



Today's Message

Third Sunday in Advent
"The Gift of Love"

Rev. Dr. Larry W. Tieman · December 11, 2016

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New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our "Connection Center" where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

What's Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what's happening by checking in at our website: www.immanuelcl.org

Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

I'd like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org

Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church · Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court *

SERMON NOTES

"Love changes everything—how you live and how you die." (Andrew Lloyd Weber)

*"To love another person is to see the face of God."
(From Les Miserables)*

"It is not that Christianity has not been tried and found boring. It is that it has been tried and found difficult." (G. K. Chesterton)

I. The M_____ for Loving Comes from God

- A. It is easy to h_____.
- B. We can be overwhelmed by the s_____ of the human race.
- C. The measure of God's love is s_____.

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

- D. God took the i_____ in declaring His love for us.

II. To Love Others We Must Remain Connected to the S_____ of Love

- A. Without s_____ ties to God, our love will wither, fade, and die.
- B. To love, people need more than good i_____.
- C. They need the L_____.
- D. What you g_____, you g_____ back!

III. Whoever Loves God Must Also Love His Brother (v. 21)

- A. Love can be c_____, but it can never be d_____.

"If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (v. 20)

- B. Live out the reality of love with your brothers and sisters in Christ, so that the r_____ might begin!

Memory Verse

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."
(1 John 4:10, NIV)*

MY NEXT STEPS...

- Memorize 1 John 4:10.
- Get ready for Christmas by accepting, experiencing, and sharing the gift of God's love with others.
- Attend worship next week to receive the "Gift of Joy."

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Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives with the Light of Jesus Christ...

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Our church's bible study library is now digital...and gigantic! Join for free! You should have received an invitation email to register for RightNow Media. Click the Get Started button in the email. Create your profile. Then explore! If you did not get an invite, contact Monica Wolowiec at mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org.



Altar Flowers at the Commons are in celebration of Skyler Shaffer's first birthday, given by her parents.
Altar Flowers at the Church are in loving memory of Florence Telle, wife, mother, and grandmother,
given by the Telle and Helm Families

Don't forget to return your 2017 Stewardship Pledge Cards! Additional cards are available at the Connection Desk.



Tijuana 2017 Mission Trip!

Prayerfully consider joining Pastor Tieman on Immanuel's annual mission trip to build houses for needy families in Tijuana July 21—28, 2017. No building skills or knowledge of Spanish is required. Contact Paul or Beth Schneider for additional information at 815-477-7332 or by e-mail at paul_beth_schneider@msn.com.



CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATION

There will be a congregational Q & A on December 18 immediately following the 11 am service to present the 2017 budget.
The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held January 15, 2017.



We are excited to announce that Pastor Bob Pudell has accepted the call to serve as Executive Pastor here at Immanuel!
We look forward to welcoming him to our staff after the new year!



Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve (December 24) 2 & 4 pm—Commons
Christmas Eve (December 24) 8 & 10 pm—Historic Church
Christmas Day (December 25) 10 am—Commons

Get the latest weekly Announcements, event postings, and information at: www.Immanuelcl.org

* Families with Young Children: Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area.
Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).