

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



First Sunday in Advent

November 27th, 2022

*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 345 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*
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 and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

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

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

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

**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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves are the Verse. The fourth staff is the final Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.

⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn #LSB 605 vv.1,3

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 349

Hark the Glad Sound

Sermon

Title: Awake to Service

Scripture: Romans 13:8–14

Reflection Hymn #LSB 516

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Offering

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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 924

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 11:15am 7:15pm	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS Christmas Program Practice Decorate the Church for Christmas 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Mon.	8:30am 1:00pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Finance Board
Tues.	4:30pm	5 th & 6 th Grade Confirmation
Wed.	10:00am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Women's Bible Study Advent Meal: Mission Board (soup & hotdogs) Advent Service: Be Born in Us: "Bringing Blessing"
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am 7:15pm	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS Christmas Program Practice 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation



Our radio broadcast this morning is sponsored by the Eichholz family **in memory of their beloved Bob**. *We thank them* for sharing their loving memories of Bob by giving to our radio broadcast. We pray that this broadcast will touch the lives of many listeners and that God will continue to bless the lives of those who hear his word.



Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice will be during Sunday School hour **beginning November 27th**. *It will also be on Dec 4th; Dec. 11th; and Dec. 18th*. Program is Dec. 24th at 6:00pm.



Dear Board of Missions, I am writing to say "thank you" to you and Immanuel for your June gift to Lutheran Church Charities

Camp Joy-Our Savior, Buffalo Fund. God uses your gift in miraculous ways to lighten the heavy load on children...by making His love in Jesus alive and present. Your support moves that ministry into the future. **THANK YOU!**

I will pray that God will bless you and Immanuel as He uses all you do and say to speak the Good News of Jesus to a world in desperate need of Good News. In His service, **Rev. Tom Tews – Donor Relations Lutheran Church Charities**

Those Serving

Musician.....	Maria Mueller
Acolyte.....	Levi Hinck
Radio and Sound.....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video.....	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers:.....	Chris Brandt, Stanely Bredehoeft, Garrett Sims, Kevin Scott
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Church Custodian.....	
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Cari Higgins..

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Brad Bredehoeft, Wallace Bredehoeft, Allyson Nowland, Larry and Eileen Winfrey.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents: Dolores Fischer, Lester & Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa); Thelma Nienhueser (The Essex of Concordia)

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, and MaKenna Eckhoff



Christmas Choir Singers

We are seeking people who would be interested in singing as a choir in the Christmas program this year. If you are willing please let Carolyn Colson know either in person or by calling 660-641-4728. Come and Help us Sing!

Practice will be following Advent Services on Nov. 30th; Dec. 7th; Dec. 14th, and Dec. 21st.



22nd Annual Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Cookie Festival

held at
Immanuel Lutheran Church
110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO
Saturday, December 3rd

8:30 a.m. – sold out
Homemade candy and decorated cookies
16 varieties of homemade cookies

Cookies are \$15.00 per box
Candy \$7.00 per pound
Limit of 3 boxes per entry
Gloves are provided

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.immanuelssweetssprings.com

Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351
May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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The 3rd Annual Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt is less than 1 month away! Join us on Friday, December 9th from 4-8pm and Saturday, December 10th from 11am-7pm for this festive, family-friendly,

outdoor event on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. Enjoy traditional German Christmas Market food like Brátwurst, Kartoffelpuffers (*potato pancakes*), Pommes Frites (*french fries*), Crepes, Mutzen (*fried donuts*), and more! Plus, traditional drinks including Kinderpunsch (*kid's punch*), Heiße Schokolade (*hot chocolate*), Kaffee (*coffee*), Glühwein (*mulled wine*), Bier (*beer*), and more!

Shop, listen to performers, take a carriage ride around campus, plus **activities for children, and a visit** from St. Nikolaus.

Want to be a vendor? Curious about performing on the main stage? Please visit splhs.org/events for more information.

Ladies We Need Your Help!



Cookie Festival Workers
 Friday workers should arrive at 1:00pm.
 Saturday workers should arrive at 7:30am.

Cookie Festival is Saturday Dec. 3rd
 (Set-up Dec. 2nd).



Hello All! It's that time of year again that I'm most excited for...that's right, getting to make the little boys and girls happy with Christmas Gifts...There are numerous children in our community, who without the help of the **Angel Tree**, wouldn't get anything or much for Christmas. It is expected that there will be 70-125 kids on the tree. I am asking for monetary donations that go toward buying for the angels that are not adopted off the tree, to even out gifts for each family, and gift cards for the older kids. **To make a monetary donation:**

1. Mail payable to Lisa Hall/Angel Tree at 103 E. Marshall Street, Sweet Springs, MO 65351.
 2. Take the donation to Equity Bank downtown Sweet Springs and ask them to deposit in the Lisa Hall/Angel Tree account. (*Deadline to donate is Dec. 16th*)
- If you have any questions please call Lisa Hall at 660-281-6787.

Thank you so much, Lisa Hall, Angel Tree Coordinator



You are invited to **Heit's Point Christmas Celebration on Dec. 4th** at **Rinne Activity Center** Narrated by Pastor Rocco Millardi
 1pm Dinner; 1pm Program; 3pm dessert RSVP by email or call inof@heitspoint.com or 660-668-2363



The Board of Properties is looking for someone to fill the **vacancy of a custodian/lawn keeper**. If you are interested in this position please contact Dave Gieselman at 660-815-7470.

A D V E N T



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Advent Schedule

of Services & Meals

Meals at 5:30

Wednesday Services at 6:30

November 30

Meal: Mission Board
(soup & Hotdogs)

Service: Be Born in Us:
"Bringing Blessing"

December 7

Meal: Education Board
(Salad & tacos)

Service: Be Born in Us:
"Bringing Renewal"

December 14

Meal: Care Team
(Potato Bar)

Service: Be Born in Us:
"Bringing Guidance"

December 21

Meal: Bell Choir

Service: Be Born in Us:
"Bringing Power"

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4:00pm

"Bringing Light"

6:00pm

Children's Christmas Program
"God Loves Me Dearly"

December 25

Christmas Day Service

9:00am

"Bringing Salvation"





Poinsettias

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.



Purchased by: _____

Please check the message you would like for the bulletin:

- To the glory of God for blessings received
- In loving memory of _____

- To the glory of God in celebration of _____

- Other: _____

You may pick up your plant following the Worship Service on Christmas Day December 25th. After the Worship Service on January 2, all poinsettias not picked up will be dispersed.