



## Mission of the Month Operation Save Our Soldiers

A Revolutionary New Solution for Veterans!  
A drug-free, brain based healing strategy that changing the lives of veterans and their families struggling with the post-war effects of traumatic events! Unlike traditional “talk therapy” used by the Veterans Administration and other therapeutic practices, our Brain-Based Healing Protocol gently and easily clears troubling

thoughts or emotions on a deeper level without requiring individuals to relive the deeper level without the pain of past events. Best of all, veterans can see permanent results in as little as just one 1-hour session. For more information go to <https://operationsaveoursoldiers.org>

Last Sunday Attendance: 40

Church offering thru October: \$73736.85 Mission of the Month: \$3807.14

We pray especially for Joy Osborn, Pat Bauer, 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 18th in Swea City and Dec 19th in Fenton. For both locations - meet at 8am, present to school kids at 9am. Check email for more details, contact Janet Deim if you can help.

### 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 9:00 AM

Candlelight 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.

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

**December 14, 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 worshiping our Lord in Word and Sacrament.

**\*Asterisk indicates the congregation stands as each is able.**

**Prelude** - “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

*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*

**\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: The days are coming, says the Lord, when God’s promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord proclaimed, “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.” Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected.

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P: God of grace,

**C: We confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the name of Jesus, God’s only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ’s holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

In this season of Advent, we take a moment to pause in a special way as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Lord on Christmas Day.

**Candles of Advent - vs 3**

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**Opening Hymn – “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**# 45**

**The Word of the Lord**

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

**First Reading - James 5:7-11** (Pew Bible page 1013)

**Responsive Reading - Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:2-15** (Pew Bible page 816)

**Message**

**Pastor Sara**

**Hymn – “The First Noel”**

**# 56**

**Confession and Prayer**

**\*The Apostle’s Creed**

**page 85**

**\*Presentation of the Offering– “Create in Me”**

**page 96**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**\* The Lord’s Prayer**

**Page 91**

**\*The Closing Hymn - “Hark, The Glad Sound!”**

**# 35**

**\*The Benediction**

**Page 95**

**\*Pastor – Go in Peace to Love the Lord**

**\* Congregation – “Thanks be to God – and we will!”**

**The Postlude**



**150th Anniversary Photo!**

As part of wrapping up our celebration of our 150th Anniversary in 2025, we are hoping to take a large group photo which includes anyone and everyone who is part of worship on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for our Children's Program. Please come ready and excited to say "cheese!"

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