

# Fourth Sunday in Advent

# Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

*Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage*

**December 21, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. Divine Service One**  
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## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome and Announcements

## Greeting of the Saints

## Prelude-Processional

## St. Thomas

Healey Willan

## Opening Hymn

## “The Advent of Our King”

## Hymn 331

1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It features a bass note on the first line, followed by a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes on the upper lines of the staff.

And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

**6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.**

## Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.**

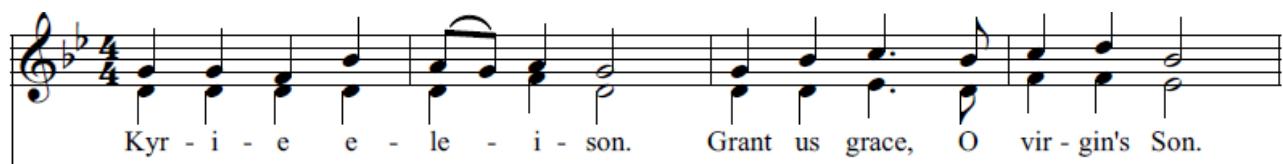
**Amen.**

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  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Kyrie

arr. Chris Winston



Kyr - i - e e - le - i - son. Grant us grace, O vir - gin's Son.



Grant us grace, O vir - gin's Son.



5  
Bring us mer - cy here on earth, at the ad - vent of Thy birth.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 1:1-17

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Please be seated*

## Children's Message

*Please stand*

## Hymn of the Day      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”      Hymn 357 sts. 1,2,6,7

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
 hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: French, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**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

A: Spirit and the Virgin. Guide us so that we may rejoice in the Word made flesh and in the redemption He has won by His holy life, life-giving death and resurrection. Bless all church workers in their various vocations, that they may serve us well in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You are the giver of every good gift, O Lord, and You care for us in all our needs of body, mind and spirit. Give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn, especially Earl, Carrie Ann, Angela, Vernon, Dorothea, and those we name in our hearts. According to Your gracious will, sustain them all by Your grace, and give them patience and courage as they await the unfolding of Your healing grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Grant, Holy Father, that all who eat today of this feast of joy may find in the Savior's body and blood a blessed foretaste of the feast to come, for the strengthening of their faith and the growth of their love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Dayspring from on high and the splendor of light everlasting. By His coming in the flesh and by His blessed Word, enlighten our hearts with the Gospel, enlighten the hearts of those who sit in the darkness of unbelief with the light of saving faith, and enlighten those who dwell in the shadow of death with the certain hope of the resurrection through Him. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*Please place completed Attendance Register in the offering plate*)

*Handbell Choir*

*“The First Noel, Silent Night”*

Michael Bedford

**Tithes & Offerings Brought Forward**

**C: Thank you, Lord, for blessing us so that we may be a blessing to others.**

## Service of the Sacrament

LSB 160

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

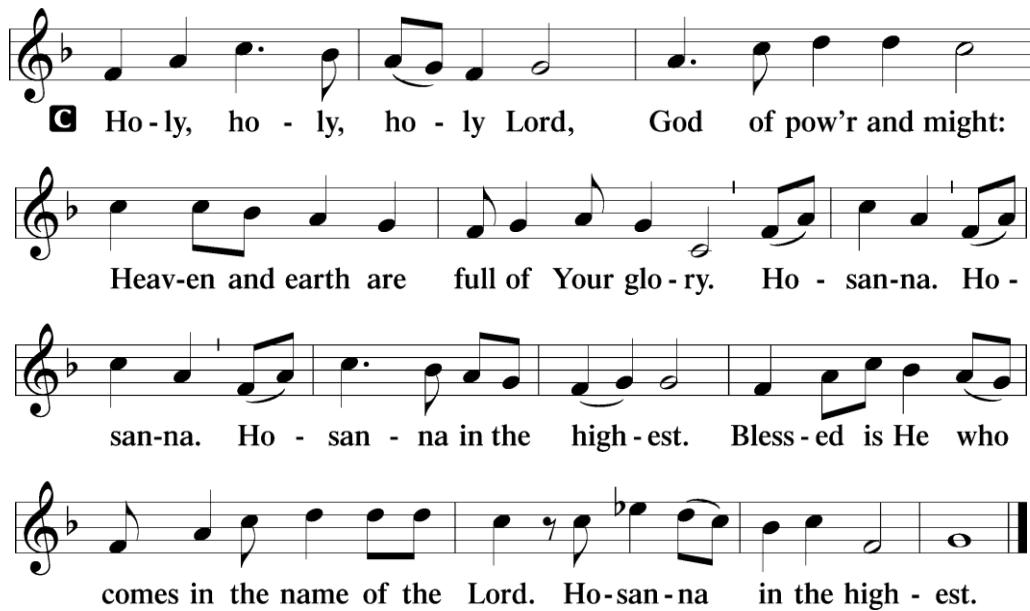
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



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.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



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*

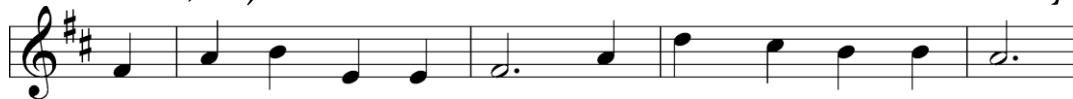
## Silent Prayer before Communing

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Communion Hymns

### “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”

Hymn 335



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice  
 2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.  
 3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;  
 4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;  
 5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Now comes the King most glo-rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.  
 Though not ar - rayed in splen-dor, He makes the grave sur-ren - der.  
 To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be-yond all mea-sure.  
 Thy gar-ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



Ho-san-na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

Text: Danish, c. 1600; tr. Victor O. Petersen, 1864–1929, alt. Tune: Der Bussfertige Sünder, 1679, Nürnberg. Text and tune: Public domain

### “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Hymn 358 sts. 1-5



1 “From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
 2 “To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
 3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
 4 “He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by  
 5 “These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad-dling



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
 God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,  
 clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the

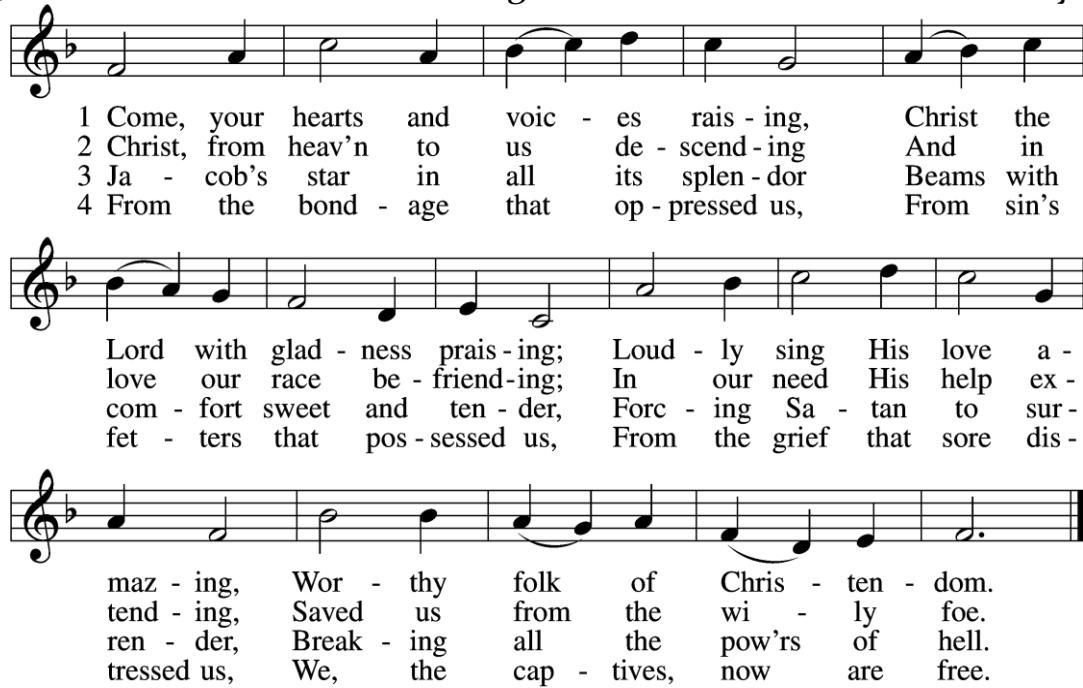


joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.  
 in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made.”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Geistliche lieder, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann. Text and tune: Public domain

## Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Hymn 375



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the  
 2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in  
 3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with  
 4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's

Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -  
 love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -  
 com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -  
 fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -

maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.  
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.  
 ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'r's of hell.  
 tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

**5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing  
 When by faith we grasp this blessing,  
 And to You we come confessing  
 That Your love has set us free.**

**6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,  
 From Your lowly manger cheer us,  
 Gently lead us and be near us  
 Till we join Your choir above.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: German, 14th cent. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House.  
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*Please stand*

## Communion Dismissal

LSB 164

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{\texttildetimes}$  in peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Benediction

LSB 166

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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn

## “God Loves Me Dearly”

## Hymn 392

1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*

There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me  
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. Composite. Tune: German. Text and tune: Public domain

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Postlude-Recessional



# DECEMBER

## *at a glance*

### **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE INVITE: Monday, December 22 at 6:45pm**

Bring your grief. Bring your hardships. Bring whatever burdens you, to the manger of our Lord.

### **JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm & Christmas Day Service at 10:00am

### **REMINDER**

**We will have one service on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

No Sunday school for Adults, Youth, or Children.

### **END OF YEAR GIVING FOR 2025**

The church office will be able to accept tithes and offerings received on December 31<sup>st</sup> for the calendar year 2025. Please make sure the tithes and offerings are at the church office by 11:45am, Wednesday, December 31. Thank you.

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

Have you started thinking about tax planning? April may seem like a long way off, but most tax strategies must be completed before the end of December. If you would benefit from additional charitable deductions, please consider giving to one of the following:

**Opportunity Scholarship Fund**: You can save money and help some of our students who need a little extra funding to remain at the academy. Please visit the [Opportunity Scholarship Fund website](#) for details on how you or your business can utilize this opportunity to give while saving tax dollars.

**ILCA Benevolence Fund**: This fund was established by the Board of Trustees to be able to extend a helping hand when school families are walking through a difficult financial time and need help with things like lunches and activity fees. Donations may be left in the ILCA office.

**ILCA Scholarship Fund**: This fund is used to support staff families, and families who may have additional needs or possibly do not qualify for the Parental Choice Tax

Credit or OSF due to issues beyond their control. Donations may be made in the ILCA office.

If you have any additional questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Berwaldt for answers. Thank you for your consideration in giving to these much appreciated funding sources.

## **BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT IMMANUEL: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

OK BLOOD INSTITUTE

**Time: 9:00am—12:30pm, in the gym**

**Look for the sign-up sheet in a couple of weeks!**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Do you have a special occasion coming up? Birthday, anniversary, baptismal birthday and would like to have flowers for that special occasion?

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex or call the church office (918-258-5506) and order altar flowers. Each arrangement is \$60.

## **HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Stop by the sound booth in the Sanctuary and pick up a device.

## **FOR YOUR OFFERING:**

- Text: immanuelba to: 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- Church App: “Give” icon
- Website: immanuelba.org
- Mail: 400 N Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00am Service attendance: 219

Offering: \$15,588.11

11:30am Service attendance: 96

Online Giving: \$6,061.10



*We give thanks to all who donated their time and talents to make this year's Boar's Head Festival possible. From those who worked on costumes, sets, décor, and logistics, to our cast, musicians, ushers, greeters, and stagehands, your dedication made this festival possible. It was truly a collaborative effort of our congregation.*

*We also extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed cookies, apple cider, bottles of water*

*and holly for the Boar's Head Festival. The cookies were delicious, the hot cider provided comfort on a cold evening, and the holly branches greatly enhanced the appearance of the refreshment tables. The water was greatly appreciated by all who needed a refreshing thirst quencher. Your generosity is truly valued.*

**THANK YOU!**

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Immanuel's Visioning Process** – pray for us as a congregation to know God's vision for us and that we will be inspired to pursue it.

**Those with Health Concerns** – Karen Beckmann, Matt Hagans, Loretta Herzberger, Ryder VanNoy, Angela Walsh

**Those with cancer** – Allen Beaird, Carol Boatright, Michelle Craig, Donna D., Jill Duran, Earl Franklin, Mike Hays, Mark Holcomb, Allen Hufford, Holly Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Merle Kuhlmann, Jackie Oestreich, Pat Rogers, Gary Siftar, Carrie Ann Swaim, Tabitha, Theresa, Ellen Vester, Lois Wegner, Carole Weygand, Woody Wicker

**Missionary work:** Rev. Christian and Gudula Tiews serving in the Eurasia Region; Ben Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Josh Lange and family, working with CWEF in Shanghai; Bob & Chris Prouty serving in Australia; Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson will be serving in Italy. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serving in Shinyanga, Tanzania.

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