

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*First Sunday in Advent*

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*To God be glory for 143 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
71 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

*Prelude*  
*Ringing of Bell*  
*Welcome*

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 332 vv.1-5 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

## Confession and Absolution

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalms 89 and Zechariah 9*

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?**

**Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

**Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,  
who exult in Your name all the day  
and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our King to the Holy One of Israel.

**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

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Handbell Choir

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a C-clef and contains the melody for the Alleluia. The second staff begins with a C-clef and contains the melody for the verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**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.

*Sit*

Hymn #LSB 740

*I am Jesus' Little Lamb*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 357 *sts. 1-2, 5-6 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Sermon

*Title: Your Redemption Draws Near*

*Scripture: Luke 21:25-36*

Hymn for Reflection #LSB 350 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*


Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

☐ 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.

Offering  
Offertory



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Stand*

**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 348**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

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## The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 11:15am  11:15am	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS Short Voter's Meeting to Approve Paint (Sanctuary) Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oaks Bible Study
Wed.	10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Women's Bible Study Advent Meal Advent Service
Fri.	1:00pm	Set up for Cookie Festival
Sat.	7:30am 8:30am-?	Workers arrive for Cookie Festival Cookie Festival Fellowship Hall
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS



**TODAY at 11:15 Altar Guild will decorate for Christmas.** They *are inviting the congregation* to stay and help. The more hands the quicker the work! Also, with many hands it is so much more fun!



*The Sunday School is getting excited making plans for our Christmas Eve Program.* We are already singing some of the songs and fitting our new costumes. *If you would like to help* us by being an adult angel or shepherd or by singing in the choir, please let Carolyn know. Practices will be during Sunday School hour beginning on December 5th. The choir will have a practice on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will also meet with the children at their final practice. Call Carolyn Colson with questions at 660-641-4728.

***We would love to have you join us! 660-641-4728***

### Those Serving

Musician.....	Ron Baker
Acolyte.....	Andrea Renken
Radio and Sound.....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Ushers:.....	Chris Brandt, Stanley Bredehoeft, Chris Dickinson, Garrett Sims
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Church Custodian.....	Jon Dallman
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller





21st Annual  
Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies  
Cookie Festival

held at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO

Saturday, December 4th

8:30 a.m.– sold out  
Social Distancing and Mask Requested

Homemade candy and decorated cookies  
16 Varieties of homemade cookies

Cookies are \$10.00 per box

Candy \$7.00 per pound

Limit of 3 boxes per entry.

Gloves are provided.

*Hope to see you there.*

*Christmas will soon be here. It is time for you to order flowers.*



If you would like to order one or more poinsettias, please fill in the order form located in the Narthex. Place your check or cash with the order form into an envelope and place it in the offering plate. **The price is \$7.00 per**

**poinsettia. Orders will be taken until December 20th.** So please don't delay if you are wanting a poinsettia.



### 2nd Annual Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt



This traditional German Christmas Market will be held outdoors on **Friday, December 10th from 4:00-9:00pm** and **Saturday, December 11th from 11:00am-9:00pm** on the 40-acre campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School.



The Sunday School children and their teachers will now be doing the Best Choice labels program. Please continue to save the Best Choice labels. There is a wooden box in the Narthex to deposit the labels. Thank you for your help.

## Election Result of Church Officer 2022

**Treasurer:** Cindi Sims

**Elders:** Chris Dickinson & James Nowland

**Finance:** Karen Brandt

**Properties:** Marc Johnson

**Missions:** Cari Higgins, Kim Nowland, and Brenda Wulff

**Education:** Micah Dallman & Kayla Ohrenberg

Boards, please remember to have election of officers at your first meeting after Jan. 1 and get the results to the office. Thank you.

**Join us At Heit's Point** for Our Annual Christmas Celebration on Sunday December 5th. The Celebration starts at 1.p.m with a meal of Pot Roast with Veggies, Salad and Rolls. Program follows featuring: Music by the Handbell Choir from Holy Cross in Emma, Missouri. The Reading of the Christmas Story will be by Bill Gasau. Evening concludes with A little bit of everything for Dessert. Please Plan on joining us for this event to kick off this Christmas Season. Register online at [www.heitspoint.com/events](http://www.heitspoint.com/events) or by calling us at 660-668-2326.

**Christmas Pops Concert featuring the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra and the Singing Saints** from Saint Paul Lutheran High School under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. **To be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30pm** in the Heckart Performing Arts Center, 2010 Tiger Pride BVD., Sedalia, MO. Tickets are \$10 at the door (children K-12 and college students free).



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### THE SONGS OF ADVENT

#### Advent Schedule of Services & Meals



Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

#### ADVENT SERVICE 1

**Zechariah's Song of an Amazing Gift at 6:30pm**

Advent Meal at 5:30pm served by  
Board of Missions (Soup & Sandwiches)

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

#### ADVENT SERVICE 2

**Mary's Song of Amazing Love at 6:30pm**

Advent Meal at 5:30pm served by  
The Care Team (Tacos)

Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

#### ADVENT SERVICE 3

**Simeon's Song of Amazing Peace at 6:30pm**


Advent Meal at 5:30pm served by  
Board of Education (Lasagna & salad)

#### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY


**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Hymn-Sing Service**

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Children's Christmas Program**

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> The Angels' Song of Amazing Glory at 9:00am**



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# Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD



## E2 Conferences Are Back!

E2 Conferences are designed for all church leaders (including lay leaders and church staff) to come together and learn topics that will help to strengthen their congregation in mission and ministry. Topics include community engagement, teaching faith in the home, the relationship of church and technology, ministry during anxious times, and many more. And we're coming to a place near you!

### Find a Location Near You

St. Matthew, Lee's Summit 1/22/2022  
Saxony Lutheran High School, Jackson 1/29/2022  
Concordia, Kirkwood 2/5/2022  
Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City 3/5/2022  
Faith, Springfield 3/12/2022

These conferences are free to attend, though if you are able, we ask for you to register ahead of time so that we have enough resources on hand. Registration will open soon at [mo.lcms.org/upcoming-events](https://mo.lcms.org/upcoming-events)

### A Blessed Fall!

We are thankful that many church workers and lay people were able to join us in person this year for events, learning, and fellowship. The Pastors' Conference focused on encouragement and camaraderie and was very well received by the many pastors who attended. The Lutheran Older Adult Retreat (rescheduled from 2020) also had a great turnout with many joyful reunions and much learning. And finally, our Educators' Conference had over 400 registrants (a combination of mostly in-person with some virtual attendees.) Thank you for joining us and thank you to those who help make these events possible with their support.

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### A Big Thank You for

This summer, the Missouri District was excited to launch "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers" a campaign with two key purposes: build awareness of church work vocations and help alleviate student debt for those headed into ministry. Our sincerest thanks to the many generous donors that have supported "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers." To date, more than \$52,000 has been received from individuals, congregations, and schools. Praise God! Your forward-thinking generosity is a source of encouragement to the men and women who will one day serve in our churches and schools. Thank you for walking with them and the future generations they will one day serve.

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[www.mo.lcms.org](https://www.mo.lcms.org) and follow us on social media

# PRAYER

## Members of Immanuel

Bob Eichholz, Lester & Louise Harms, and Carol Thurman

## Family and Friends of Immanuel

Tiffany Scott Baker, Cindy Bernard, Christie Boehmer, Shirley Colson,  
Gail Foster Horman, Melissa Eckhoff, Alcuin Fischer, Judy Klasing,  
Linda McFadden, Neil Meador, David Nelson, John Richmond,  
and Keith Ward.

## Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents

Millie Heins, LoWanda Pinkepank, and Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH)  
Dolores Fischer (GSNH Apartments)  
Dorothy Krause (The Villa)

## Mission Workers

Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China),  
Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand),  
Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO

## Military

Owen Dobbins, MaKenna Eckhoff, and Chad Ziegelbein



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:

[www.immanuelssweetsprings.com](http://www.immanuelssweetsprings.com)

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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