

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

December, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*To God be glory for 141 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
60 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude

Ringing of Bells

Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 357 *sts. 1-4 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y  
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
**in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;”

**You have sworn to David, your servant, saying:  
“I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.”**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 16:25–27*

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been

disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second staff is the beginning of the verse. The third staff continues the verse. The fourth staff is the final Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:26–38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also

conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day #LSB 356 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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## Sermon

*Title: The Great Child*

*Scripture: Luke 1:26-38*

## Prayers of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

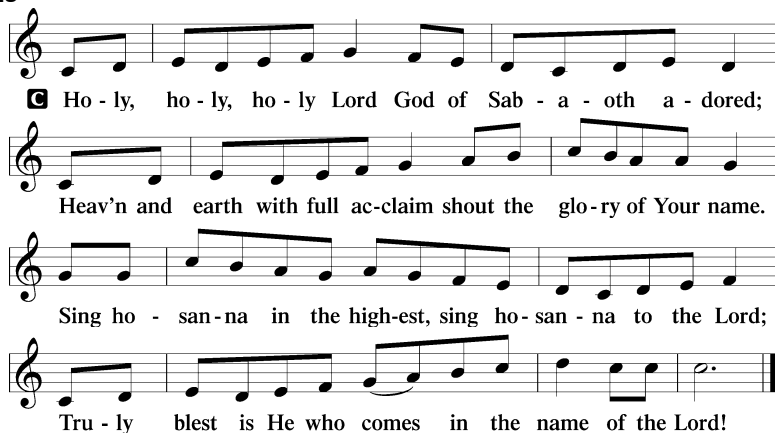
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into

our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord’s Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.



# Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn #LSB 370

### *What Child Is This*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
 sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
 shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
 Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Distribution Hymn #LSB 549 vv.1,3-6 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the gall,  
 6 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
 To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.



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 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
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 To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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 in 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 900

*Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth-er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price-less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."  
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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# PRAYER

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Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

If you get a chance check us out online at:

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*



## The Lord's Week

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Sun.</b>   | <b>9:00am</b><br>10:15am                        | <b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b><br>Adult Bible Class<br>Last day for poinsettia orders.   |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | <b>4:00pm</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br><b>9:00pm</b> | <b>Christmas Eve Service</b><br><b>Children's Christmas Eve Service</b><br><b>Christmas Eve Service</b> |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | <b>9:00am</b>                                   | <b>Christmas Day Service</b>  |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | <b>9:00am</b><br>10:15am                        | <b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b><br>Adult Bible Class  |

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

#### SERVICE SCHEDULE

##### Advent Services

#### **Thurs. Christmas Eve Dec. 24**

Hymn Sing Service  
4:00pm

Children's Program  
6:00pm


Traditional Christmas  
Service  
9:00pm

#### **Fri. Christmas Day Dec. 25**

9:00am Communion Service

**Thurs. Dec. 31**  
New Year's Eve  
Service



 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:** In any given weekend, worship is conducted in 12 different languages throughout our state by friends and contacts of the Missouri District. We are blessed by the diversity that God has brought to local communities. You and your congregation walk with many of these multiethnic ministries through your prayers and support for the Missouri District. Thank you for your welcoming ways!

#### Those serving

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Musician:         | Ron Baker                               |
| Acolyte           | Levi Hinck                              |
| Radio and Sound:  | Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies   |
| Ushers:           | Marc Johnson, Dalyn Johnson, Jerry Reid |
| Church Secretary: | Judy Teufel                             |
| Church Custodian: | Jim Teufel                              |
| Pastor:           | Rev. Alan Mueller                       |

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING NOVEMBER 2020

| Date   | 9:00am           |        | Total | 2020 WK  | Amount       | 2019 WK | Amount       |
|--|------------------|--------|-------|--|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Nov 1  | 68               |        | 68    | 45   | \$ 4,375.00  | 45      | \$ 3,243.00  |
| Nov 8  | 75               |        | 75    | 46   | \$ 1,963.00  | 46      | \$ 2,697.00  |
| Nov 15   | 88               |        | 88    | 47   | \$ 2,810.00  | 47      | \$ 2,718.00  |
| Nov 22   | 60               |        | 60    | 48   | \$ 1,769.00  | 48      | \$ 2,493.00  |
| Nov 29   | 72               |        | 72    | 49   | \$ 2,455.00  | 49      | \$ 3,108.00  |
| Total Giving for the Weeks of<br>45-49         |                  |        |       |  | \$ 13,372.00 |         | \$ 14,250.00 |
| Total On-Line Giving for the Weeks of<br>45-49 |                  |        |       |  | \$ 1,294.46  |         | \$ 897.38    |
| Total for Thanksgiving Eve                     |                  |        |       |  | \$ 686.00    |         |              |
| Total Giving for the Weeks of<br>45-49         |                  |        |       |  | \$ 15,352.43 |         | \$ 15,147.38 |
| Total Giving (offering & tithes) YTD           |                  |        |       |  | \$160,702.40 |         | \$141,906.12 |
| Adult Bible Class                              |                  |        |       | Church Budget 2020-\$172,955<br>• Needed tithes and offerings for September 2020 \$16,630<br>• Actual amount of tithes and offerings Nov. 2020 \$15,352<br>• November 2020 received under budget -\$1278 |              |         |              |
| Date   | Members          | Guests | Total |  |              |         |              |
| Nov 1  | 12               | 0      | 12    |  |              |         |              |
| Nov 8  | 15               | 0      | 15    |  |              |         |              |
| Nov 15   | 14               | 0      | 14    |  |              |         |              |
| Nov 22   | No Class Voter's |        |       |  |              |         |              |
| Nov. 29  | 13               | 4      | 17    | Thanksgiving Eve Attendance  |              |         |              |
|  |                  |        |       | 34   |              |         |              |

| Changes in Membership<br>October & November 2020 |          |               |           |     |        |
|--|----------|---------------|-----------|-----|--------|
|  | Baptisms | Confirmations | Transfers |     | Deaths |
|  |          |               | IN        | OUT |        |
| October  | 0        | 0             | 0         | 0   | 2      |
| November   | 1        | 0             | 0         | 0   | 1      |

### Changes in Membership for October & November 2020

#### Baptisms

1. Parker Raymond Brandt, son of Chris & Ashley Brandt was baptized on November 7, 2020 at Immanuel in a private baptism.

#### Deaths

1. Betty Lee Brandt passed on October 20, 2020.
2. Sam Ed Yokley passed on October 29, 2020.
3. James Wolpers passed on November 10, 2020.