



# Today's Message

**“Getting the Program Right”**  
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Immanuel Lutheran Church  
**December 17, 2017**

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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](http://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](mailto:stieman@immanuelcl.org)

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

### SERMON NOTES

I. CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT THE UN\_\_\_\_\_

A. God comes into the world as a tiny b\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Israel had long been waiting for a S\_\_\_\_\_.

**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2)**

C. Light came into the w\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ years ago

2. When you were b\_\_\_\_\_

D. We are r\_\_\_\_\_ with the Father.

**“For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:19)**

II. CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF A \_\_\_\_\_

A. Christmas is a time of m\_\_\_\_\_ and

m\_\_\_\_\_.

B. John caused quite a stir in the w\_\_\_\_\_.

**“Who are you?”**

**“I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” (v. 23)**

C. Among Jesus’ last words was His c\_\_\_\_\_ to make disciples.

**“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)**

III. CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT R \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Lord has his special m\_\_\_\_\_ for every time.

1. An a\_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus’ birth.

**“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)**

2. John was sent as a w\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus’ public ministry.

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (v. 29)**

3. For today, God has y\_\_\_\_\_ and m\_\_\_\_\_.

**“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.”**

B. No matter what may go w\_\_\_\_\_ this time of the year;

C. We can still rejoice that we are r\_\_\_\_\_ with the Father!

### Memory Verse

**“(John) came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.” (John 1:7)**

### **MY NEXT STEPS . . .**

- ✚ Anticipate that things will go wrong with your Christmas plans.
- ✚ Rejoice that everything is right with the Father!
- ✚ Invite someone to Christmas worship.

# Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, December 17, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

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



## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL

### Mid-Week Advent Worship

December 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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Praise and thanksgiving for the Baptism of Lincoln Craig Kearley at the 11 am worship service.

Altar Flowers are in celebration of Emma Dorn,s birthday, by Bob & Jean Dorn.



**TRIVIA NIGHT** — February 16, 2018! Mark Your Calendars Now! Trivia Night proceeds go to the Tijuana Mission Trip and this year to the ILS 7th and 8th graders Washington trip! Watch for sign up tables in January between services. New this year, an option to order pizza and beverages for sale. For questions, please contact Amy Moeller at [amoellerc3f3@gmail.com](mailto:amoellerc3f3@gmail.com) or Lora Anderson at [ljanderson.5@comcast.net](mailto:ljanderson.5@comcast.net)

## LEADING GENEROUSLY

As the New Year rolls in and we get back into our routines, Immanuel will be doing a new Sermon Series and Small Group study. We are excited to return to and complete the final, third installment of the Living and Loving Generously series with a study called, Leading Generously. This 5 week series will run Jan. 7-Feb. 3 and will encourage all of us to lead by serving others through the power of generosity. Check out the bulletin boards at both the Commons and Historic Church for options for Small Groups or to add your group to the list. For more information or for questions, contact Laura Gilleland at [lgilleland@immanuelcl.org](mailto:lgilleland@immanuelcl.org)

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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).