

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Second Sunday in Advent

December 5th, 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 Bells
Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 331

The Advent of Our King

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit

Psalm 81 antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

**Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure

the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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

G **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 936

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

Sermon

Title: God, The Purifier

Scripture: Malachi 3:1–7b

Offering Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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, the power,
And the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 745

In God, My Faithful God

Distribution Hymn #LSB 646

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Distribution Hymn #LSB 685

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 344

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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The Lord's Week

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| Sun. | 9:00am 10:15am | Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS |
| Mon. | 8:30am | Royal Oaks Bible Study |
| Wed. | 10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm | Women's Bible Study Advent Meal Advent Service Adult Choir Practice |
| Sat. | 12-4pm | Brunkhorst Family Christmas Fellowship Hall |
| Sun. | 9:00am 10:15am | Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS |



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.



2nd Annual Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt



EVERYONE is invited to this authentic outdoor German Christmas Market held on the 40-acre campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri on Friday, December 10th from 4:00-9:00pm and Saturday, December 11th from 11:00am-9:00pm.

Come celebrate the German heritage of Concordia and its surrounding towns while enjoying traditional German Christmas Market food and drink including: brats, potato pancakes, crepes, french fries, roasted almonds, caramel popcorn, pretzels, children's punch, hot chocolate, hot spiced wine, hot rum drink, beer, and more!

Shop from among 40 vendors and enjoy entertainment on the main stage. For more information, a schedule of events and entertainment, a list of vendors and a map, and the coloring contest picture can be found at splhs.org/events

The Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra / Marshall Community Chorus will present a joint *Christmas Celebration on Sunday December 5*. The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Harold L. Lickey Auditorium of Bueker Middle School. Please bring non-perishable items for the local food pantry to join the spirit of giving as we celebrate the greatest gift of all. Masks are optional.



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 8th and 22nd. 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

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.

Those Serving

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| Musician..... | Judy Teufel |
| Acolyte..... | Sophie Koch |
| Radio and Sound..... | Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies |
| Ushers:... | Phil Clevenger, Keegan Brewer, Jerry Reid, Matthew Vogelsmeier |
| Church Secretary..... | Judy Teufel |
| Church Custodian..... | Jon Dallman |
| Pastor..... | Pastor Alan Mueller |

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel

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

THE SONGS OF ADVENT

Advent Schedule of Services & Meals

Dec 8th ADVENT SERVICE 2

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

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

Dec 15th 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. 24th at 4:00pm Hymn-Sing Service

Dec. 24th at 6:00pm Children's Christmas Program

Dec 25th The Angels' Song of Amazing Glory at 9:00am

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.*

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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