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ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

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HYMN– No. 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

5 **Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

6 **And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT – Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C: the home of righteousness.

P: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

C: let me know how fleeting I am!

P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

C: and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

P: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C: My hope is in you.

P: Deliver me from all my transgressions.

C: Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

C: For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

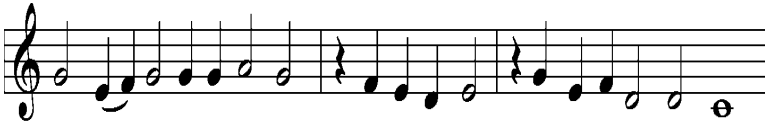
C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C: the home of righteousness.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

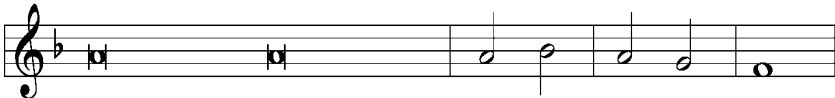
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



F Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



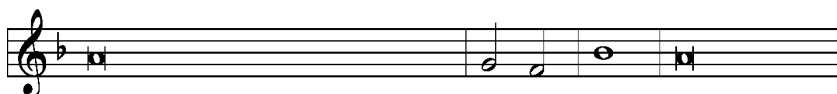
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



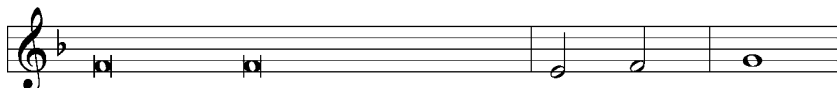
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



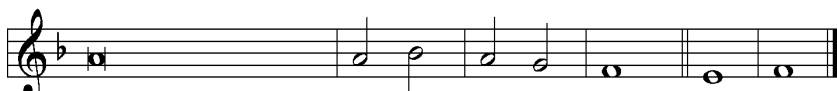
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray.

C: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Old Testament – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on

the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me,

you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom

will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN – No. 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!”**
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.**
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv’n;**
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.**
- △ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!**

SERMON

Text: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Theme: Getting Back Home

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

(there is a time for silent prayer)

After each petition:

P: let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy


At the conclusion of the prayer:

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PREFACE


P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains six measures: a half note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a half note E.


P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains six measures: a half note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a half note E.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains six measures: a half note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a half note E.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

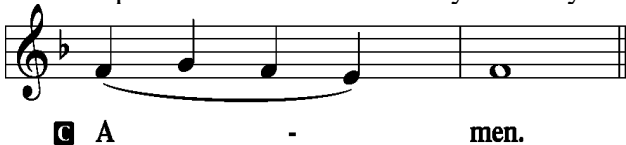
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”


PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Hymn No. 392 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

Refrain

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

**2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free.**

Refrain

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free.**

Refrain

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed.**

Refrain

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long.**

Refrain

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

Hymn No. 547 The Lamb

**1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill.**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

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Hymn No. 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.**

- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessèd
'Tis to give than to receive.**

- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?**

- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.**

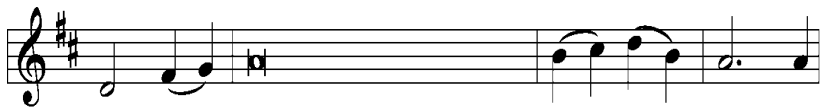
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Hymn No. 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.**
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.**
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.**
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

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NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

HYMN – 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1 **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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WELCOME - We welcome all worshippers to our services at Immanuel this week. As God comes to us in Word and in Sacrament may we experience His love and His power in the singing of praise and the living of our lives to His glory.

VISITORS - Welcome all visitors this week. Be sure to pick up a visitor packet from an usher or from our Information Rack in the east entrance.

SERVICE ENLARGEMENTS, LARGE PRINT HYMNS & ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES - are now available for the service each week. It will include the service, hymns, and the insert of readings. They will be available at both entrances next to the bulletins. Please return them after the service.

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP - ALL members and visitors are asked to record their attendance at church and communion. Please return the record to the center aisle.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TOTES - are available at both entrances for children age kindergarten and younger. Please return them after the service.

NURSERY - Exit the southeast door, the nursery is the third door at the bottom of the stairs. The first door is the lounge where you may listen to the service on the speaker.

COMMUNION - If you are not a member of Immanuel and have not previously taken Communion here, or if you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please speak with Pastor Kuhlman before the service. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray.

CHURCH OFFICE - If you need to meet, speak, or make an appointment with the Church Secretary the office is open on Monday and Wednesday. If you need to meet or speak to Pastor Kuhlman you can always reach him on his cell and at his home. **Please note that the church will be locked at all times unless two people are present.**

CATECHISM AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

MASKS - Masks are strongly encouraged and at this time we request that our congregation wear a mask anytime you are inside the church to help protect all of our members.

FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Joan Householder in memory of Charles.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS: none

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is in your mailbox! Save a stamp and pick yours up today!

2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes. Please pick yours up today!

2021 PORTALS OF PRAYER for January – March are in the information rack in the east entrance and on the table in the back of the church

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – The congregation of Immanuel welcome our newest members Robert and Glenda Gullion.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be this Wednesday, November 25th at 7PM with holy communion. Offering will go to the Avilla Food Bank. Also you can bring a canned good to place on the giving table that will also be taken to the Avilla Food Bank.

2021 CHANCEL SIGN UP SHEET is up in the chancel room inside the cupboard door. Sign up today!

2021 CALANDARS are available on the table in the east entrance.

2021 FLOWER CHART has been placed in the north entrance and ready for signups! The cost is \$30 for the 2 vases. There are many needed dates for signup including January 3, 10, February 7, 14, 21, March 14 and many more through the year. If in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion, please make a note of that on the chart. Make checks payable to Immanuel Chancel Society and place it in their drawer in the east entrance.

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL – To renew your Lutheran Witness please contact Shelia. The cost is \$19.00 a year.

NEW FURNACES NEEDED FOR THE SANCTUARY

An upgrade is needed to the 2 furnaces that supply heat to the sanctuary. The congregation voted to replace them at a cost of \$7,100.00. There was also a discussion of a fundraiser within the congregation to raise the needed monies for the project. The goal is to prevent the depletion of the current Building Fund. We ask that special gifts to the Building Fund for the furnaces be placed in the collection plates or mail them to the church with funds earmarked for the Building Fund – Furnaces.

ADVENT SERVICES will be on Wednesday evenings at 7PM. They will be December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

POINSETTIAS – The signup sheet for Christmas poinsettias is on the table in the east entrance. The cost is \$13.00 each and the deadline for signing up is December 6th. You can also bring your own poinsettia to share. Please have the poinsettia at the church no later than Monday, Dec. 21st.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be on December 6th following morning worship. All members are welcome and encouraged to come and help prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – This year here at Immanuel there will be 2 Candlelight Christmas Eve services with Holy Communion on Thursday, December 24th. The first will begin at 4:00PM and the second will begin at 8:00PM. After each service please take your bulletin and your candle home with you. There is a sign up sheet for the congregation to choose which service they will be attending on the table in the east entrance. The purpose is to keep our social distancing and time to sanitize and get the church ready for each service.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND PRACTICES

Watch the bulletin for more information as it becomes available.

JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY - Unfortunately we will not be having Jesus Birthday Party in the fellowship hall this year. We are though making up bags for the children to take home so if you have any items to contribute to the bags please talk to Connie Kaiser.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE – We are looking for a family for our Christmas Giving Tree. If you know of a needy family the church can help this Christmas please contact Elizabeth Pfafman.

AVILLA FOOD PANTRY - Please don't forget the needy people in our community. You may place your food donations in the box in the east entrance.

BULLETIN BOARD - Cross Connection; Worship for Shut-Ins;

PRAYER LIST- Prayer for the sick & recovering: Judy McKinley, Dan Phares, Judy Hillegass, Carole Bishop, Roger Reichhart, young relative of a church member who is suffering mentally and parents who need wisdom and comfort.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS are now on our website. The announcements in the bulletin each week can be seen on our website **under Blog and then correct month.**

INFORMATION RACK- last week's bulletin; extra December Newsletters; Visitors Packet; October - December 2020 Portals of Prayer; Lutheran Witness; Cross Connection; Thrivent Dollars information; Lutherans for Life.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance – Sunday 39 + Jesus

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT WEEK: Sunday: Children and Adult Sunday School 8:30AM, Morning Worship 9:30AM

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Pause to reflect. God has given you saving faith.