



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Christmas Eve



Friday, December 24, 2021
4:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew. During the offering, place this card in the offering plate. As you leave, please introduce yourself to the pastors.

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out one of our attendance cards. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church—it helps us keep good records.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the pastor before or after the service.

If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God-The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship, we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC [4:00 pm – Flute Selections, “Weaving Greensleeves,” arr. J. Nishimura and “The Angel Gabriel Danced,” arr. J. Nishimura; 7:30 pm – Agape Ringers, “Christmas Medley,” arr. M. L. Thompson and Piano/Organ Duet, “The Holy Child,” arr. R. M. Stults (Brittany Buettner, piano)]

BELLS / WELCOME

Please stand and face the processional cross

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 379, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: *Refrain***

***Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!***

- 2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain***

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(1 John 4:9, 12b)

P Brothers and sisters, although “God abides in us and His love is perfected in us,” we sin every day and need the assurance of His forgiveness. Let us go to God, seeking His power to amend our sinful lives.

Lord Jesus, the love of God made manifest among us,

C **we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Without Your help we cannot change. 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.**

INTROIT OF THE DAY

(Psalm 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:7)

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
**who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not
swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have
begotten you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE, LSB 368 v. 1 & 3, “Angels We Have Heard
on High”**

**1 Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply,
 Echoing their joyous strains.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 *Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

**3 Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 *Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

All: **O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer,
we may with sure confidence behold Him when He**

comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

(4:00 pm) **FLUTE SELECTION**, “A Cool Silent Night,” arr. J. Nishimura

(7:30 pm) **CHOIR ANTHEM**, “My Song in the Night” (C. Schalk)

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE, Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL, Luke 2:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY, LSB 386, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
 Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 He from whom joy streameth
 Poor in a manger lies;
 Not so brightly beameth
 The sun in yonder skies.
 Thou my Savior art!
 Thou my Savior art!

- 2 Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
 Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
 Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
 Draw me unto Thee!
 Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
 Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
 Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
 May we praise Him there!
 May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
 Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
 Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
 Oh, that we were there!
 Oh, that we were there!

SERMON, Luke 2:1-20, "An Andy Williams Christmas"

Please stand

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our

salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: God entered human history in the person of Jesus, who experienced all our joys and sorrows. He has promised that our heavenly Father will hear whatever we ask in His name. Let us bring our requests to Him in confident faith. Wonderful Counselor, we pray that You will give empathy, wisdom, and compassion to all who seek to meet the needs of the people around them, providing food, clothing, and shelter, tending to the sick and injured, and responding to human crises and natural disasters. Remember, we pray, those with special needs and those known only to You. As You give us opportunity, grant that we may be part of Your answers to their petitions.

Mighty God, whose Word created all things in heaven and on earth, when storms rage, fires spread, or the earth trembles, give courage and skill to those who would provide rescue, relief, and shelter. Bless those who till the soil and raise crops and all who manage and distribute the world's bounty, that the hungry be fed, the poor clothed, and the displaced given shelter. Gracious God, receive our plea;

C: hear the prayers to You we bring, Father, Spirit, newborn King.

P: Everlasting Father, shower Your grace on all families, enabling parents and children to grow in faith and love. In neighborhoods, communities, and cities where there is discord, open doors of peace; where there is discrimination, provide justice; where there is loneliness, provide companionship. Bless individuals and organizations to use the talents and resources You provide to restore dignity, health, and peace to everyone in their care. Gracious God, receive our plea;

C: hear the prayers to You we bring, Father, Spirit, newborn King.

P: Prince of Peace, use the earthly powers that be to put into positions of authority those who will work for justice within their nations and cooperation across their borders. Give protection and courage to police and first responders in their communities and to armed forces deployed. Where wars threaten, move leaders to seek calm; where long-term animosity gives rise to fear and hatred, open avenues of communication and understanding. Grant that Your Church stand as a beacon in this troubled world to proclaim the Gospel and exhibit loving forgiveness in Your name. Grant that many find the peace they seek in You, our gracious Savior. Gracious God, receive our plea;

C: hear the prayers to You we bring, Father, Spirit, newborn King.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Him whose birth we celebrate this day, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY, LSB 374 v. 1 & 3, “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

**1 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undeified,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.**

**3 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undeified
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Please stand

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.
(*Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”*)

LORD’S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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 (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 358, “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

[Verses 1-5 sung by soloists & choir; verses 6, 8, 12, 14-15 sung by all; verses 7 & 10 sung by men only; verses 9 & 13 is organ only; verse 11 sung by women only]

- 1 “From heav’n above to earth I come
 To bear good news to ev’ry home;
 Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
 Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 2 “To you this night is born a child
 Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
 This little child of lowly birth
 Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High,
 Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
 He will Himself your Savior be
 From all your sins to set you free.
- 4 “He will on you the gifts bestow
 Prepared by God for all below,
 That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
 You may with us His glory share.
- 5 “These are the signs that you shall mark:
 The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
 There you will find the infant laid
 By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”
- 6 **How glad we’ll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 To see what God for us has done
 In sending us His own dear Son.**

- 7 *Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
And see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.*
- 8 **Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That You might share Your joy with me.**
- 9 *Ah, Lord, though You created all,
How weak You are, so poor and small,
That You should choose to lay Your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed!*
- 10 *Were earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all.*
- 11 *Instead of soft and silken stuff
You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great,
To be enthroned in royal state.*
- 12 **And so it pleases You to see
This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth, and might
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.**
- 13 *Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.*
- 14 **My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:**

- 15** **Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.**

(4:00 pm) **FLUTE SELECTION**, “Cradle Song,” arr. J. Nishimura

LSB 366, “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

- 1** **It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**
- 2** **Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds
The blessèd angels sing.**
- 3** **All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace;
Of Him the angels sing.**

- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass
 By prophets seen of old,
 When down into the circling years
 Came Christ as was foretold.
 His word of peace shall to the earth
 God's ancient promise bring,
 And all who take this gift will hear
 The song the angels sing.**

LSB 361, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.**
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the king
 And peace to all the earth!**
- 3 How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.**

**4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!**

(Please remain seated until the Benediction.)

DISMISSAL

P: Now...go in peace.

C: **Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING *The Light of Christ has come to His people.*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Isaiah 9: 2

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** *John 1:5*

P: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2b*

C: **We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.** *John 1:14b*

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. *Isaiah 9:6*

C: **In him was life, and that life was the light of men.** *John 1:4*

(The Pastor will give light from his candle to the ushers. They will in turn give light to the worshiper nearest the aisle, who will pass it on to the others in that pew. Please keep the lighted candle upright to avoid dripping wax.)

(The lights are dimmed.)

HYMN, LSB 363, “Silent Night, Holy Night” (4:00 pm – accompanied by Karen Hodapp, flute; 7:30 pm – accompanied by the Agape Ringers) *[The words will be on the screens.]*

(Please extinguish your candles as the lights are turned on.)

Please stand

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN, LSB 387, “Joy to the World”

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

BELLS / POSTLUDE

(Please be seated while the ushers dismiss by pews.)

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

4:00 pm:

Preacher – Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Liturgist/Celebrant – Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director – Ann Frank

Flute – Karen Hodapp

Trumpet – Jenna Hoeffken

Altar Guild – Dinah Pflasterer

Ushers – Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Lilly Prather

Acolytes – Nash Bradley & Madalyn Prather

Media/Facebook Live – Lisa Clamors

7:30 pm:

Preacher – Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Liturgist/Celebrant – Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director – Ann Frank

French Horn – Julie Downs

Ushers – Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

Server – Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild – Linda Gutknecht

Acolyte – Gwen Wiegand

Media – Pam Nagel

In Our Prayers...

We Pray for our Fellow Parishioners: Millie Menke, Sandy Moore (MS), Ruby Muench (cancer), Iva Mesnarich (shut in), Alvera Jacobs, Lana Mueller, Marie Dietzel (broken hip), Marian Obst, Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Virgil Horn (stroke), Ken Schanz (leukemia), Earl Downs, Lois Ruff (stroke), Arlin Obst, Harold Daugherty

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (recovering from surgery), Ken Horn (cancer), Nicole Bachelier, Sarah Castelli, Glenda Manion, Daryl Bense (dementia), Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Dorothy Mueller (recovering at home), Mike Ruby (bypass surgery), Elsa Wiemerslage (leukemia relapse), Diane Neusel (awaiting test results)

We Pray for Those in the Service of Our Nation: Alicia Gunn, Dustin Bender, Aaron Bommarito, Alex Naumann, Paul Doty

We Pray for Our Missionaries and Special Missions: Immanuel's Preschool, Immanuel's Mission Team, Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL)

2021 at Immanuel...A Quick Recap

- Eleven (11) baptisms. One adult, and three girls and seven boys.
- Nine (9) 8th graders were confirmed in April.
- Eight (8) dedicated people make up the staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool (2 pastors, 2 teachers, 1 music director, 1 groundskeeper, 1 custodian, and 1 secretary). And, countless volunteers do various tasks around the church—thank you!
- Eight (8) funerals were held.
- Pastor & Veronica welcomed a baby boy, Merritt Manfred, in February.
- Our Vacation Bible School was held at Immanuel in June as an in-person event. Holy Cross, Wartburg co-hosted. Over 80 children and over 40 volunteers enjoyed a fun week in “God’s Wonder Lab” learning about Jesus’ miracles and creating various experiments.
- Two (2) members, Helen Clamors & Carol Rossel, celebrated their 85th birthdays and were recognized as “Crown of Silver” recipients in September.
- As of December 23, we have a roster of 902 baptized members and 745 confirmed members. Our average weekend attendance (for all 3 services) is 166. (In comparison, our 2020 average weekend attendance was 153. Attendance was only taken 33 out of 52 weeks in 2020 though.)
- On December 31, Sandy Mueller will retire as custodian after 24 years. Thank you and congratulations on retirement, Sandy, and enjoy this wonderful time in your life as a grandma! God’s richest blessings to you!

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939-6480 or 618-719-4954

Mrs. Ann Frank, Music Director

939-6480 or 618-282-6597

Mrs. Linda Polansky, Preschool Director

939-6480 or 618-980-3475

Shut-Ins & Homebound Members

During this Christmas season, the Board of Social Ministry is asking for the congregation's help by sending "thinking of you" cards to our shut-in & homebound members. See the list below. Thank you!

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
Bicklein, Darlene	735 Columbia Ave, Apt 35	Waterloo, IL 62298
Brown, Phyllis	623 Hamacher Dr., Rm 803	Waterloo, IL 62298
Chitty, Donna	5326 Konarcik Road	Waterloo, IL 62298
Clamors, Helen	6703 Susewind Lane	Waterloo, IL 62298
Dietzel, Marie	832 Cheshire Dr	Waterloo, IL 62298
Downs, Earl	106 East Front St.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Fuller, Bernice	406 S Market St.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Henry, Marvin & Carolyn	411 Janice Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Hitzemann, Judy	611 Morrison Ave.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jacobs, Alvera	Oak Hill, 623 Hamacher Dr.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jarvis, Beverly	526 Legacy Dr., Apt. 31	Waterloo, IL 62298
Menke, Millie	1052 Country Club Lane	Waterloo, IL 62298
Mesnarich, Iva	501 S. Market	Waterloo, IL 62298
Miller, Shirley	RBNH, 350 W S 1st St.	Red Bud, IL 62278
Moore, Don & Sandy	7 Ruby Street	Cahokia, IL 62206
Muench, Ruby	Oak Hill, 623 Hamacher Dr.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Netzeband, Jack & Kathy	624 Hartman Lane	Waterloo, IL 62298
Obst, Arlin	407 Washington	Waterloo, IL 62298
Obst, Marian	623 Hamacher Dr., Rm 301	Waterloo, IL 62298
Bush, Rosemary	526 Legacy Dr.	Waterloo, IL 62298
Ruff, Gladys	735 Columbia Ave, Apt 32	Waterloo, IL 62298
Prigge, Arnold & Jackie	835 Circle Drive	Red Bud, IL 62278

National Lutheran Schools Week



The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod
Immanuel Lutheran
Church
Waterloo, Illinois
January 23–30, 2022
Col. 1:15-20
**Preschool and Day
School Alumni Needed**

In honor of **Lutheran Schools Week** in January, the Preschool staff, students, and alumni are working with Ann to create a music video and art show featuring current students **and alumni**. **If you are an Immanuel Preschool or Day School Alumni, we need your help!** If you no longer live in the area – **No Problem!** There are several ways that you can participate.

We want to keep parts of the program a surprise for our congregation so -

Please contact one of the following for more details.

Linda Polansky (618-980-3475 or ilcwprek@gmail.com)

Deborah Joellenbeck (618-340-5262)

Lisa Clamors (618-719-4954 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com)

Ann Frank (314-346-7413)

If you know of someone who went to Immanuel preschool or day school, please forward this information to them. We would love a large turnout both virtually and in person.