



Today's Message

“Prepare The Way to Bethlehem”

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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: stieman@immanuelcl.org

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

SERMON NOTES

I. EACH YEAR THE CHURCH SETS OFF ON A J_____

A. We p_____ our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

“Prepare the way for the Lord!” (Mark 1:3)

B. So this year He will have a p_____ p_____ to be born.

C. We think we know the way to B_____.

D. But we can't get there by ourselves!

1. You have to start at the J_____ with J_____.

2. He's the only one who can help you get there.

E. I'm not real a_____ to go out into the d_____ again!

1. He says the same thing every year.

2. ***“Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!”***

F. John is a prophet

1. He is not attempting to predict the f_____.

2. He is telling us what we need to do in the p_____.

II. JOHN'S MESSAGE NEVER C_____

A. S_____ out your lives.

1. Turn from your s_____fulness.

2. Clear out the overgrown c_____ that overtakes your life.

3. And t_____ back to the God of the Bible.

B. There isn't much time left.

1. The Christ is coming s_____.

2. You need to be r_____.

C. This isn't a one and done task; it needs to be done c_____!

D. Repentance is a r_____ transformation!

1. Not just on the outside, but is a change of heart on the i_____!

2. Which only G_____ can do.

F. Produce f_____ in keeping with repentance

G. E_____ the journey!

Memory Verse

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- ✚ Prepare your hearts for Christ every day through repentance.
- ✚ Produce the fruits of repentance.
- ✚ Share your journey to Christmas by inviting a friend to join us for Christmas worship.

Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

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CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS available now in the church/school office and the ministry table on Sunday mornings. Donations accepted. Show the community that you are keeping Christ in Christmas.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Jeremy Horton and Thrivent Financial for the awesome new fellowship serving table. Jeremy designed and built the table that was donated through a Thrivent Action Grant and the Horton family!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The 2018 Budget Q & A Presentation will be held in the Commons on TODAY following the 11:00 service.



Praise and thanksgiving for the Baptism of Leo William Antor at the 11 am worship service. Altar Flowers are in appreciation and gratitude to our Chancel Choir members for their dedication to our Cantata services, by Robert and Cheri Blazek.



TIDY UP TUESDAY!

Join us on Tuesday, December 12 at 10 am in the Commons. We will focus on cleaning that area as we prepare for Christmas. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a productive and fun time! For questions, contact Sharon Tieman at stieman@immanuelcl.org.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL

Mid-Week Advent Worship

December 13 & 20, 7 pm, Commons

Christmas Eve

December 24, 9:30 am & 3 pm, Commons

Candlelight Services

December 24, 8 & 10 pm, Historic Church

Christmas Day

December 25, 10 am, Commons

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* 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).