

Hymn ..... #510 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (Red)

**-WE RESPOND TO GOD-**

Offering ..... *Special Music - Katie Peterson*  
Offertory ..... #184 "Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..." (Red)  
Nicene Creed .....Pg. 126 (Red)  
The Prayers of the Church  
Sharing of the Peace

**-ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION-**

**Communion Invitation** - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and may receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Great Thanksgiving .....Pg. 129 (Red)  
Sanctus ..... Pg. 130 "Holy, holy, holy..." (Red)  
Words of Institution .....Pg. 130 - #11 (Red)  
The Lord's Prayer .....*Congregation Sings* ("Debts," "Debtors")  
Distribution of the Lord's Supper  
Lamb of God .....Pg. 135 (Red)  
Hymns During Communion ..... #263, 609, 269, 608 (Red)  
Post-Communion Prayer

**Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-**

Announcements

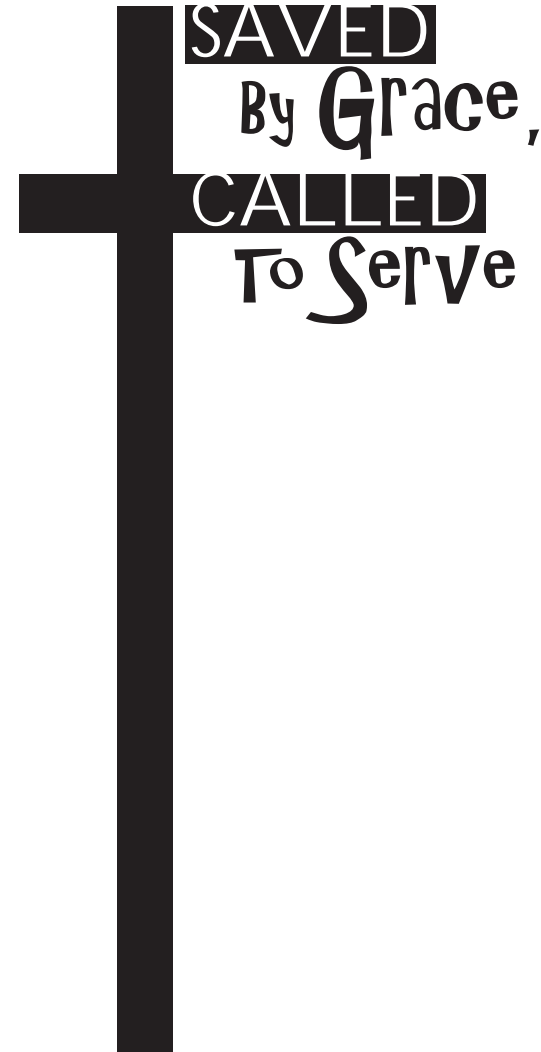
Blessing

Pastor: May God the Father, and God the Son, Immanuel, who has tented among us, and God the Holy Spirit, be with us and guide us in this New Year.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Closing Hymn .... #242 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn" - v. 1-2 (Red)

Postlude



**All Members: Ministers**

**2nd Sunday after Christmas  
January 4, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Daniel Belgum-Blad  
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**ENABLING OUR MINISTRY**

<b>Ministers</b> ..... All Members	<b>Communion Assistant</b> ..... Daryl Winkelman
<b>Presiding Minister</b> ..... Daniel Belgum-Blad	<b>Lector</b> ..... Connie Halvorson
<b>Council President</b> ..... Bob Starz	<b>Acolyte</b> ..... Kendra Bengtson
<b>Organist</b> ..... Deb Mickle	<b>Ushers</b> ..... Ron & Rosie Peterson
<b>Secretary</b> ..... Janelle Eisenbacher	John Hagstrom, Glenn Grahn
<b>Sextons</b> ..... Paul & Rolayne Beerman family	<b>Greeters</b> ..... Ole Hovey & Ivan Wersal
<b>Offering Counter</b> ..... Harlan Madsen	<b>Coffee Servers</b> ..... Pat & Sandy Walsh
<b>Altar Guild</b> ..... Dennis & Sharon Goehring	Veda Stockland
Ron & Rosie Peterson	

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.  
As we worship, let God speak to us. As we leave, let us speak to each other.**

## **-WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP-**

- Welcome
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- Confession & Forgiveness .....Pg. 116 (Red)
- Gathering Hymn .....#294 “In the Bleak Midwinter” (Red)

## **-WE PRAISE GOD-**

- Kyrie .....Pg. 120 (Red)

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

**Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **-GOD SPEAKS TO US-**

- First Lesson ..... **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>31:7</sup>For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' <sup>31:8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>31:9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>31:10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' <sup>31:11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>31:12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>31:13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>31:14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

- Second Lesson ..... **Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>1:3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>1:4</sup>just as he chose us in

Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>1:5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>1:6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>1:7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>1:8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>1:9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>1:10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>1:11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>1:12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>1:13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>1:14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

- Gospel Acclamation .....Pg. 124 “Alleluia...” (Red)
- Holy Gospel ..... **John 1:1-18**
- Congregation Responds ..... “Glory to You, O Lord”

<sup>1:1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>1:2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>1:3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>1:4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>1:5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>1:6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>1:7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>1:8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>1:9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>1:10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>1:11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>1:12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>1:13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>1:14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>1:15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') <sup>1:16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>1:17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>1:18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

- Congregation Responds ..... “Praise to You, O Christ”
- Sermon ..... “The Word Made Flesh and Tented with Us”

## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

### Today-Sunday-January 4- 2nd Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. .... Worship/Holy Communion  
 10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship  
 10:15 a.m. .... Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus  
 10:30 a.m. .... Adult Study

**Tuesday** 8:00 a.m. .... Women's Morning Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes

**Wednesday** After School .... Good News Bearers (until 5 p.m.)  
 5:45 p.m. .... Confirmation  
 7:30 p.m. .... Christian Education Team Meets

**Thursday** 7:30 a.m. .... Men's Morning Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes  
 6:30 p.m. .... Ministry Teams Meet  
 7:30 p.m. .... Council Meets

**Saturday** Noon .... Bridal Shower for Janaya Nielson

### Next Sunday-January 11- Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. .... Worship  
 10:00 a.m. .... Fellowship  
 10:15 a.m. .... Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. .... Adult Study

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Offering from Sun., December 28, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance .....	78
Regular Offering .....	\$3564.25
Building Fund .....	\$715.00
Pony Express .....	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$4289.25</b>

December Ministry Goal* .....	\$14,990.20
Needed (To Date) To Meet Dec. Ministry Goal .....	-\$837.76

\*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.

### Annual Meeting January 25

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is set for Sunday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. following the worship service.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope that this time is one of refreshment and encouragement for you. If you would like more information about Immanuel please contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship, and hope you will join us again soon.

### Prayer Concerns

Our church and other area churches; our community; our Synod Bishop, Jon Anderson, and Synod staff, our SW Minnesota Synod and the ELCA; our nation; our companion synod: The South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa; we remember the people of Palestine and Israel; those serving in the armed services; and pray that all people on earth may lay down their arms and work for peace and justice for all; our missionaries: James and Carol Sack, serving in Japan; (Please let us know if you have specific prayer requests).

**NEW ADULT STUDY** begins today with a look at the "call of Moses" as recorded in Exodus 3: 1-15. This four-week study is open to anyone. A great way to start the new year! We will meet 10:30 a.m. in the library.

**Thank you** to Katie Peterson for sharing special music this morning.

### *The Work of Christmas by the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and princes are home,  
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
 The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
 To heal the broken,  
 To feed the hungry,  
 To release the prisoner,  
 To rebuild the nations,  
 To bring peace among others,  
 To make music in the heart.