

Last Sunday Attendance = 55

Church offering thru October: \$67,471.85 Mission of the Month: \$3,580

We pray especially for Joy Osborn, Ron Anderson, Joel Evans, and Steve Kleine.



2nd Annual Cereal Drive! Donate a box or two and challenge another to donate a box or two. Our goal is 1,000 boxes to help make sure North Union students have something for breakfast during Christmas break.

Save the Date: Distribution will take place on December 19th - any help will be appreciated.

Supervision Requested

A majority of the items in the youth room are either personal belongings of the youth group students and their families or are specifically geared towards kids grade 6 and above. If younger students are in the room, please provide direct parental supervision and be sure everything is put away correctly.

Special Upcoming Events

“A Super Christmas” - Children’s Christmas Program - December 21st 9 AM

Christmas Eve Service - December 24th at 5:00 PM

Ongoing Events

Wednesdays - after school - Mighty Warrior Kid for students in grades 1-5 meets at Immanuel in the social hall.

7:00 PM Youth Group for Grades 6-12. Meet for a time of games, hanging out, and Bible study.

Mission Statement

This Congregation of Jesus Christ endorses hands-on mission by seeing, responding, and reaching out to the needs of the congregation, the rural community, and to the world.

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*First Sunday
of Advent*

November 30, 2025

Welcome

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worship with us today. We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and by baptism we are made children of God. This we affirm by our confession of faith. Therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus we welcome you in worshipping our Lord in Word and Sacrament

*Asterisk indicates the congregation stands as each is able.

Prelude - "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

Apostolic Greeting

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Cor. 13:14)*

And also with you

* **Brief Order for Confession and Absolution** page 77

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - "Candles of Advent" verse 1 insert

Opening Hymn - "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" # 34

The Word of the Lord

*Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.
(Romans 10:17)*

First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5 (Pew Bible page 567)

Responsive Reading - Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

²**Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together,

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!**

⁷Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

⁸**For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 24:36-44 (Pew Bible Page 830)

Children's Message

Pastor Sara

Children's Hymn - "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!*

Message

Pastor Sara

Reflection Hymn - "Soon and Very Soon" blue hymnal # 744

Confession and Prayer

***The Apostles' Creed** page 85

***Presentation of the Offering- "Create in Me"** page 96

***Prayers of the Church**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

***The Lord's Prayer** page 97

***Closing Hymn- "Joy to the World"** #39

***The Benediction**

*Pastor – Go in Peace to Love the Lord

* **Congregation – "Thanks be to God – and we will!"**

Three-fold Amen

Postlude



Iowa Veterans Home
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Mission of the Month Iowa Veteran's Home

The Iowa Soldiers home opened to house displaced Civil War veterans. At the start, life at the facility resembled life under Army rules and regulations. Residents wore uniforms, marched in formation, stood inspections, ate at a mess hall, and went to bed at taps. They slept in open wards and needed passes to get by the sentry at the gates.

Today, our Marshalltown campus spans 150 acres. We serve about 400 veterans and have more than 700 staff, making us one of the largest state-run veterans homes in the country. We seek to help Iowa veterans and their spouses through nursing and residential care. We seek to improve their quality of life by focusing on personalized services and choices. Your tax-deductible donation makes living at the Iowa Veterans Home feel more like living at home. We have different monetary funds to choose from that we accept donations for. For more information go to:

<https://dva.iowa.gov/iowa-veterans-home>