

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



First Sunday after Christmas

December 26th, 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 380

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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.**

Bell Choir Anthem

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has revealed his holy arm before
the eyes of all the nations,

**and all the ends of the earth shall see the
salvation of our God.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has
done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm have
worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;
**He has revealed his righteousness in the
sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!



C 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



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



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

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Bell Choir Anthems

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- ³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for

ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 374

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Sermon

Title: The Great Joy of Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection Hymn #825

Rise, Shine, You People

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
 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 370

What Child Is This

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	Take down Christmas Decorations <i>No Bible Class or Sunday School Classes</i>
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oaks Bible Study
	1:00pm	Board of Finance
Tues.	6:00pm	Move the Pews in the Sanctuary Need young strong backs for this project!
	7:00pm	Elders
Wed.		<i>No Women's Bible Study</i>
Fri.		Happy New Year's Eve!
Sat.	9:00am	Happy New Years
Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300



No Women's Bible Study on December 28th. Will resume on Wednesday January 5th.

Board of Properties would like to encourage all strong able bodies to bring tools and come help move the Sanctuary pews on Tuesday, December 27th at 6:00pm.

Those Serving

Musician.....	Ron Hinton
Acolyte.....	Ty Higgins
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, 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:

www.immanuelssweetsprings.com

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!



From the desk of Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, President of Missouri District LCM: Due to the significant property damage that has occurred from the storms of December 10th many Missourians are need of comfort and support due to residential damages and/or damages to church buildings. We invite all of you to join in efforts of comforting our brothers and sisters in Christ. Would you please lift those impacted up in prayer and offering? Your **offerings may be sent to Missouri District LCMS** (with *“Disaster Relief”* added to the memo) and returned to: **Missouri District LCMS**
660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, Mo 63141