



Merry Christmas

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

Prelude 4 pm	<i>The Immanuel Instrumental Ensemble</i>	
Prelude 6 pm	<i>Organ</i>	
Welcome		
Prelude 4 pm	<i>The Bell Choir</i>	
Hymn	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	LBW 41
Confession and Forgiveness		
Hymn of Praise	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	LBW 71
Prayer of the Day		
Scripture	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7, Hebrews 4:1-4</i>	
Special Music 4 pm	<i>"This Peaceful Night" duet by Linda Mosher & Ivy Nielsen</i>	
Scripture	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	
Special Music 4 pm	<i>"O Holy Night" solo by Alexandria Plumb</i>	
Sermon	<i>"Face to Face"</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Of the Father's Love Begotten"</i>	LBW 42
The Nicene Creed		LBW, pg. 64
Prayers of the Church		
Offertory Prayer		
The Great Thanksgiving		
Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion	<i>4 Pm Bell Choir</i>	
	<i>6:00 Organ</i>	
Candle Lighting		
Hymn	<i>"Silent Night, Holy Night"</i>	LBW 65
Prayer & Blessing		
Hymn	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	LBW 60

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor Phil Nielsen

Ministers - EVERY MEMBER OF IMMANUEL

	4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Deacon On Duty:	Vicki Strissel	Kirk Jacobsen
Organist:	Barb Frember	Barb Frember
Greeters/ Ushers:	Craig and Sandy Sisson	
Acolytes:	Truman Kjergaard Pyper Montgomery	
Altar Guild:	Janet Johannsen Samantha Allen	Kathy Block Mary Taggs
Lector:	Jennifer Booth	Elaine Miller
Communion Servers:	Dave Greve Kayla Jacobs	
Projectionist:	Teri Johnson	Teri Johnson
Videographer:	Rick Chipman	
Sound:	DeAnn Nielsen	

WELCOME TO THE CHRIST-MASS: Tonight we receive the true gift of Christmas in the body and blood of Jesus. All baptized Christians are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Children under age 10 are welcome to come forward for a blessing. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray. Gluten-free wafers are available on the stand by the pastor.

THANK YOU for your donation of a poinsettia to decorate our beautiful church. There were 35 poinsettias donated this year. Please pick your poinsettia up after the Christmas Eve services. *The ILCW Board*

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Seth and Kay Johannsen to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Savior, and King.

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are pleased that you are sharing your Christmas celebration with us. Immanuel Lutheran Church is about 500 members who seek, celebrate, and share the gift of Christmas all year long. That gift is **Jesus**. He is **our Immanuel**, which means “God with us.”

Immanuel is part of an association of 1000 congregations around the world called **Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ**. We are free in Christ, accountable to one another, rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and committed to the Great Commission of Jesus to make Christians in all nations of the world.

We gather for **worship** Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:00. We gather to receive the gift of Jesus in Word and Sacrament. All baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Communion with us. We worship because Jesus is worthy, because we need to hear his life-giving Word, and because we want to encourage one another in faith. Our choir and bell choir groups are happy to welcome new members.

We gather to share life and faith in various groups. **JAM** (Jesus and Me) for 3-year-olds to 2nd graders meets during the Sunday morning worship service. **GROW** (God Rocks our Wednesday) for students in grades 3-6 meets Wednesdays after school. **Confirmation** for students in grades 7-8 meets Wednesdays at 5:30. **LYO** (Lutheran Youth Organization) for high school students meets Wednesdays at 6:30. **Women’s Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00. **Adult Bible Class** meets Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:00.

Immanuel is connected to **local and global outreach** and gives over 10 percent of our offerings to God’s Work locally and around the world. Immanuel has a sister congregation relationship with Kidugala Lutheran parish in Tanzania where we have drilled 12 wells and sponsor well over a hundred orphans in schools.

Check out our website at *harlanimmanuel.org* and our Facebook page at *facebook.com/ilcharlan*. Our office hours are 9:00 to 2:00 Monday through Friday. Our office phone is 712-755-5207.

THANK YOU to all of our musicians who shared their gifts on Christmas Eve: the duet, soloist, instrumental ensemble, handbells, pianist, organist, and the trumpet. Each of you added something special to the service. Your preparation, talent and willingness to serve helped create a meaningful and memorable evening of worship.