



**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Celebrating the Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Prelude **“A Christmas Medley”**

Announcements

Procession while singing the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn **“O Come All Ye Faithful”** **#283**

Call to Worship

P Christ is born!

C **Glorify him!**

P On this holiest of nights,

C **we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.**

P On this most precious night,

C **we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.**

P On this nights of carols and candlelight,

C **we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.**

P Christ is born!

C **Glorify him!**

Hymn **“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”** **#282, vss. 1, 4**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God of Love, there is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

Hymn **“Joy to the World”** **#267, vss. 1, 2, 4**

Litany of Christmas

A.M. Dazzling light on a dark night.

C **Angelic songs on a silent night.**

A.M. Wonderful news!

C **Surprising Good News.**

A.M. The promised Messiah is born!

C **A new Prince of Peace has come.**

A.M. Rejoice! For on this star-bright, holy night --

C **The angels still sing!**

A.M. They bid us seek the holy in the midst of the ordinary.

C **They call us to look into the eyes of a child and see God.**

A.M. They urge us to sing and dance all the way to Bethlehem.
C **Rejoice! For on this star-bright, holy night, the angels still sing.**
A.M. Christ is born!
C **Glorify him!**

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 (Bible in pew) pg. 555
This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #279, vss. 1, 4

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” p. 142

Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20 (Bible in pew) pg. 832
The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.
God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain” #290

A.M.: The Apostles’ Creed Back of the Hymnal
Let us declare our faith using the words of The Apostles’ Creed.

A.M.: Prayers of Intercession
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

or purchased just because you believe in doing the work of the church, providing help where it is needed – a gift that will keep on giving.

Sharing God’s Light - It’s not too late to get your donations in for the GWCS bible fundraiser. The Life Recovery Bibles cost \$15.00 each. The Lord is My Light ribbons are set up in the Gathering Room to sponsor funding for the bibles. Contributions of any amount will be appreciated. Donations are tax deductible and the sponsorship ribbon is yours to take home as a special thank you for helping to share God’s Light. Make checks payable to Greater Wausau Christian Services. Please write “BIBLE FUND” on memo line. Your checks may be sent or turned into Immanuel Lutheran Church office. Contact Janci Treutel at 715-355-5719 with any questions.

Endowment fund - Immanuel’s Endowment Committee is accepting grant requests through December 31, 2017. The Endowment Committee oversees the ILC Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is a permanent invested fund, and a portion of the earnings on the Fund each year may be distributed “for religious purposes which enhance congregational life at Immanuel”. The Fund may not be used for normal operating expenses. Preliminary indications are that we may have a total of about \$4,200 available to distribute this year. Grant requests are evaluated and awarded at the discretion of the Endowment Committee. Grant request forms are available in the church office. For further information you may call Bob Reinertson at 715-551-6231.

The coffee host signup sheets for 2018 are in fellowship hall. Please sign up for a Sunday.

The flower chart for 2018 is on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up to honor a loved one, an anniversary or a birthday.

All Altar Guild members will be blessed during worship service on Sunday, January 7th.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. T. J. Diti-bane, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi, 2870, Republic of South Africa.





*Thank you for sharing poinsettias
to beautify the Altar for Christmas.*



Clarence & Sally Johnson
Neil & Mary Munson
Vern & Joanne Diestelhorst
Rachel, Nick, Jeff & Carly Bursik in memory of Grandpa Jake
Dan & Sue Bursik in honor of Thelma Bursik
Dan & Sue Bursik
 in honor of granddaughter, Nicolette Mae Bursik
Roger & Donna Neiter in memory of parents
Edie & Paul Smith
Floyd Hallberg
Jim & Pat Stolen
Ron & Jo Beckman in thanksgiving for Immanuel
Bob & Sue Doede
Bruce & Kathy Knox
Bob Henning
Bill & JoAnne Cerny
Michael & Margy Mayer
Dan & Holly Westaby
Don & Dwala Smail
Kathy Groethe & Jeff Groethe in memory of Al Groethe
Landis Memorial
Larson Memorial

You may take your poinsettia plant home after the worship service.

Merry Christmas

SERVING US TODAY:

Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
Assisting Minister	Maggie Westaby
Ministers	All Members of Immanuel
Organist	Judy Kort
Reader	Holly Westaby
Head Usher	Dan Westaby
Greeter	Bob and Sue Doede
Video Recorder	Bob Henning
Presentation Manager	Jerry Nickolai
Altar Guild	Dan & Holly Westaby
Contact Person	Jamie Rice-Heckendorf

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun. Dec. 24	4:00p	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Mon. Dec. 25	9:00a	Christmas Day Communion Worship Service in Shalom Chapel
Tues. Dec. 26	5:30p	Bell Choir Practice
	5:45p	TV Worship Service CH 980
Wed. Dec. 27		-----
Thurs. Dec. 28	9:15a	TV Worship Service CH 980
	Noon	Deadline to turn in 2017 Offering Envelopes
Fri. Dec. 29	9-noon	Church Office Open
Sat. Dec. 30		-----
Sun. Dec. 31		Endowment Grant Deadline
	9:00a	Worship Service No Sunday School
	10:00a	Coffee Fellowship Church Office Closed
Mon. Jan. 01		

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Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras - Pastor@immanuelwausau.org

Pastor Hours: Monday: 10:30-11am and 1:30-2pm, Tuesday: 10:30-11am,

Wednesday: Visiting homebound parishioners, Thursday: 1:30-2pm

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Friday 9 to noon

Worship Service at 9:00 am on Sunday