

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor
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December 18, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Advent

Opening Hymn LBW # 315

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and peace as we wait for the coming of your Son, and the humility and boldness to proclaim his reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Rev. Eric M. Miletti

Hymn of the Day LBW # 40

Nicene Creed Pg. 84

Prayers of the Church Pg. 85

Special Music "O Holy Night" Sung by Morris Vader

Sharing of the Peace Pg. 86

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Post-Communion Prayer Advent

Benediction Advent

Closing Hymn WOV # 721

Sending

Welcome to our worship in Jesus' name!

Your presence in worshipping the Lord is our joy! Thanks be to God that grants you faith which brings you here. Please come again. Join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall between services.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Garland & Chrystal Coble in honor of Phyllis Stensgaard's birthday and their daughter, Jennifer's graduation.

Attendance Book and Prayer Request Card – Visitors and members, please add your names to the book and pass it to others in your pew. If you have a Prayer Request, the card will be picked up during the first hymn.

Offerings & Attendance on 12/11 were \$5,463, and there were 111 members & 19 visitors who attended, Facebook Live had 312 views.

Holy Communion: All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. Come forward at the direction of the usher. If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please let the usher know, and the Sacrament will be brought to you. **Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;** let the pastor or communion assistant know of your need as you are served. Any who have not been instructed in the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
		'Back to Basics' Bible Study
		Sunday School / Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tues	6:00 pm	Ministry Group Leader Mtg.
Wed	6:00 pm	Peacemakers' Fellowship
		Fun Night
Sat	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight
	11:00 pm	Services with Holy Communion

Budget Committee Call - The financial team is preparing the Budget for 2023. If you are interested in working with the team, contact Chrystal Coble at 210-865-8205.

All contributions for 2022 must be made by Friday, December 30th in order to be recorded on your 2022 Contribution Statement.

The **2023 Flower Chart** is posted in the Narthex. Please note beside your name for what occasion you are placing the flowers.

Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Annex; please **do not use until January 1st, 2023**. We renumber every year, so you may have a different envelope number, and using the 2023 envelopes early could result in your contributions being posted to someone else's number.

"Thank you" to all those involved in making our worship services today special:

Flowers: Chrystal Coble
Greeters: Dianell Recker, Laura Baumann
Ushers: Ronnie Coleman, Kathy Volkmann
Dwight Koepp, Lillian Kosub
Readers: David Haass, Jacy Reeves
Acolytes: Katelyn Tripp, Abigail Clarke
Altar Guild: Paige Haass, Joyce Miller
Laura Baumann, Patrice Goodman
Multimedia: Brent Recker, Patrice Goodman
Slide maker: Shasta Franklin
Facebook Live: Jana Clarke
Coffee Hosts: Women of Faith
ART: Harold Schott
Tellers: Ronnie Coleman, Brenda Willeford

RSVP for Pastor Eric's Installation Celebration Dinner on Saturday, January 14, 2023 by calling the church office before Friday, December 30th. RSVPs are only needed if you are planning to attend the dinner afterwards.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Those in our congregation: Larry Bailey, Jameson Baker, Gary Beran, Willie Jean Boeck, Chrystal Coble, Kyle, *Gloria Kipp*, Wanda Mabry, Ronnie & Brenda Moore, Sharon Poarch, Carl Rivers, Phyllis Stensgaard, Martha Trotter.

Those all who are ill in our community: Goitom Araya, Hector Arredondo, Ivy Baumann, Rodney Bartlett, John Briscoe, Rodney Brown, Susan Bruno, Carolyn Bunton, Jim Ellis, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Donna Gabrysch, Karen Garza, Andrea Herrera, Kathy Hutchinson, Kim Jameson, Lacey Latin, Ashley Leyendecker, Chelsea Lyssy, Mike McEnery, Jim & Ana N., Edna Otto, Teresa Plesek, Geary Ransom, Carl (Kip) Richter, Larry Rose, Russell Smith, Laura Lambeck Snyder, Kathleen Sproles, *Brandon Strey*, Alene Wanek, Billy Willeford.

For those grieving: *The family of Esther DeHaven's mother, Sulema Flores*

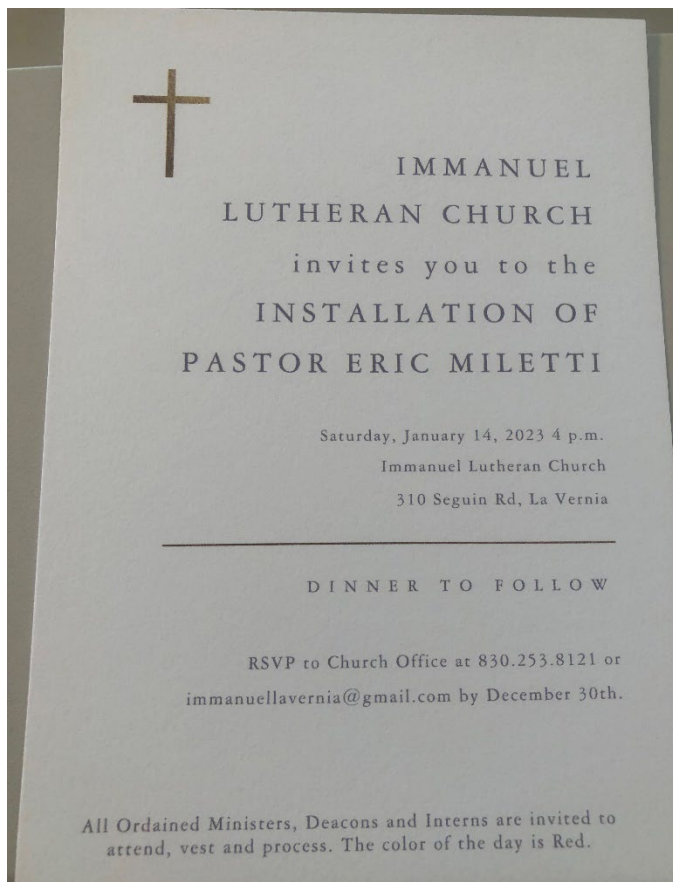
For those affected by natural disasters:

For our building project:

For our country and for world peace:

FOR RAIN!

For all who serve our country here and abroad or have served in the past. For those who have given their life so that we may be a free nation: Brian Alderson, Taylor Clarke, Thomas Elder, Stephen Ferry, Eric Koepp, Joshua Miller, Nathan Pianfetti, Farrah Schluter, Larkin Tremaine, Ashley Trompeter, and Michael Troy Jr.



This week's NALC devotions: December 18 - 24

Sunday

- Isaiah 11:1-9 ▪ Ephesians 6:10-20 ▪ John 3:16-21
- Psalms 24 & 150 (AM) ▪ Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)

Monday

- Isaiah 11:10-16 ▪ Revelation 20:1-10 ▪ John 5:30-47
- Psalms 122 & 145 (AM) ▪ Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)

Tuesday

- Isaiah 28:9-29:24 ▪ Revelation 20:11-21:21 ▪ Luke 1:5-38
- Psalms 33 & 146 (AM) ▪ Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)

Wednesday

- Habakkuk 2:1-4 ▪ Ephesians 2:19-22 ▪ John 20:24-29
- Psalms 117 & 147:1-12 (AM) ▪ Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)

Thursday

- Isaiah 31:1-9 ▪ Revelation 21:22-22:5 ▪ Luke 1:39-56
- Psalms 18:1-20 & 147:13-21 (AM)
- Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)

Friday

- Isaiah 33:17-22 ▪ Revelation 22:6-11, 18-20 ▪ Luke 1:57-66
- Psalms 102 & 148 (AM) ▪ Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)

Saturday

- Isaiah 35:1-10 ▪ Revelation 22:12-17, 21 ▪ Luke 1:67-80
- Psalms 90 & 149 (AM) ▪ Psalms 132 & 114 (PM)