

Oliver & Linda Anderson are grateful to the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for their generosity and thoughtfulness during this Christmas season. Thank You.

**Last Sunday**  
Attendance 38  
Adult Bible Study 13

**Offerings**  
12/27/15 \$880.00  
Offerings needed each week  
\$1,691.75

A new 2016 prayer chain list is in the mailboxes. If you wish to be listed or removed, please let the office know. Thank you.

Financial statements are completed for year end. Please check the mailboxes in the Narthex. Thank you.

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

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***January 3, 2016 Second Sunday after Christmas  
10:30 AM***



***God loves us not because of  
who we are, but  
because of who He is.***

### Communion Preparation!

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. In this sacrament we receive not only bread and wine but also the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are a baptized Christian who understands the meaning and use of these elements and who confesses your sins, you are welcome to commune with us. Children who don't commune and those who choose not to commune are invited to come to the alter for a blessing. For those not communing placing your hands under the rail or folding your hands will let us know of your intentions. For those who prefer grape juice, you may choose an individual cup from the center rings of the communion tray.

### Office Hours for Deacon Larry:

Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Stop by to visit or call. He would like to hear from you.

### Today

Elder: Greg Grill  
Greeters: Guy & Pat Douglas  
Reader: Oliver Anderson  
Servers: Velma Bariletti  
Altar Guild: Fran Jacob  
Jackie Cegavske  
Karen Bishopink  
Counter: Ann Oliver

### Next Week 1.10.16

Elder: Don Butler  
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Yon  
Reader: Jeanne Butler  
Servers: Gary & Sharon Yon  
Altar Guild: Fran Jacob  
Jackie Cegavske  
Karen Bishopink  
Counter: Ann Oliver

### To Our Guests: Welcome!

We're glad you are here. We hope you will experience Christ's presence and love as we worship Him together in Spirit and in Truth.

### Altar Flowers:

*Provided by Audrey Sears,  
for God's many blessings this past year  
and the many more blessings He will  
give this coming new year.*

### Happening This Week

**Sunday** - 9:00 AM: Bible Study  
10:30 AM: Church Service  
11:00 AM: Children's Church  
**Monday** - 10:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study  
**Tuesday** - 1:00 PM: Ladies Guild  
**Wednesday** - 10:30 AM: Elders Meeting  
**Friday** - 7 PM: NA Meeting

**Sunday, January 10, 2016**  
**Installation of council and elders.**

### Distribution Hymns:

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (LSB 393, 2 verses)*  
*"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (LSB 374, 3 verses)*  
*"Let Our Gladness Have No End" (LSB 381, 4 verses)*

### Post Communion Collect:

### Benediction:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Closing Hymn:

*"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" (LSB 386, 4 verses)*

**P:** *Go in Peace,  
Serve the Lord,*  
**C:** **Thanks be to God**

### Those for Whom we pray:

Dave Engel -  
Shellie Langless - Ralph and Debbie Graham's friend  
James Baucun - Velma's grandson whose disease is progressing  
Ron Holland - Debbie Graham's brother  
Ben Padilla - Teresa Wenger's brother  
Connie Engel -  
Doris Hendrickson - Della Schmidt's friend in Nevada  
Pastor Arlyn Russert -  
Doris King -  
Pastor Elmer G. Steenbock

### Remember our military

Caleb Burks  
Keith Roberts  
Jeff Rowe



*Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship*

*(Please stand)*

**Gospel Lesson Reading**

**Luke 2:40-52**

*The reading for today is the only glimpse we have of Jesus' life between infancy and adulthood. Mary and Joseph head back to Nazareth thinking he is with the group but realize at the end of the first day that he is not with them. They hurry back to Jerusalem and eventually find him in the Temple 'be(ing) in my father's house.' If he was God why didn't he already know everything there was to know? Didn't Jesus already have all the answers?*

*God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.*

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:*

**Nicene Creed (LSB #inside back cover)**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn:**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (LSB 549, 7 verses)*

**Sermon**

**Offering:**

*We offer our gifts to God in humble gratitude acknowledging that all we have comes from Him.*

**During Offering Hymn:**

*"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (LSB 394, verses 1& 4)*

*(Please stand)*

**Prayers of the Church:**

*"Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:"*

**The Lord's Prayer: (LSB - inside back cover)**

**Preface**

**The Words Of Our Lord:**

**Peace:**

*(Please be seated)*

**Prelude:**

*Katrina Koch*

**Theme:**

We think of Solomon as being the wisest king ever. But if he was so wise what was he doing offering sacrifices at a Temple of Baal? And even more importantly, what was God doing there answering the prayer of this 'wise' king? Do we sometimes try to limit God saying that He is only within the walls of Immanuel Lutheran Church? Do we try to limit Him to the confines of a neat little box that makes Him fit nicely into our human understanding of who and what He is? Do we forget that God is omnipotent and can do his work from anywhere and through anyone, even those we don't think are worthy of His love?

**Invocation:**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen

**Opening Hymn:**

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (LSB 367, 5 verses)*

*(Please stand)*

**Confession & Absolution:**

**Collect Of The Day:**

*(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson Reading**

**1 Kings 3:4-15**

*We often here of 'the wisdom of Solomon.' In the reading today is he perhaps not as wise as we have held him up to be. What is he doing offering sacrifices at a temple of Baal? Is he there because the Temple in Jerusalem is not yet built? The writer of 1 Kings is uncomfortable with this because he knows where such worship might lead. And just as important, what is God doing there answering prayers?*

**Epistle Lesson Reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Paul tells the Ephesians (and us) that God chose us before the earth was created. He adopted us as his children and therefore we have redemption and forgiveness according to his grace. In that adoption we have an inheritance sealed with the Holy Spirit who guarantees that inheritance until we take possession of it in heaven.*

