

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 338      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*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.

# Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is**

**steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.**

And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

**Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence.**

**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 and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 7:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 1:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

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

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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

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

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

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

The image shows musical notation for the Alleluia and Verse. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is the Alleluia, followed by the Verse, and then another Alleluia. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 1:18–25*

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

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). 24When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 356     *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Sermon

*Title: "Immanuel"*

*Scripture: Matthew 1:18–25*

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Offering

*Handbell Choir Song*

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

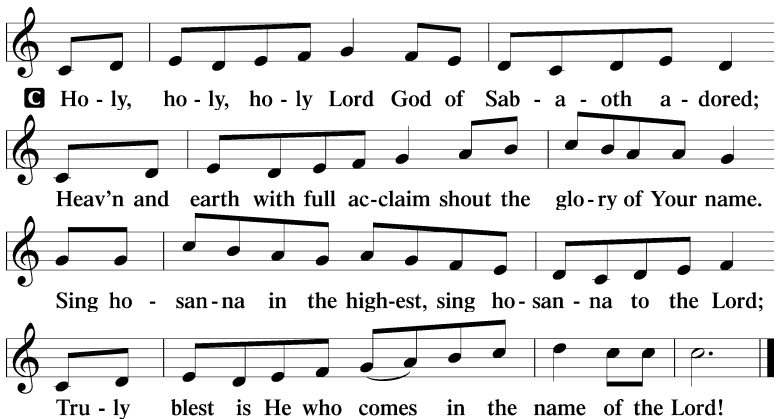
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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

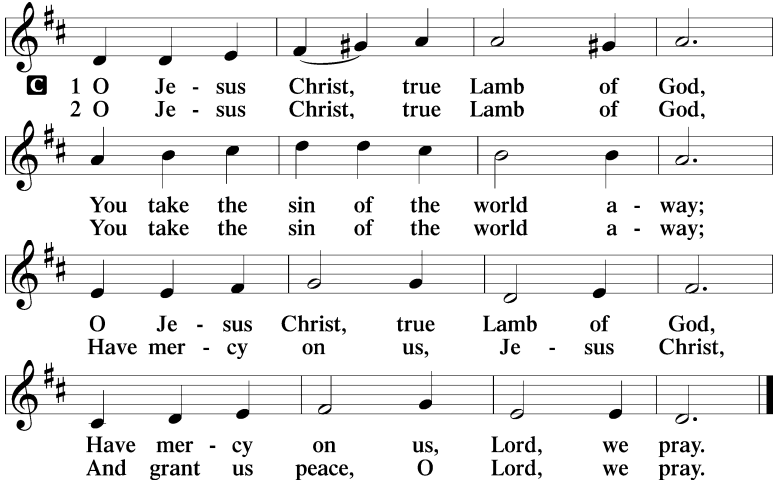
### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

#### Agnus Dei



**C** 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 #LSB 699

Distribution Hymn #LSB 361

Distribution Hymn #LSB 357

*Stand*

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** 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 lead 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

### Hymn to Depart #LSB 343

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/ SS Christmas Program Practice
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am 5:30pm <b>6:30pm</b>	Women's Bible Study Advent Meal: Handbell Choir (Breakfast) <b>Advent Service: Be Born in Us:</b> <b>"Bringing Power"</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <b>Children's Christmas Eve Program</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> <b>No BC or SS</b>

Happy Anniversary



Walter and Donna Howard would like to thank God for the blessing of 63 years of marriage by sponsoring the radio broadcast this morning. They are thankful for the good years. As a congregation we thank them for sharing God's word to our listeners and for their years of service and love to our church family. Our pray is for God's love to grace each day of the coming year for you both.

Thank You



Thanks to all for your kindness during my back problems. Thanks for the prayers, food, cards, and well wishes. I really appreciated it.  
Shirley Kirchhoff



**Poinsettia Order form is in the Narthex.** Place \$8/poinsettia ordered in the offering plate. **Please have all orders to the office by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**



**Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice** will be during Sunday School hour **today**. Program is Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.



**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.

## Those Serving

Musicians:.....Judy Teufel  
 Acolyte.....Sophie Koch  
 Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
 Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others  
 Ushers:.....Ken Hughson, Jerry Reid, Bill Renken, Matthew Vogelsmeier  
 Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel  
 Church Custodian.....  
 Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller

## ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 2022

Church & Sunday School Attendance				<b>Tithes and offerings for November 2022</b> Budget Amount Needed for Nov. 2022 \$16,433. <b>Amount received for Nov. 2022 \$14,848</b> November Receipts <b>below budget by -\$1585.</b>
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School	
Nov. 6	93	16	11	
Nov. 13	89	No Class Voter's	13	
Nov. 20	91	13	17	
Nov. 23	38	Thanksgiving		
Nov. 27	105	8	25	
Nov. 29	44	Advent Midweek 1		

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 2022

Baptism	Affirmation of Faith	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Deaths	Marriages
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## Advent Schedule of Services & Meals

Meals at 5:30

Wednesday Services at 6:30

**December 21**

Meal: Bell Choir  
(Breakfast Fare)

**Service: Be Born in Us: "Bringing Power"**

**December 24**  
**Christmas Eve Services**

4:00pm

**"Bringing Light"**

**December 24**  
**Christmas Eve Services**

6:00pm

**"God Loves Me Dearly"**  
Children's Program

**December 25**  
**Christmas Day Service**

9:00am

**"Bringing Salvation"**



# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Cari Higgins.

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Brad Bredehoeft, 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

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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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## 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 \$8.00 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 1, all poinsettias not picked up will be dispersed.