



At Immanuel, our mission is focused on our Four Branches of Ministry. Staff, volunteer, and financial resources are allocated under one of the four branches to tell the story of our purpose and impact. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are used to support these ministries.

Offering is an act of worship, an instance in which we are invited to give away something we value—our time, talent and treasure—as a sacrifice and expression of love for God. Much more than “paying bills,” these gifts are simple and clear acts of devotion to God.

### Giving Tree

Since 1997, Immanuel has been hosting a Giving Tree to help make the holidays a little happier for some families in need. This Sunday we start the season off with Tithing Made Visual.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS  
BRING 10**

<p><b>Canned Goods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cranberries</li> <li>• Corn</li> <li>• Peas</li> <li>• Green beans</li> <li>• Baked beans</li> <li>• Tuna</li> <li>• Pumpkin</li> <li>• Fruit</li> <li>• Spaghetti sauce</li> <li>• Chicken broth</li> <li>• Canned soup</li> <li>• Cr of mushroom soup</li> <li>• Yams</li> <li>• French-fried onions</li> <li>• Evaporated milk</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paper Products</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilet paper</li> <li>• Paper towels</li> <li>• Kleenex</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Food</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayonnaise</li> <li>• Syrup</li> <li>• Peanut butter</li> <li>• Jelly</li> <li>• Flour</li> <li>• Sugar</li> <li>• White Rice</li> <li>• Instant Rice</li> <li>• Spaghetti noodles</li> <li>• Top Ramen soup</li> <li>• Egg noodles</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gravy mix, turkey</li> <li>• Salt</li> <li>• Black pepper</li> <li>• Graham crackers</li> <li>• Stovetop stuffing</li> <li>• Jello</li> <li>• Cake mix</li> <li>• Frosting</li> <li>• Cereal</li> <li>• Pancake mix</li> </ul>



## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Advent 1

**November 24, 2024 10 am**

**“You are a Blessing”**

*Images and Words Adapted from A Sanctified Art*



### Gathering

#### Call to Worship

**Song:** “Awake, Awake” (Hermanson)

#### Confession and Forgiveness

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Words of Forgiveness

**Song:** “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” (ELW 265)

#### Apostolic Greeting

#### Prayer of the Day

### The Word

#### Readings:

Isaiah 43:1-7

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

#### Children’s Message

#### Sermon

Pastor Molly / Pastor Rebekah Cochran

#### Song of the Day:

“In Case No One Ever Told You” (Strickland)

#### Affirmation of Faith

**Prayers of the People** “Come Now O Prince of Peace” (ELW 247, v. 1)

#### Sharing of the Peace

**Offering & Song** “Glory, Let There Be Peace” (Steven, Maher, Popadic)

#### Offering Prayer

### The Meal

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Preface

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

“You are Holy” (ELW 525)

#### Eucharistic Prayer

#### Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer (spoken, modern)

**Communion & Songs:** “Into the Darkness of this World” (Maggi Dawn)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (ELW 490)

#### Post-Communion Blessing

#### Prayer After Communion

### The Sending

#### Ministry Announcements

#### Benediction

#### Sending Song

“Sing, O Heavens” (Hermanson)

#### Dismissal

## Welcome to Immanuel!

Are you visiting? Please fill out a yellow card from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so we can reach out to you. The purple pew cards are for electronic givers to place in the offering to show that giving is an act of worship.

### Communion

While the meal of the baptized, Christ is the host and welcomes all. The promise “given and shed for you” requires a simple trusting heart. Those not receiving may come up for a blessing. White grape juice and gluten/dairy free bread is available. Please contact the pastors for further conversation about Baptism and Communion.

### Worship Assistance

Assisted listening devices, earphones, and reading glasses are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

### Children

We welcome children of all ages to our services. Busy Bags for are available from the ushers. Toys are in the family area by the Luther Wall. Children may bring their offering forward to place in the little white church by the altar.

## Announcements

**Giving Tree** The Giving Tree collection begins today. Keep an eye on the e-news and bulletins for updates and lists of requested items/sign ups.

**Quilting** Dec 7 Sat 9:30 am. Hang quilts in sanctuary. All welcome. More hands make this a quick easy task.

**Now Hiring** Immanuel is looking to hire a part-time bookkeeper. The hours are flexible and average around 10-15 per month. We are looking for someone with basic bookkeeping/accounting skills who also has some knowledge of Excel. Our payroll, quarterly and annual tax reporting are done by a 3rd party vendor so only a little work involving payroll type items required. Reconciliation skills are also a bonus. We are looking to start training this person the beginning of 2025.



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### Welcome Statement

Immanuel Lutheran Church is committed to seeing Christ in everyone. We are rooted and united in Christ. We grow by acknowledging and embracing our differences. We celebrate our human family’s diversity of sexuality, gender identity, marital status, race, ethnicity, age, faith story, economic status, physical and mental ability, education, and the many other identities that make our community beautiful. All people are invited to grow with us toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect - seeing Christ in everyone.

### Immanuel is a Reconciling Works Congregation

We advocate for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

**Tree of Life Ceremony & Lighting** honoring loved ones who have died. Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Missoula Children’s Theater. (Partners in Home Care)

**Living Healthier Longer** at Holy Spirit Episcopal December 4, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Panelists: Charlie Swannack, MD addressing heart issues; Janice Givler, MD addressing women’s issues including hormone replacement therapy; Marcy Hanson, PhD addressing the role of public health in living healthier; and Ryan Thompson, a young adult, sharing his story.

*Share the love of Christ with all!*

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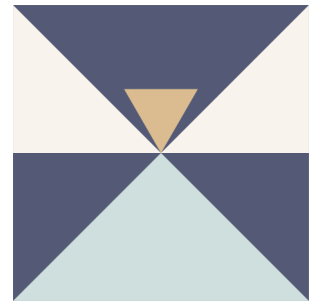
## Advent & Christmas 2024

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. Christ comes in the holy birth and in the fullness of time. The old ways of sin and death have ended; we live and love in new ways. Yet, we feel the weight of many things coming to an end. “Words for the Beginning” will offer blessings we need to hear again and again. We hear scriptures often used in weddings, ordination services, or baptisms. We invite you to enter this Advent season as if you are entering a sacred new chapter, holding fast to the reminders that will bolster you for the journey ahead.

### Advent 1: You Are A Blessing

Luke 1:26-38 | Isaiah 43:1-7

This quilt square is a simplified abstract image of the angel Gabriel who tells Mary she is “blessed among women.” She is neither wealthy nor powerful, and yet she is chosen to bear God’s child. Her story begins with blessedness, and so does ours, for the prophet Isaiah declares that we are claimed by a God who calls our name. We are a blessing because we belong to God. When blessedness is our beginning, we begin to see the world—and others—through the eyes of a God who says: “You are precious in my sight” (Isaiah 43:4).



### Advent Sunday Worship

Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 22

### Advent Dinner & Worship

Wednesday, December 11  
Dinner—5:30—6:15 p.m.  
Blue Christmas Worship at 6:30 p.m.

### Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

### Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 p.m. Children & Family Worship (30-45 min)  
5:00 p.m. Band, Holy Communion, Candlelight  
8:00 p.m. Organ, Holy Communion, Candlelight

### Worship December 29 at 10:00 a.m.

### Community Advent Activities

Contemplative Worship at Atonement  
Drop in 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.  
Concert—Julie Long & Friends at Atonement  
Dec. 15 at 2:00 p.m.  
John Floridas Holiday Concert for MIC  
At Atonement  
December 22 at 4:00 P.m.