

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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The Nativity of our Lord

December 25, 2011

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude

Cross Procession

Opening Hymn: #379, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 96 (front section of the hymnal)

Hymn of Praise: #368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Collect for Christmas Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

Apostles' Creed (back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: #386, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

Sermon: "Dreaming of a Right Christmas"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy", page 195 in the front of the hymnal

Lord's Prayer (back cover of the hymnal)

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns:

#365, "Away in a Manger"

#367, "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#393, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #380, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Departing Words (Psalm 98:1a)

P: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for He has done marvelous things!

P: Go in peace and Merry Christmas!

C: Amen.

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chron. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2a; 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39
Tuesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Rev. 1:1-6; 1 Jn. 1:2-2:2; Jn. 21:20-25
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs: Jer. 31:15-17 Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18 No Confirmation or Choir
Thursday:	7:30PM Men's Bible Study
Saturday:	New Year's Eve 7:00PM Worship Acolyte: Molly Goranson
Next Sunday:	New Year's Day Circumcision and Name of Jesus No Sunday School or Bible Class Today 10:00AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday	- Mary Jo Arndt, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan VonBargen
Tuesday	- Chad Meyer, Caitlyn VonBargen, Neil & Karen Stemmann
Wednesday	- Robert Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Fred Voth, Wendy Suiter, Barb Vieths, Janis Thomford, Margie Stumpf, Willard Holst, and Brian Augustin (recovering from knee surgery), and Wayne Thomforde.

Life Quotes

December 25 "We pray that ... you continue to see the lowly Jesus of the manger in the lowliness of the unborn, the despairing, the infirm, and the dying. We pray that you would do unto them as you would do unto Him so that they in turn would see in you the love and hope and help of Jesus, and together we would join the angels and sing, 'Glory to God in the highest.'" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 1, 2012
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"The Lord Will Have the Last Say!"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The Lord Jesus saves, the Lord Jesus reigns, and in all things He will have the last say! We begin the new year in His Name.
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Catechism – Review

What is lying and deceiving by God's name?

Lying and deceiving by God's name is A) teaching false doctrine and saying that it is God's Word or revelation; B) covering up an unbelieving heart or a sinful life by pretending to be a Christian.