Wednesday, November 20th, if you are able to: **Bake Cookies | Assemble cookies | or both**

Continued blessings,

Deb and  
Supportive Hands



# YOUTH GROUP EVENT! ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

Fellowship | Gift Exchange | Ugly Sweaters  
Friday Dec. 13th 6:30pm- 8:30pm

December's joint youth meeting (*Good Shepard and Immanuel*) will be a Christmas event on Friday, Dec 13th from 6:30-8:30 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in New Fairfield.

Remember that you are welcome to bring a friend!

We will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship including

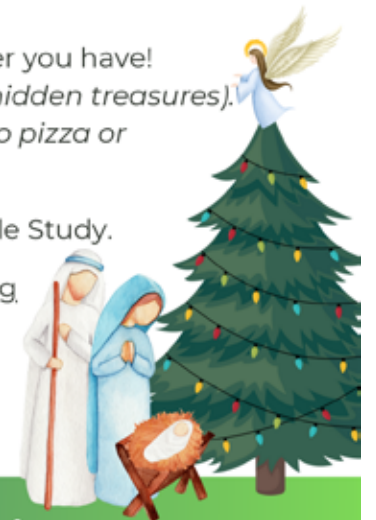
- a gift exchange, so plan on bringing a wrapped gift for around \$5.00 (*You can get some nice things at the dollar store.*)
- an Ugly Sweater contest, so wear the funniest sweater you have!
- an indoor scavenger hunt (*bring a flashlight for the hidden treasures.*)
- and we will have some light snacks and drinks, *but no pizza or sandwiches for this meeting.*

Pastor Bartelt will have another fun and educational Bible Study.

Please RSVP by Dec 9 to [ilcyouth@immanueldanbury.org](mailto:ilcyouth@immanueldanbury.org).

Can't wait to see you!

Heidi Harkopf & Kate Dube



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# THE HOLIDAYS AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## THANKSGIVING EVE WITH PIE November 27<sup>th</sup> @7pm

- Join Immanuel as we give thanks to the Lord for all his blessings. Then after service gather with us in the Family Life Center for pies and fellowship.
- If you would like to bring a pie to share, please cut it, and bring it to the Family Life Center before service.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE December 1<sup>st</sup> @9am

- Join Immanuel for this special service as we clothe the church in her Christmas Greens. Then come back after Bible Study and help finish decorating the sanctuary.
- Refreshments will be provided to help keep your decorating energy up.

## MIDWEEK ADVENT OFFERINGS

- We will once again be offering our 12pm Wednesday service of prayer & meditation.
- New for this Advent season, we invite you to Advent Dinner Church on Wednesday evenings. Join us for a fellowship dinner starting at 6pm in the Family Life Center. Then at 6:30pm we start Dinner Church, and yes you can continue eating through service!

## ILS ADVENT SERVICE

We welcome back another favorite this year, the ILS kids Advent Service! Mark this joyful event on your calendar so you don't forget.

“Joy to the World” Children’s Christmas Service at Immanuel on **Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm.**

Let the joy about Jesus’ birth fill your heart!



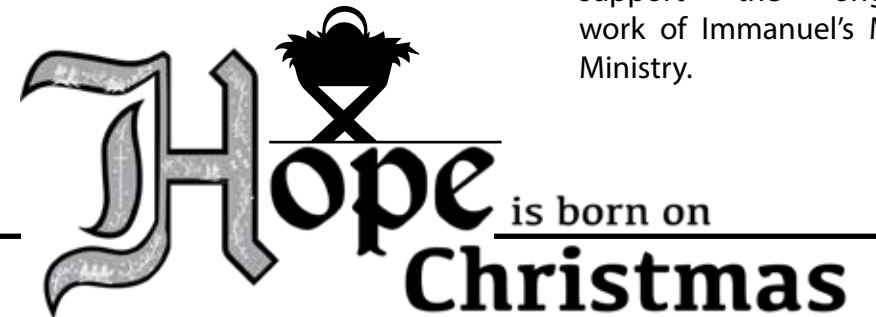
Join us at Immanuel as we celebrate the Hope that is born on Christmas through a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

This is a simple service that offers the Word of God expressed both through narrations from the Holy Scriptures and beautiful music.

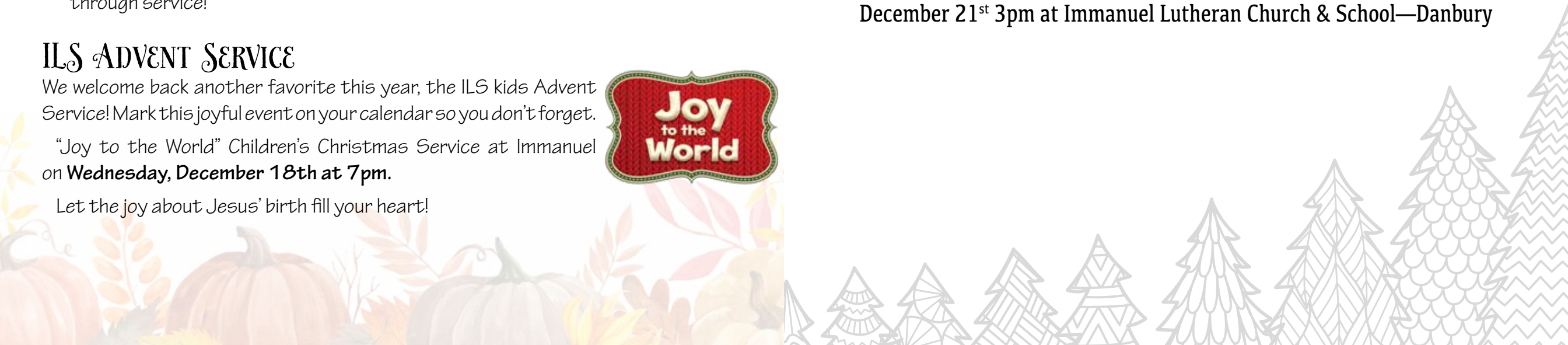
Both of these elements combine to foretell the birth of the Christ-Child. Come, listen, and hear from those who recount that glorious night over 2,000 years ago!

After the service, we invite you to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Recount your favorite parts of the service, and take time to slow down for a few minutes this Christmas season.

We will be taking up a freewill offering to help support the ongoing work of Immanuel’s Music Ministry.



**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
December 21<sup>st</sup> 3pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church & School—Danbury





**Join us for Worship**  
**Sunday mornings at 9:00 am**

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**Adult Bible Study**  
Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 am  
in the Family Life Center

**Sunday School**  
PreK- 6th grade  
Sunday mornings  
at 10:30 am

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