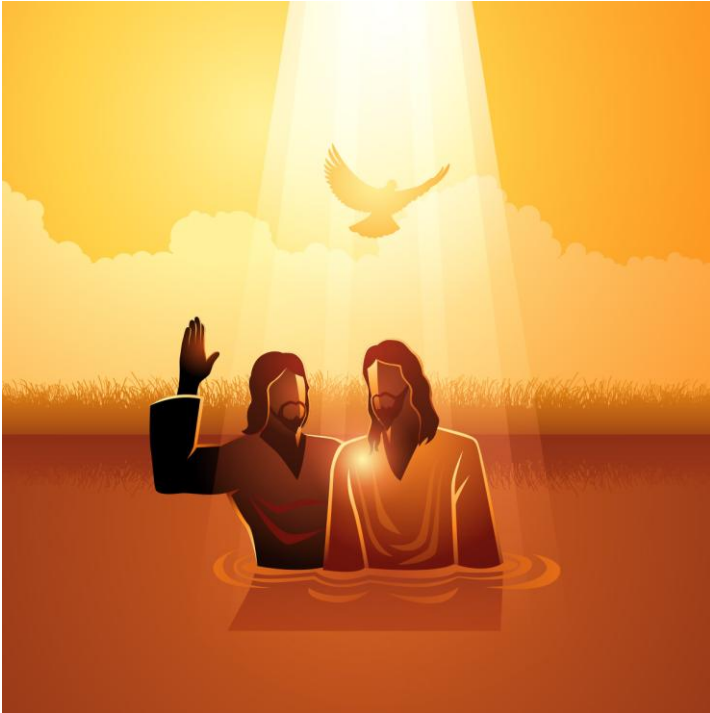




# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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## **The Baptism of Our Lord**



**Saturday, January 11, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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“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 and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. 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.

**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. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to 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.*

## Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

### Preservice Music

### Bells

### Welcome / Greeting

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn**, *LSB* 400, “Brightest and Best Stars of the Morning”

### Invocation

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

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

*10:15 a.m. – Please be seated*

**Baptism**, Timothy Michael Voges

**Baptismal Hymn**, *LSB* 740, “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

*Please stand*

**Confession and Absolution** (1 John 1:8-9)

**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. (John 20:19-23)



**Amen.**

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

I will tell of the decree:

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

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron

**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the Lord with fear,

**and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

**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.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

**my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

### Hymn of Praise, *LSB* 794, “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

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| 1   | The | Lord, | my | God, | be | praised, | My | light, | my  | life      | from       | heav - en; |
| 2   | The | Lord, | my | God, | be | praised, | My | trust, | my  | life      | from       | heav - en, |
| 3   | The | Lord, | my | God, | be | praised, | My | hope,  | my  | life      | from       | heav - en, |
| △ 4 | The | Lord, | my | God, | be | praised, | My | God,   | the | ev - er - | liv - ing, |            |



My	mak - er,	who	to	me	Has	soul	and	bod - y	giv - en;
The	Fa - ther's	own	dear	Son,	Whose	life	for	me	was
The	Spir - it,	whom	the	Son	In	love	to	me	has
To	whom	the	heav'n - ly	host	Their	laud	and	praise	are



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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*

## Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle, Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Gospel Verse

(Mark 1:11b)

**P** Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;

**C** with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel, Luke 3:15-22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Children's Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 404, "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

[Tune: *LSB* 848.]

**Sermon**, "I've got good news and bad news"----- based on Luke 3:17-18

*Please stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** *(During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)*

*Please stand*

**Offertory, LSB 370 v. 3, “What Child Is This”**

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3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

### ✠ 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.*

### 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.**



## Proper Preface

**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 at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

**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.

## The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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.

**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** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



**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.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

*LSB 735, “Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

*LSB 728, “How Firm a Foundation”*

*Please stand*

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood... Go in peace.

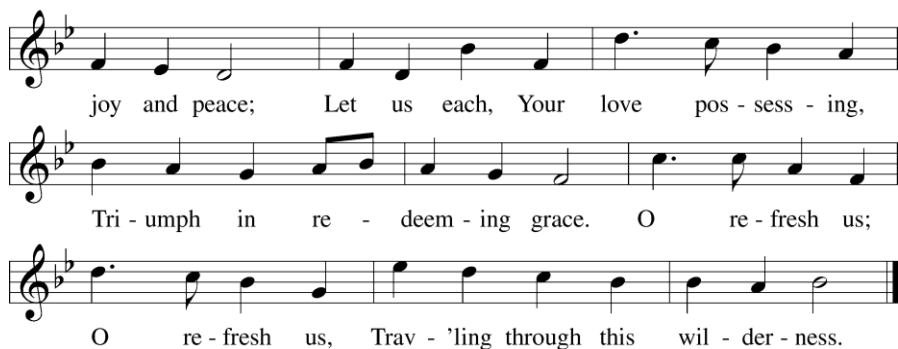
**C Amen.**

**Post-Communion Canticle, LSB 924 v. 1, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”** Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79. Text and tune: Public domain.

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with



## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**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.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn, LSB 397, “As with Gladness Men of Old”

## Bells / Postlude

*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](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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### **Saturday, January 11, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Server - Greg Wiegand  
Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Organist - Joan Ruwald  
Acolyte - Gwen & Kenzie Wiegand  
Media - Melissa Wiegand

### **Sunday, January 12, 2025 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Server - Alex Voges  
Acolytes - Mason Wilhelm & Olivia Rusteberg  
Ushers - Elden Niemeyer, Wayne Hargrave, Warren Frank, Daniel Niemeyer  
Media - Clark Deptula

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Daniel Niemeyer  
Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

### **Sunday, January 12, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Brian Downs  
Server - Doug Simms & Bob Polansky  
Acolytes - Olivia Simms & Will Hanks  
Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel  
Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Music Director - Ann Frank  
Lector - Bob Polansky  
Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

### **Ushers - Sunday, January 19, 2025**

7:45 a.m. - Roy Unterseh, Jim Stueve, Ed Arras, Maddy Prather  
10:15 a.m. - Rodney Clamors, Jenna & Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

### **Acolytes - Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Chase Richey  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Nolan Prather & AJ Helms  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Carolina & Nash Bradley

### **Servers - Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Bob Polansky  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius & Alex Voges

### **Media - Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Carson Filipiak  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Olivia Rusteberg  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Liam Garner

### **Lectors - Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Daniel Niemeyer  
**Altar Guild - Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette  
Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson  
Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Joyce McDaniel

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Join us for an fun evening for the whole family with lively entertainment, delicious food, and plenty of prizes!

SATURDAY  
JAN. 25, 2025  
6:30 PM

MULTIPURPOSE  
ROOM

*Hosted by the Board of Evangelism*

# Come explore The Bible with us!

Jesus  
in the  
Old Testament:  
The Book  
of Isaiah

*Isaiah Sees the Glory of Jesus*

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

Presenter: Rev. Terry Grebing, Retired

*The Servant of the Lord, Song 1*

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**

Presenter: Rev. Scott Holnacki, Trinity LC, Red Bud

*The Servant of the Lord, Song 2*

**Sunday, Jan. 26**

Presenter: Rev. Tony Troup, Retired

*The Servant of the Lord, Song 3*

**Tuesday, Jan. 28**

Presenter: Rev. Rodney Benkenbort, Hanover LC, Cape Girardeau, MO

*The Servant of the Lord, Song 4*

**Sunday, Feb. 2**

Presenter: Rev. Stephen Krenz, St. Paul's LC, Columbia

*Jesus Reveals Himself as the Servant of the Lord*

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

Presenter: Rev. John Lukomski, Retired

**Sundays at 1:30 p.m.**

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**Tuesdays at 6 p.m.**

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900 Church St., Evansville

Light refreshments served.

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No cost to attend!

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**For more information, please contact Nathan Koester at 618-528-2395.**

**FEB 2  
11:30 A.M.**

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WELCOME!**

**NEW MEMBER**

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LAST NAME N-Z -- SIDE/SALAD**

**MEAT, BREAD & DRINKS PROVIDED  
ENJOY GOOD FOOD & GREAT FELLOWSHIP!**



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**MEET OUR  
NEWEST  
MEMBERS!**

Dear Members of Immanuel,

As the region recently experienced significant snow and ice, and the campus at Immanuel needed much attention to get ready for all of the ministries God has called us to accomplish for His sake, we owe many our heartfelt gratitude as these servants of God really came through for us. We would like to especially thank Glen Muench for clearing our lots and roadways to allow for proper parking, the Board of Spiritual Care-Elders; Jason Valerius, Tyson Bradley, Kevin Wheat, Doug Simms, Greg Wiegand, Adam Eggemeyer and Bob Polansky for hacking through the ice to make paths of entrance more pliable. For Ed Arras who worked on the preschool and filled the candle, and for Jason and Adam who cleared a path for the preschool. And for Kevin Whelan....who got up at 4 AM last Sunday to check on the campus and report back to our worship team. And for all others who may have served our Lord so well.

Thank you on behalf of the Immanuel community.

Pastor Brian