

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

December 19<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 Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 357 vv.1-3,5 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
*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.



then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of  
the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 10:5–10*

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure  
in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings”  
(these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I  
have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to  
establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified  
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



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



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



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



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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

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

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

**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 361**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**Sermon**

*Title: The Babe at Bethlehem*

*Scripture: Micah 5:2–5a*

*Stand*

## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

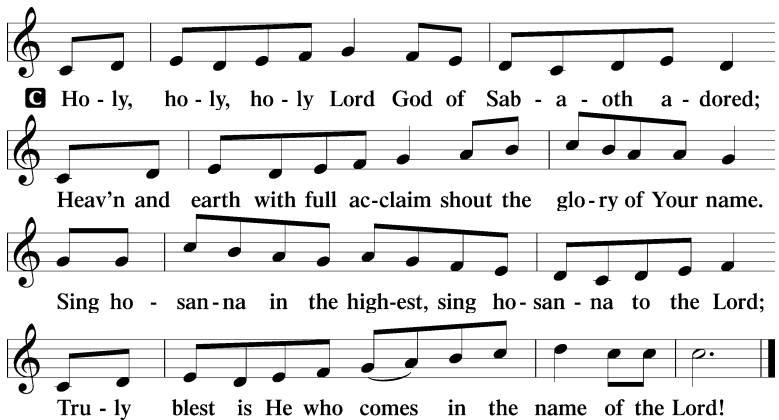
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

## 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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

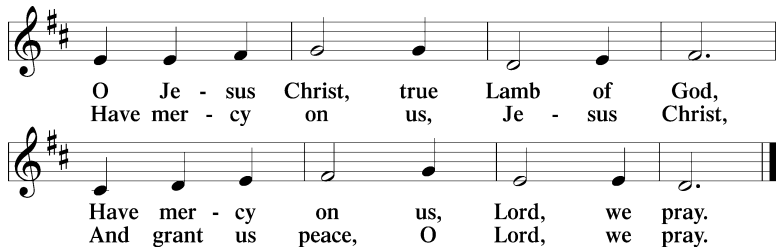
### Pax Domini

**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** *Sung by Tom Hepting:* *Victory in Jesus*

**Distribution Hymn #LSB 379** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Distribution Hymn #LSB 386** *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

**Distribution Hymn #LSB 380** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*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 332    *sts. 1–6*    *Savior of the Nations, Come*



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# The Lord's Week

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| <b>Sun.</b> | 9:00am<br>10:15am | <b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b><br>BC/SS Christmas Program Practice |
| <b>Mon.</b> | 8:30am            | Royal Oaks Bible Study  |
| <b>Wed.</b> | 6:30pm            | Adult Choir Practice  |
| <b>Fri.</b> | 4:00pm<br>6:00pm  | <b>Christmas Eve Service</b><br><b>Children's Christmas Eve Service</b>           |



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| <b>Sat.</b> | 9:00am                       | <b>Christmas Day Service</b>   |
| <b>Sun.</b> | 9:00am<br>10:15am<br>10:15am | <b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b><br>Take down Christmas Decor<br><i>No Bible Class or Sunday School Classes</i> |



**Congratulations to Don & Judy Vogelsmeier** as they celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We thank them for sponsoring our radio broadcast this morning in honor of their anniversary. What a wonderful way to remember their special day by sharing the Lord's message of great joy with our radio listeners. May our Lord continue to walk with them in the journey of life, bringing to their lives many more blessings. We also thank them for the faithful service given to Immanuel's church family over these past 59 years.



Please plan to stay after the service on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December to take down Christmas Décor.!

No Sunday School or Bible Class on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Sunday School children and their teachers will now be doing the Best Choice labels program. Please continue to save the Best Choice labels. Thank you for your help.

***It is time for you to order flowers. Many flowers are not spoken for at this time.*** Please complete the order form located in the Narthex. Place your payment 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.***

## Those Serving

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|-----------------------|--|
| Musician.....         | Judy Teufel  |
| Acolyte.....          | Levi Hinc  |
| 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  |



**THE SONGS OF ADVENT**  
**Advent Schedule of Services & Meals**



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Hymn-Sing Service**  
**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Children's Christmas Program**

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



**ATTENDANCE & GIVING NOVEMBER 2021**

Sunday Church Attendance				<b>Church Budget 2021</b> \$168,855 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needed tithes and offerings for November 2021 \$12,989.</li> <li>Actual amount of tithes and offerings November 2021 \$14,996.</li> </ul> <i>November 2021 exceeds budget by \$2,007.</i>			
Date	9:00am		Total				
Nov. 7	100		100				
Nov.14	99		99				
Nov.21	97		97				
Nov. 28	116		116				
Mid-Week Services							
Nov. 24	39		39				
Adult Bible Class Attendance				Sunday School Attendance			
Date	Members	Guests	Date	Date	Children	Adults	Total
Nov. 7	18	0	18	Nov. 7	9	6	15
Nov.14	No Class-Voters Meeting			Nov.14	13	5	18
Nov.21	19	3	22	Nov.21	10	6	16
Nov. 28	18	4	22	Nov. 28	12	7	19
Changes in Membership November 2021				Changes in Membership			
Baptism	Confirmation	Transfers		Deaths	<i>Transfer of Membership Out</i> Richard & Shirley Gudde to Faith Lutheran in Knob Noster November 14, 2021  <i>Death: Bob Eichholz</i> November 26, 2021		
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# PRAYER

## Members of Immanuel

Lester & Louise Harms, and Carol Thurman

## Family and Friends of Immanuel

Tiffany Scott Baker, Cindy Bernard, Shirley Colson,  
Gail Foster Horman, Melissa Eckhoff, 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.*

If you get a chance check us out online at:

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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