

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Third Sunday in Advent

December 12th, 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 341 *sts. 1-2, 4-5*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say, Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

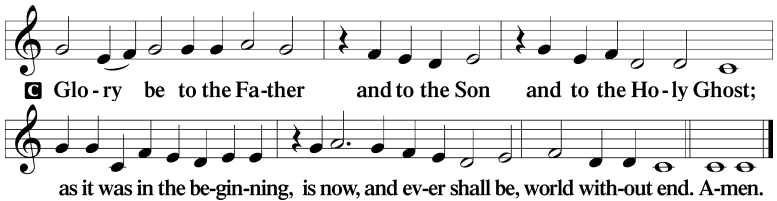
who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

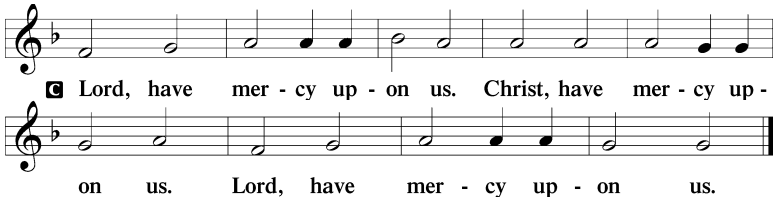
The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.



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 with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Combined Choir

Canon Carol
Sing Choirs of Angels

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

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

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

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message Hymn #LSB 588

Jesus Loves me

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 646

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Sermon

Title: A Divine Song

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14–20

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.

Stand

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.

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 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 366

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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The Lord's Week

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| Sun. | 9:00am 10:15am | Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS Christmas Program Practice |
| Mon. | 8:30am 1:00pm 6:00pm | Royal Oaks Bible Study Finance Board Properties Board |
| Wed. | 10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm | Women's Bible Study Christmas Coffee Advent Meal Advent Service Adult Choir Practice |
| Sun. | 9:00am 10:15am | Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS Christmas Program Practice |



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.



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. The choir will have a practice today and December 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..... | Ron Baker |
| Acolyte..... | Ashtyn Johnson |
| 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 |



Many thanks to all the ladies who helped in any way with the **Cookie Festival**. Thanks to the bakers, set up crew, Saturday sales crew and to the clean-up crew. Thank you to Jon for moving the tables and chairs. Also a special thank you to the customers who came and purchased the "goodies" and to those who donated.




Greetings from the Roll Family, your Adopt-A-Student Family! Thank you all so much for your continued support of my seminary education. We are now on vicarage in Olathe, Kansas at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. "We" are now 4 instead of 3, Latashia and I welcomed our second daughter on July 30, 2021. Tinley loves being a big sister!

Vicarage has been a wonderful experience and I can't believe it's already almost Christmas! We couldn't be here without you! Have a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Zach, Latashia, Tinley and Isla Roll


Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marshall, Mo invites you to join them as **they break ground for a new Bright Beginnings Preschool** building at 361 W. Summit, Marshall, MO. The date of this event is December 12, following their 10am church service. Everyone is asked to bring a shovel! We are all builders of something, particularly our children's lives and hearts! "We walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5.7 ESV Our Christ-centered preschool is not just for our members but is open to all of our community families and is in its 14th year. For more information or for ways to help please contact 660-886-2270.



THE SONGS OF ADVENT
Advent Schedule of Services & Meals

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



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,
Keith Ward, and Larry Winfrey.

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.*

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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