



S “...to you is born this day h
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father as we once again celebrate Your Son's birth, lead us to find our comfort and joy in knowing that Jesus came to be our Savior. Help us remember always His sacrifice upon the cross that purchased our peace. Grant that Your Spirit bless us and increase our faith, that we may grow in grace and in the assurance of eternal life that is ours in Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (105:1,2,8)

HYMNS: 95; 108; 96; 97

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

This Christmas season we welcome the good news the angels bring. In Jesus birth we have glad tidings of good things! Salvation has come to us in Jesus Christ, and the reign of Christ is established. So we also break forth into joyous song, for God has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem, and the salvation of our God goes forth to the ends of the earth.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 3:21-26

Jesus has been born into the world, and in Him the righteousness of God which is apart from the law is revealed, that righteousness which comes to us through faith. We are justified by grace through the redemption that is Christ, whose blood is that perfect payment for our sins, and all sins ever committed. For God did not bring an end to the world because of its sin, but rather "put up" with the world's sin until Christ was born so He could be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

THE SERMON: Luke 2:22-32

Theme: The Difference a Baby Makes

- I. A Complete and Perfect Righteousness
- II. A Whole Life of Hope and Faith
- III. A Salvation that Extends to All the People

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Church Christmas decorations will be taken down following the service. Sermon text: Isaiah 49:1-9. Pastor Barthels will be leaving for Board of Regents meetings in Eau Claire on Sunday afternoon/evening and Monday.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31: The annual voter's is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. (A Pot luck meal will follow after Bible class. The voters' meeting will follow the meal.)

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Hellickson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: December 27 Worship – 18

Sunday school & Bible Class in recess New Year's Eve 13

The following count includes Dec. 24, 25, & 27

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 4,116.00	Missions.	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$59,348.00	Mission Devlp. Fund	\$25.00
Received for Year:	\$50,149.00		

(Christmas bags donations totaled \$132.00)

Prayers for India - Massive flooding along the coastal regions of south-east India has caused much hardship. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the BELC are among those who have lost homes, businesses, crops, food, and church buildings. **Because of the lower than usual balance in the Mission Development Fund (MDF) the CLC Board of Missions has only been able to provide minimal financial assistance at this time.** Please pray for the Lord's continued protection and provision for those who are suffering in India. Pray that the Lord opens hearts once again to assist in this time of need.

NOMINATIONS for IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created on the Immanuel faculty by the retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year. The individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary) and also in other theological disciplines. With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2016-17 academic year. Those submitting nominations are encouraged to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Please send your nominations postmarked or e-mailed no later than January 20, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan, Secretary; ILC Board of Regents; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131 (email: cryan@page1printers.com).