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PSALM 98:4



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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

Lakefield, Minnesota

January 25, 2026

Preparation

Hymn: 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
5 O Christ, th'a - pos-tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; Matthew 4:16

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, . . .

C on them a light has dawned.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 22:22

- P** Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, “Repent” and “Follow Me.” Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.
- C** **Lord God, open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.**
- P** Lord Jesus, “I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.”
Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Now, let us follow Him!
- C** **Amen.**

Word

Introit

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.
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.
I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 98:4–6

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:16–17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Matthew 4:17

- P** Alleluia.
C From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:37–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Hymn: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

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.

Offering

All School Choir

To God Be the Glory/Joy! Medley

Congregation join in on verse 3

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be,
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Prayer of the Church

Matthew 4:16–17, 19

- P** “The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light.”
Lord of light and life, we thank You for opening our eyes to see the light of Your mercy and salvation, our ears to hear Your call, our hearts to receive the faith that saves, and our minds to acknowledge Your glory. Cast Your light of grace through our lives, that many in our dark world may turn in repentance and joy to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Holy Spirit, give us faith to turn and follow You each day. Direct, guide, and rule our hearts that we may reflect Your love and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus says, “Follow Me.” Help us, O God, to leave the cares of our lives in this world to pursue the life You give us anchored in Your Word and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus came teaching, preaching, and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. Continue to come to us and especially to all who suffer any need, injury, disease, or fear, [*especially . . .*]. Grant the healing of body, mind, and spirit with faith in Your never-ending help and kindness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** As You blessed the land of Zebulun, Naphtali, and Galilee of the Gentiles, so grant Your blessing on our nation, that those in positions of leadership and community service may work for the health, peace, and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering all who have followed You in faith whom You have called to Yourself through the grave and gate of death, give us endurance and strength to abide in the fellowship of Your church all our days, that we may enter the glorious fullness of Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.


Lord's Prayer

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.


Benediction

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.


Hymn: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann
Elder Shane Rossow
Organist LaDonna Peterson
Acolyte Nora Freking & Gander Grein
Usher

We Remember in our Prayers

Tim and Sonya Daberkow on the death of Sonya's mother, Sandra Cooper

Cameron and Leah Lunde on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Leslie

Jackie Ward dealing with health issues

Clyde Daberkow in Hospice

Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Paynesville Health Care Center, Good Sam in Estherville

Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues

Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade and Alan Salzwedel; Mary Beth Baumann, sister-in-law of Myleen Swanson & LaNell Rossow; Mackenzie Erickson, friend of Amber Liepold; Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity Brewster), Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Denny Daberkow; dealing with cancer

Chad Kolander, brother of Keith and Corey Kolander; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Law Enforcement and First Responders

Our Missionaries in the Field

Our Country and Our Military

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.



National Lutheran Schools Week Dinner

TODAY! Sunday, January 25
10:30-12:30

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Beans, Salads,
Chips, Dessert, and a Beverage**

Freewill Donation accepted to benefit ILS

Meal provided by ILS Staff and Families

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, meals and visits I received during my surgery recovery. It is truly a blessing to be part of the Immanuel family.
- Dory Poppe

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Tim and Sonya Daberkow and family on the death of Sonya's mother, Saundra Cooper. We pray that God would comfort the family at this difficult time.

VALENTINE'S DATE NIGHT: Spend an evening with your special someone here at Immanuel on Friday, February 13th from 5:30-8:30 where a 4-course meal (pasta and chicken inspired) along with comedy entertainment will be held in the church basement. Reservations are required. Call Pat Pohlman at 507-227-8564 to reserve your spot. Deadline to register is February 11th. Cost is \$25 per person. You will not want to miss this evening!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8!

**Our LWML is doing this fundraiser for the
Teacher Salary Fund.**

ORDER FORM IS A YELLOW INSERT IN THE BULLETIN
Gluten free option available (may be a bun or wrap) –

Please note on the form if you'd like gluten free.

**PLACE YOUR COMPLETED ORDER FORMS AND
PAYMENT IN THE BLUE RUBBERMAID CONTAINER ON
THE WELCOME CENTER IN THE NARTHEX OR GIVE TO
AMY IN THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1.**

PROCLAIM CHOIR from Free Lutheran Bible College will perform in concert on Friday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is part of their "The God of Hope" Winter Tour. Their Women's Trio and Women's Ensemble will also sing. Eli Hedstrom, son of Pastor Dale and Mary Hedstrom from Lakefield, is a member of the Proclaim Choir. A freewill offering will be taken for the choir.

GOSPEL TECH – FAITH “TECH, AI, AND THE GOSPEL”: Nathan Sutherland of Gospel Tech will be at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne to talk about navigating the digital world as Christians. Gospel Tech is a ministry committed to raising healthy youth in a tech world with over 15 years of ministry experience. A youth night is on Wednesday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m. on how to “Use the Best Tech Well: A fun and honest conversation about how we can use all the tech that points us to Jesus”. An adult night is on Thursday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m. with Nathan speaking on “AI: The Benefits, Dangers, and Basics of Using AI Well”. Both events are free and open to all. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. both nights for refreshments. Questions? Contact DCE Jessica Blocker at 507-283-2316 or dce@stjohnluverne.org. The church is located at 803 N Cedar Street in Luverne.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to Amy in the office by January 25th.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- All School Choir sings here at Immanuel today, Sunday 1/25, at 9:00
- National Lutheran Schools Week Dinner is today, Sunday 1/25, from 10:30-12:30 in the Activity Center.
- National Lutheran Schools Week is 1/25-1/31: Many fun dress-up days and activities are planned including: Cereal & Cartoons; Cougar Theatre; Service Day; Puzzle Race; Pastries with Parents; Swimming and Gym Time at the Regional Wellness Center in Estherville; Tribal Olympics; Pastors, Parfaits & Appreciation; Free Throw Contest; Pepfest, ILS Basketball Tournament
- Chapel Offerings for the 3rd Quarter will go to Hearts for Jesus which is a service project of the Minnesota South District. This year each school is choosing where they would like to donate to. We have chosen Jehovah Lutheran Church (an LCMS church in St. Paul) to support their mission of helping the homeless. Along with monetary donations, we are also collecting winter coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, and scarves. Items can be gently used or new. Keep in mind that 75% of the homeless population are adult males. There is a collection box in the school hallway for donations to be put into.
- Upcoming Basketball
 - Monday 1/26 @ 4:15: B away at St. Paul's Fairmont
 - Monday 1/26 @ 4:00: A boys scrimmage at home
 - Friday 1/30 & Saturday 1/31: A tournament home at ILS
 - Monday 2/2 @ 4:00: A & B home vs. Worthington Christian

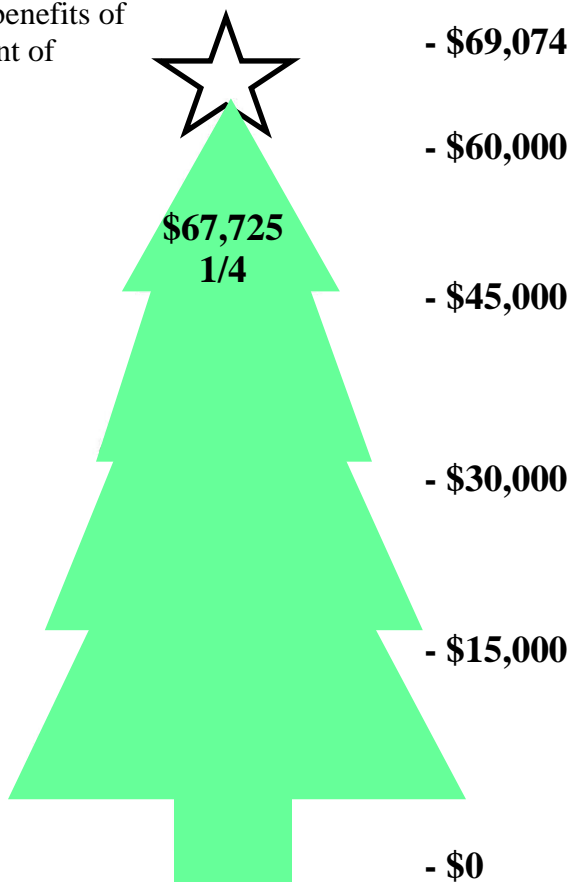
GIVING STATEMENTS for 2025 are ready. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex if you would like one or give Amy in the church office a call at 507-662-5718. Statements can then be picked up from the welcome center in the narthex or mailed out.

MAC 'N CHEESE COOK-OFF will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop during the girls Jags basketball game vs. Fairmont on Friday, February 6th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person and allows for sampling of all Mac 'n Cheese varieties and one vote for the favorite. Want to enter a Mac 'n Cheese recipe for the cook-off? Go to [martinlutherhs.com/Special Events](http://martinlutherhs.com/Special%20Events) or call the school at 507-436-5249. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASS, OR YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD: The Christmas in July Service is always a special service for our congregation. We sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns, worship outside in our Lord's creation, and gather together afterwards for a meal. At this service we also get the opportunity to show support for our school with gifts toward the Teacher Salary Fund. The gifts towards this crucial mission go towards providing payroll to our outstanding faculty who teach the young students of Immanuel to grow in Christ. The end of this school year marked our 126th anniversary. As a gift to ensure that the mission of the school in Immanuel is as eternal as God's love, let us challenge ourselves to give 12.6% of our salaries and benefits of school faculty in the amount of \$69,074 as a special giving project. There has been an anonymous donor who has gifted \$25,000 to this fund leaving a remaining balance of \$44,074. Please consider making a gift above and beyond your normal offering. There will be a tracking thermometer in the Narthex to follow along with as we work towards this goal along plus this Christmas tree in the bulletin.

Don't forget to mark your offering envelopes "TSF or Teacher Salary Fund" when giving.



CHILDREN’S WINTER CARNIVAL at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop is on Sunday, February 1st from 1:00-3:00. There will be Bouncy Houses and games for children led by MLHS students while parents relax in the lounge! Cost is \$5 per child or \$15 per family. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 3rd from 1:00-6:00 p.m. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or online at www.redcrossblood.org

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January through March can be found on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy. Did you know that Portals of Prayer are also available in digital format through an app? Cost is \$9.99 for the year. Not only can you read the daily devotion in whatever size print you like, but an audio option is also available. You also have access to over 10 years Portals of Prayer archives. Meaningful daily and special occasion prayers can also be found on the app. If you’re interested go to the app store and search for Portals of Prayer.

ANNUAL REPORTS: January is here. Amy would appreciate having the reports in the church office soon.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” at the time of the service or any time after up to a month.
2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” at the time of the service or any time after.

POINTS OF INFORMATION January 18, 2026	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	\$5,502
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	\$10,112
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i>Immanuel School.....</i>	\$300
<i>DVDs.....</i>	\$52
<i>Hot Lunch.....</i>	\$50
<i>Memorial given in memory of</i>	
<i>Gerald “Chink” Mead to Immanuel Church.....</i>	\$125
<i>Gerald “Chink” Mead to Immanuel School.....</i>	\$100
<i>Current Fund received in December.....</i>	\$40,815
<i>Needed in December.....</i>	\$41,914
<i>Worshipping on Sunday 1/18: 119</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, January 25

- 9:00 AM Worship*
- 9:00 AM All School Choir sings here at Immanuel*
- 10:30-12:30 NLSW Dinner in the Activity Center*

Monday, January 26

- 4:00 PM A Boys BB scrimmage at home*
- 4:15 PM B BB away at St. Paul's Fairmont*

Tuesday, January 27

- 5:15 PM Board of Ed Meeting*

Wednesday, January 28

- 8:20 AM Chapel*
- 2:10 PM Confirmation*
- 5:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting*
- 6:00 PM Board of Finance Meeting*
- 6:10 PM Immanuel Ringers*
- 7:00 PM Joint Boards*
- 7:10 PM Choir*

Friday, January 30

- 4:00-8:00 A BB tournament here at Immanuel*

Saturday, January 31

- 9:00-5:00 A BB tournament here at Immanuel*

Sunday, February 1

- Orders due for Superbowl Subs*
- 9:00 AM Worship with Communion*
- 10:15 AM Sunday School*
- 10:15 AM Bible Class*
- 10:15 AM Youth Group Bible Study*

Monday, February 2

- 4:00 PM A & B BB home vs. Worthington Christian*

Wednesday, February 4

- 8:20 AM Chapel*
- 2:10 PM Confirmation*
- 6:10 PM Immanuel Ringers*
- 7:10 PM Choir*

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