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Divine Service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes at 10:15 a.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord



Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 25, 2023

Welcome to “IMMANUEL” (which means “*God with us*”). The members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church are glad you are with us as we gather around the Word & Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are the means by which our Lord bestows on us His forgiveness, life and salvation. “*It is by faith that God wants to be worshiped, namely, that we receive from Him what He promises and offers.*” (Apology of the Augsburg Confession) It is our prayer that you may rejoice in the Lord as He gives His “peace on earth” to you, through His forgiveness.

Guests: Please be sure to sign the guest book at the entrance to the church and to introduce yourselves to the pastor. If you do not have a church home or are interested in learning more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Christian faith, Pastor Porath would be pleased to visit with you. You may contact him at immanuelpastor@windstream.net or at 781-2190.

Guests who desire to receive the Lord’s Supper today are asked to talk with our pastor before coming to the altar.

The Lord’s Supper: Martin Luther once said, “*Word and Sacrament are the manger and swaddling clothes into which it has pleased Christ to lay Himself.*” Just as the shepherds were told where to find Jesus, so also we are told where we may find Him today. He is no longer in the humble manger; but according to His own promise, He is in the humble means of bread and wine with His true Body and Blood. As we receive His gift, we also give a loving witness to others of the truth of His Word.



Organist: Barbara Hohman
 Crucifer: Anderson McCreight
 Torchbearers: Jaysa Yelkin, Henry Reimer
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The cross coming into the midst of the congregation is a reminder of our Savior who comes to make His dwelling among us. Please stand and face the cross.

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