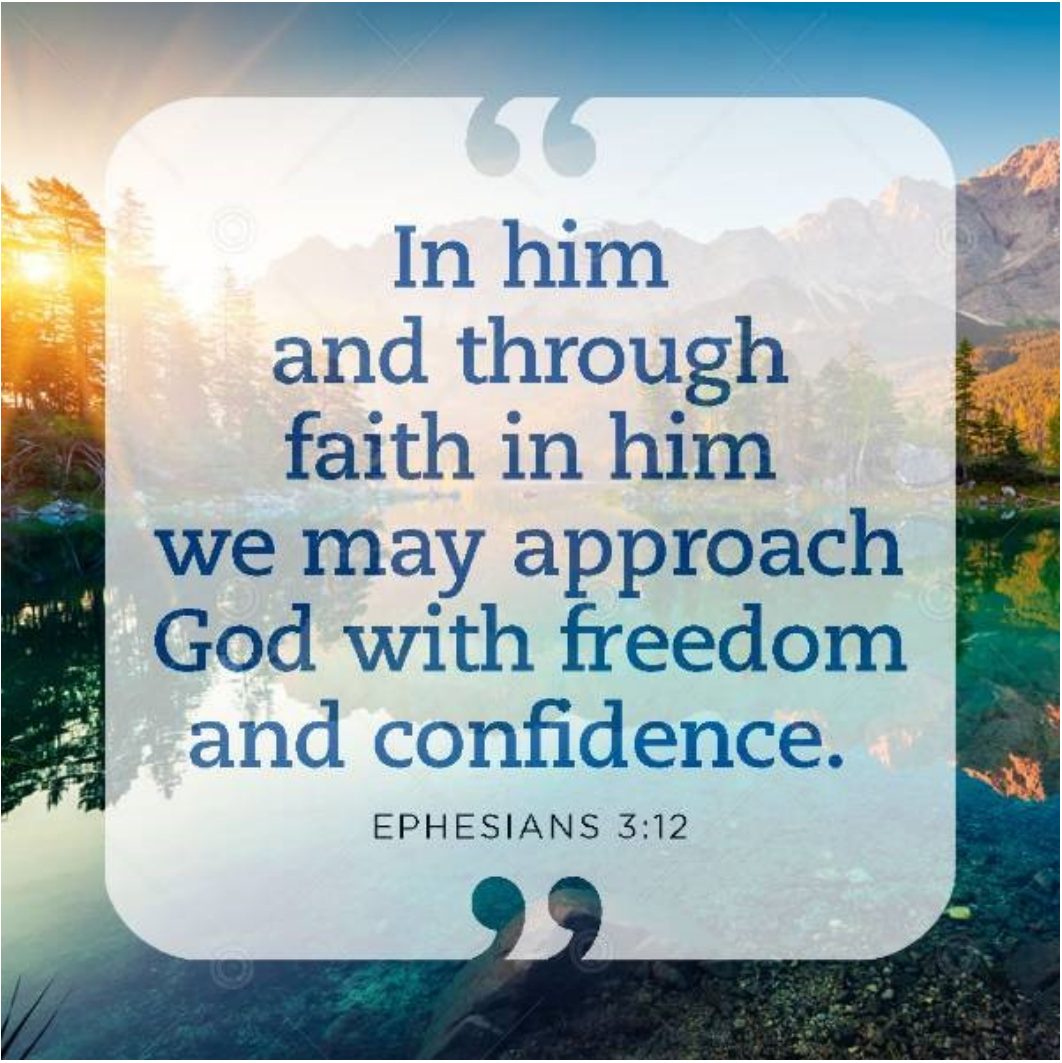


Immanuel Lutheran Church and School



In him
and through
faith in him
we may approach
God with freedom
and confidence.

EPHESIANS 3:12

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of Our Lord
9:30am

ATTENDANCE CARDS We invite all our worshipers, both members and guests, to fill out an attendance card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Also, use the “Tell Us” cards to communicate to your congregational leaders whatever you want them to know. **You can also register on our app! Fill out the “Connect Card” located on the home page.**

WORSHIP AIDS If you have difficulty reading the print in the bulletin, there are large print bulletins available on the table by the side door of the church. Do you have difficulty hearing the spoken word? Aids for hearing are also available on the same table. Ask an usher to help you if you need assistance.

CELL PHONES Check in on social media using #immanuelriverside before silencing your cell phones.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER In this morning's service, we celebrate Holy Communion. We offer Communion at the altar as well as individual communion kits if you are not yet comfortable with coming up. Individual kits can be found at the entrances or you may ask one of our ushers for assistance. If you wish to commune at the altar, our ushers will come and invite you forward, row by row, when the time comes. As Lutheran Christians, we believe that this sacrament is more than just a memorial meal. We believe in Christ's real presence in, under, and through the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian, and this is what you believe and desire, we invite you to join us in this most sacred meal! If this is not your confession, or you are not sure what you believe about the Lord's Supper, we are thankful that you are worshiping with us but ask that you please refrain from taking communion today. Our pastoral staff would be happy to follow up with you about participating in Holy Communion in the future.

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES For parents who have children under four years of age, we have a staffed nursery to assist you. If you have an infant, please feel free to use our Cry Room where you can still see and listen to the worship service.

NURSERY CARE The nursery is open for childcare during worship. Your children (6 weeks old - 5 years old) will be cared for by our trained staff for any or all of the service. You will need to read the Nursery Parent Information sheet and fill out a questionnaire before dropping off your children. Please see the Nursery Coordinator if you have any questions.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

Pastor Robert Jones

(please stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

vv. 1-4



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-sa
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-es
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for-ev-er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev-er!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Christ is revealed to the nations. As the Light of the World, He shines His light into all hearts revealing our desperate need for a Savior as we cannot by our own reason or strength come to Him because of our sins. Therefore, let us come before Him now with a penitent heart, confessing our sins—both those of which we are aware and unaware—trusting in His mercy for the sake of Christ. (*please kneel*)

P: O Almighty Lord,

C: **We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive those sins which we are ashamed of as well as those that we are ignorant of. For the sake of Christ, who died that we may live, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Word and walk in Your ways all the days of our life.** (*silence for personal confession*)

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†)Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*please stand*)

PRAISE SONG

God With Us

Verse 1

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us

Verse 2

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus

Bridge

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory Lord
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Ending

Oh God with us
You are God with us

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*please be seated*)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING

Our Scripture Readings for today talk about the royalty of God. King Solomon writes about the almighty power of God and His kingship over all kingdoms which gives credence to the Magi's visit as they worship the newborn king, Jesus, announced by the prophets as well as a star. But who does He rule? St. Paul clues us into this very question and mystery in his letter to the church in Ephesus.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 72

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

L: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

L: May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

L: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

C: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

L: May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

C: May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

FIRST READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

(After the reading)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(please stand)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

(please be seated)

MESSAGE

All for one, One for all

Pastor Robert Jones

RESPOND IN COMMUNITY

(please stand)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

Verse 1 & 2

1. Light of the World, Treas-ure of Heav-en, bril-liant like the stars in the
2. Light of the World, from the be-gin-nig the trag-e-dies of time were no

win-ter-y sky. Joy of the Fa-ther, reach through the dark-ness,
 match for Your love. From great heights of glo-ry, You saw my sto-ry.

1.
 shine a-cross the earth, send the shad-ows to flight.
 God, You en-tered in and be

Chorus

came one of us. Sing hal-le-lu-jah, sing hal-le-lu-jah.

Sing hal-le-lu-jah for the things He has done! Come and a-dore Him, bow down be-

fore Him. Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Light of the World_____

Bm A D

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND PETITION

(After the petition)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

IMMANUEL IN MINISTRY

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

BENEDICTION (Blessing)

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

EXPERIENCE COMMUNION

(please stand)

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Divine Service 2



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Do this 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

HYMN

Jesus Stand Among Us

Words and Music by

Graham Kendrick

1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us at the meet - ing of our lives;
2. So, to You we're gath - 'ring out of each and ev - ery land,
3. Je - sus, stand a - mong us at the break - ing of the bread;

5 Be our sweet a - gree - ment at the meet - ing of our eyes. Je - sus, we love You,
Christ the love be - tween us at the join - ing of our hands. O,
Join us as one bod - y as we wor - ship You, our Head.

11 so we gath - er here; Join our hearts in u - ni - ty and take a - way
1, 2 | 3

16 our fear. our fear.

SENT OUT TO SERVE

BLESSING

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS REQUESTED BY OUR WORSHIPERS

To submit a prayer request for the coming Sunday, please email or call the church office by Wednesday. We want to pray for specific needs; however, ask permission before disclosing another person's specific need, to ensure that we respect their privacy.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- ✚ THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR KIMO SHERLIN. Kimo is currently in remission and we continue to pray for his ongoing healing and strength.
- ✚ Prayers of thanks for the blessings the Lord has provided in the past year, May the Lord look upon our world with compassion in the year to come
- ✚ Prayers of thanksgiving for a healthy report from Pastor Robert's sister, Pamela, with her pregnancy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✚ The Frahm's ask for prayers for a speedy recovery and diagnosis for a good friend, Dean Jackson, who is currently hospitalized.
- ✚ Prayers for comfort for Heather Olea and her family. Heather's mother, Judy, was called to glory on Sunday. She is with her Lord and Savior now. Please pray for comfort and wisdom, especially in the days to come.
- ✚ The Havrisik family asks for continual prayers for Rocky Ford, their friend, who is recovering from a fall .
- ✚ The Davies ask for prayers for Michael Zwinger, who is battling stage 4 cancer and is in chemo.
- ✚ George Lostlen asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Krista Burkhardt, who is undergoing cancer treatments on her kidney.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing: Wayne Smith / Dee & Joseph Ferreri / Ken & Ruth Unrath / Ede and Phillip Lundquist / Ron Kusel / Ken Hendershot / Andrew Ashline / Jo Kenney & Nana

In Oncology Therapy: Wendy Price

We encourage you to use this prayer list in your personal devotions at home. To submit a request to our prayer chain or to join our prayer chain, call Carolyn Elfman (354-9896), Dory Robb (687-5725) or the church office (682-7613).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTERWORD FOR KIDS—11:00-12:00 Meets in the 6th Grade Classroom

- Wiggle Worship - Ages 5 and under with parents: Interactive Bible time, singing, dancing, and craft for our littlest worshippers and their parents
- Sunday School—Elementary Grades: Lesson, crafts, and games based on our Bible reading for today.

GIVING ENVELOPES Your 2026 Giving Envelopes are available in the sanctuary. **EVERYONE** was given a new number. Please look closely at the list of names to ensure you grab your correct envelopes. Thank you! If you do not see your envelopes or need to be assigned a giving number and envelopes, please call the front office or email jamila.leggett@ilcs-riverside.org

New Member Discipleship Class Our nine week small group meeting, Re:Form, just finished at the end of December, and we're preparing for our next group to gather! If you are interested in what we believe or are looking for a refresher course that includes daily devotions, small group gathering, and prayer, then you'll want to join us. Our next group will begin at the end of January (exact Sunday TBA). Let Pastor Robert know if you are coming to our next class! robert.jones.immanuel@gmail.com

MENS BIBLE STUDY Meetings are first and third Saturdays at 8:30am in the conference room. Coffee and donuts at every meeting and we are studying the book of Genesis. If you are interested please call the office at 951-682-7613 or email info@immanuelriverside.com

SPECIAL NOTICE: We will not meet on January 17th, we will resume on Saturday, February 7th.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:30am and led by Leslie Reick. Our next meeting will be January 10th. We are studying 10 Women of the Bible by Max Lucado

DIVORCE CARE IS ON HIATUS UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH A Christ centered divorce support group led by Scott and Cindy Hutter. Divorce Care is open to church and community, and is designed to help comfort and heal those going through separation and divorce. For more information, please feel free to contact Cindy and Scott Hutter at 909-234-0942. or email us at scotthutter60@gmail.com. Divorce Care has an excellent website detailing topics, etc., at www.Divorcecare.org.

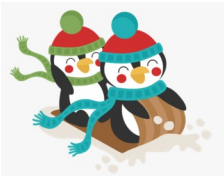
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, Feb. 7. The JOY group will be having Pastor Borst as a guest speaker sharing highlights from his trip to Spain. A light lunch will be served at 11am, followed by Pastor Borst presentation.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to those who participated to make the Veterans and Foster Teens feel special and loved during this holiday season! We wish you a VERY Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this season! May you be blessed for all that you do for others in Jesus' name!

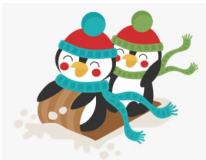


It's time for our Annual Bedding Drive!
The Foster Kids we serve need your HELP!!
We've been busy doing Jesus' work
and have almost run out of bedding!

These are the items they need: Twin or Twin/XL Sheets (@ Walmart for best price), Twin or Twin/XL Comforters (@ Walmart for best price) , Comforters for Toddler Beds
During the month of January, please bring your donations to the church office M-F between 8am-3pm. OR drop them in the Church Narthex on ANY Sunday during January. We're requesting that all the items being donated are new and in original packaging. Questions? Call Julia in the office at 951-682-7613 and leave a message.



January Birthdays



Deborah Frahm	4-Jan	Ethan Deconinck	20-Jan
Helen Bowman	7-Jan	Summer Olsen	23-Jan
Cherkaleyna Haga	9-Jan	William Thoele	23-Jan
Carl Boburka	11-Jan	Dee Graumann	24-Jan
Everett Chrzan	11-Jan	Dallas Tillman	24-Jan
Holly Smith	12-Jan	John Dunlap	24-Jan
Doris Sylwester	13-Jan	Carla Lundi	25-Jan
Dennis Snyder	13-Jan	Arianne Wilcox	26-Jan
Tiffany Davies	13-Jan	Dustin Bauer	27-Jan
Paige Smith	15-Jan	Jeremiah Chapel	28-Jan
Steve Parillo	15-Jan	Alistair Snyder	29-Jan
Russell Gross	18-Jan	Bonnie Barnes	31-Jan
Fleurette Chrzan	19-Jan	Julian Opoku	31-Jan

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

Preacher	Pastor Robert Jones
Elder	Jim Kaminski
D.C.E. Intern	Gina Bertaina
Ushers	Brett Bailey, Eileen Bailey, Carlos Olea, Heather Olea
Lector	Kris Streich
Greeters	Carl and Rene Boburka
Organ/Piano	Dr. Elvin Rodriguez, Jan Smith
Praise Team	Linette Rodriguez, Alison Jones
Tech Team	Suzie Pratt
Acolytes	Sienna DeGruy, Blake Mercadefe

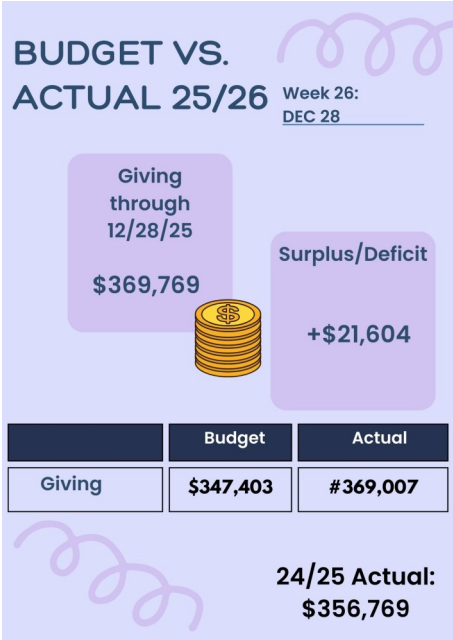
OUR VISION

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is a grace-filled community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving the Inland Empire as a center for Christian faith. Our worship honors God in both classical and contemporary styles where Christ is glorified and proclaimed. We disciple both youth and adults, engaging hearts and minds through Bible education and the arts. Our schools pursue excellence in educating children as well as impacting families with the transforming love of God. As followers of Jesus we live out our faith through service, evangelism, and missions in our community and the world.

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