

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran!



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to testify
to the light

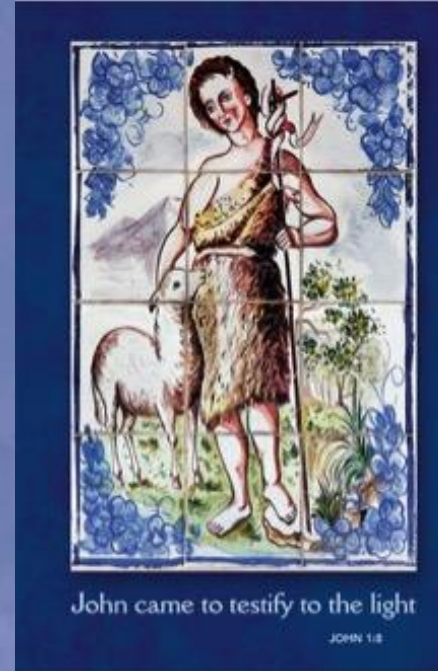
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**3rd Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017
8:30 a.m.**

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Please join in singing:

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**
- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**



Worship leader reads regular print, *congregation responds with* bold print.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gift of peace as we await your coming. **Amen.**

Please join in singing:

**3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.**



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Welcome

- Please take a moment to sign the *Friendship Pads*.
- We will be celebrating *holy communion*. All are welcome.



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Living in God's Grace as a Neighbor to the World

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.



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Confession and Forgiveness

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.



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Confession and Forgiveness

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God. In ✝ Jesus Christ your
sins are forgiven and all things are made
new. Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.



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Song of Praise – *ELW 561 v. 1*

Please join in singing:

Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as daylight shines around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.



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Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,

and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Song of Praise – *ELW 561 v. 2*

Please join in singing:

**In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.**



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Lessons

1st Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

You are encouraged to practice the art of listening as the lessons are read - the way in which the gospel was originally passed on.

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Psalm – Luke 1:46b-55 (*The Magnificat*)

^{46b} "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in

God my Savior,

⁴⁸ **for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ **His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.**

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Psalm – Luke 1:46b-55 (*The Magnificat*)

- 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered
the proud in the thoughts of their hearts
- 52 **He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones, and lifted up the lowly;**
- 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the
rich away empty.
- 54 **He has helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy,**
- 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to
Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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Lessons

1st Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm – Luke 1:46b-55

2nd Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Children's Time

*All those young (and young at heart)
are welcome to come forward for a
special time with the Pastor*

Sermon

“Where’s Jesus?”



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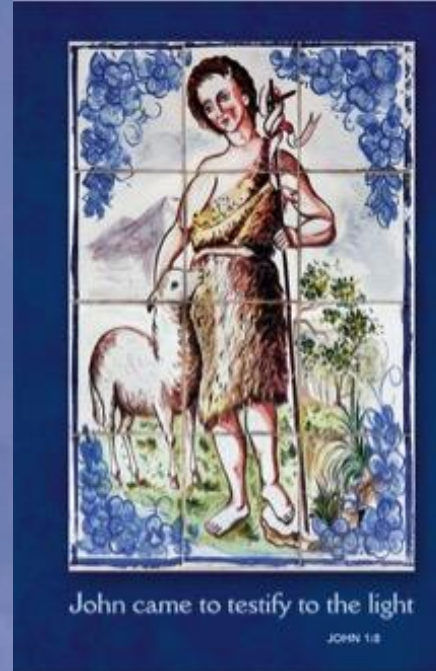
Sermon

*Make
straight
the way of
the Lord.*



Song of the Day – “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” *ELW 251*

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim--
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.



Song of the Day – “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” *ELW 251*

- 2 To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things,
the rich sent off unfed.



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Song of the Day – “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” *ELW 251*

3 To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.



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Apostles' Creed

We are made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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



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Apostles' Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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Apostles' Creed

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.



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Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Concerns



- Members – **Ryan Gibertini** (*baptized 12-10*); **Connie Schlesinger** (*recovering from surgery*); **Ruppert family** at the death of Will Ruppert (*Connie Schlesinger's father*), **Cindy Schlesinger**, **Hal Schlesinger**, **Fountain Neal**
- Friends & Family – **Ron Yenerich** (*Connie Williams' brother*); **Hannah York** (*LuAnn Kromm's niece*) **Robert Hornung** (*LuAnn Kromm's brother*)
- Our Leaders - *ELCA Bishop - Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop - Jeffrey Clements; Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish Pastor Jeff Schlesinger*

Are there additional prayer requests?

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

*Please turn to those around you and
share a sign of God's peace.*



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Offering

*We respond to God's grace by offering what God has first given us so that the good news of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed through the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Thank you** for your generous response.*



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Offering Song – “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

ELW 247 (v. 1,4)

please join in singing...

**Come now, O Prince of peace, make
us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your
people.**

**Come, Hope of unity, make us one
body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all
nations.**



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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Savior of the nations, come.

Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.



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Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**



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Communion

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 and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



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Communion

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.

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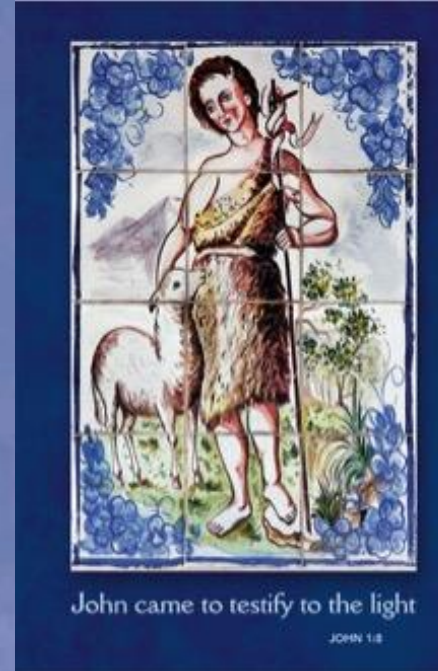
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Communion

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.**



Communion

The table is set. The gifts are ready. Come and receive God's grace.



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Communion Distribution

*As we receive the bread and cup today,
we receive grace upon grace from
Jesus: forgiveness, new life and
salvation.*

*Come and hold your hands out and
receive God's goodness with the holy
word of thanks: "**Amen!**"*



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Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.



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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God for whom we wait,
**you come to us in the broken bread
and the cup we share. Make us ready
always to welcome Christ into our
hearts, and send us forth to be your
people in the world, announcing your
coming among us in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**



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Communion Song – *ELW 561 v. 3*

Please join in singing:

**You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.**



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Announcements - *Upcoming Activities*

- **Sunday 12/17/17**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First
 - 6:30 p.m. – Confirmation @ Immanuel
- **Friday 12/22/17** – Bible Study @ Immanuel, 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday 12/24/17**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:33 a.m. LYO Pancake Breakfast @ Immanuel
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First
 - 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ Immanuel
 - 9:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ First

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Advent Tree



- *Purchase an ornament for your tree or for a loved one*
- *Each ornament purchased provides a meal for a family in Romania*

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Noisy Offering

During Advent and Christmas there will be a special “noisy offering.” It will go to offset costs of the Christmas boxes and meals we are providing for families in Romania through Another Child Foundation.



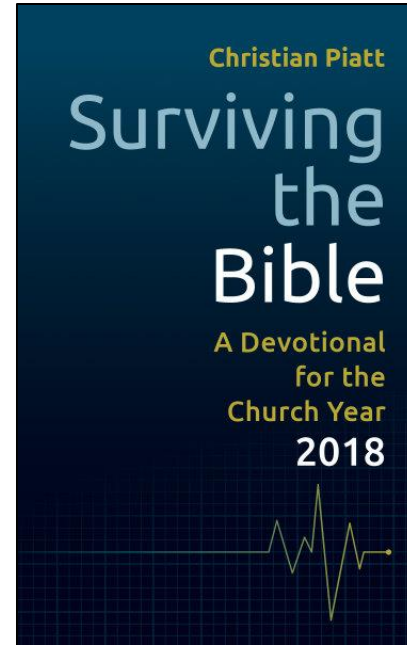
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**Order your
devotional
for next
church year
today!**

*Sign up in the
overflow*

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2017 Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

Advent Lessons & Carols

8:30 a.m. – Immanuel

10:30 a.m. – First

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 p.m. – Immanuel

9:00 p.m. – First

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day Worship

10:00 a.m. - Immanuel

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace
and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and ✝ of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

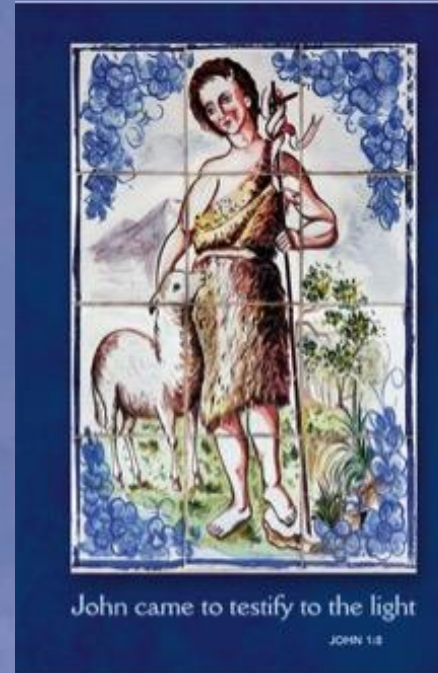


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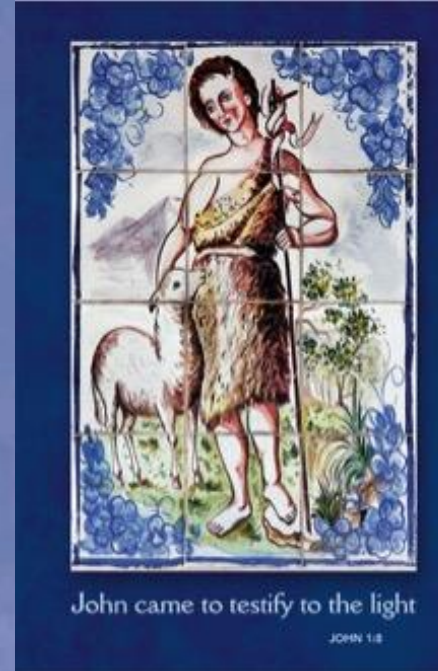
Sending Song – “People, Look East” *ELW 248*

- 1 People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today--
Love, the Guest, is on the way.



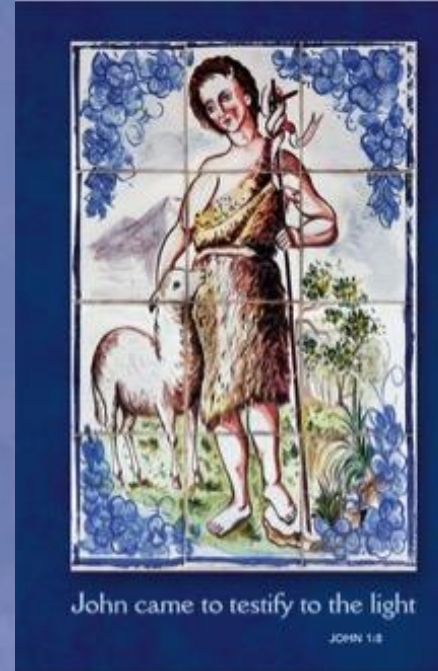
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2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to
nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today--
Love, the Rose, is on the way.



Sending Song – “People, Look East” *ELW 248*

3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today--
Love, the Star, is on the way.



Sending Song – “People, Look East” *ELW 248*

- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today--
Love, the Lord, is on the way.



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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



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