

Presentation of Our Lord



Immanuel Lutheran Church | George, IA
Sunday, February 2nd | 10:30 a.m.

Hymns

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (LBW 551)
Angels from the Realms of Glory (LBW 50)
Shine, Jesus, Shine (WOV 651)
Go my children with my blessing (WOV 721)

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

This reading concludes a larger section (2:17—3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.

Psalm: Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Requests: Bev Kaster, Brad Sandbeck, Clay Hansmann, Doug Hilbrands, Isaiah Sandbeck, Rich Ahrenholtz, Rita Hilbrands, Ruben Stueven, Wanda Parker, Wendy Smith, and Military Families.

Announcements

- Today we welcome Larry Wendland in leading worship. Thank you for joining us.
- Our condolences and prayers are with Dale Garlic and her family in the passing of her father Richard Garlic.
- Join the George EMS today for Dad's Belgian waffle breakfast fundraiser in the multi-purpose room from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Make sure you wear your favorite teams gear next week as it is Super Bowl Sunday!
- Year-end giving statements are in your mailbox at church. If you have not received yours, please let Pastor Matt, Bailey, or Craig Denny know. Thanks!

Worship Assistants

Today

Usher: Craig Denny
Sound/PPT: Richard Heidloff & AJ Landis
Reader: Kristi Landis
Acolyte: Jack Denny

Next Week

Usher: Craig Denny
Sound/PPT: Fred Landis & Leo Ver Steeg
Reader: Mary Behrens
Acolyte: Cullen Funk

This Week At Immanuel

Today, Sunday, February 2nd

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship W/Communion

Monday, February 3rd

9 – 4: Pastor Matt's Office hours George

Wednesday, February 5th

7:00 p.m. – Confirmation in George

Sunday, February 9th

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. – Worship