

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*The Baptism of our Lord Sunday*

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*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 Bell*  
*Welcome*

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 601 *All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

## Confession and Absolution

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten You.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth Your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**  
for His wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

**Behold My Servant, Whom I uphold,  
My Chosen, in Whom My soul delights.**

**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.**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Installation of new officers

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Below the staff is the text: **C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? The second staff has a treble clef and a common time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). Below the staff is the text: You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**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 #LSB 973

## *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

*Refrain*

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day #LSB 537

## *Beautiful Savior*



## Sermon

*Title: United in Baptism*


*Scripture: Matthew 3:13–17*

Hymn of Response #LSB 544 *vv.1-4*

*O Love, How Deep*

## Offering

## Offertory



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Stand*

## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

## 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 594 vv.1-4 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

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### ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 2022

Church & Sunday School Attendance				<b>Tithes and offerings for December 2022</b> Budget Amount Needed for Dec. 2022 \$16,433. <b>Amount received for Dec 2022 \$16,943.</b> Dec. Receipts <b>above budget by +\$510.</b>	
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School		
Dec. 4	113	13	23		
Dec. 11	98	18	29		
Dec. 18	93	19	22		
Dec. 25	56	No Classes			
Mid-week Advent Services					
Dec. 4	38	Dec. 24	28		4:00pm
Dec. 14	29	Dec. 24	168		6:00pm
Dec. 21	32				

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 2022

Baptism	Affirmation of Faith	Transfers In Out		Deaths	Marriages
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### Changes in Membership

**Baptism:** *Everett Michael Brown*, son of David & Ellen Brown was baptized on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022/

**Deaths:** *Donald (Donnie) Knipmeyer* died Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He was given a Christian funeral service and burial on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	8:00am	Board of Properties
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
		<b>Installation of new officers &amp; board members</b>
	10:15am	Voter's/ SS
	7:15pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
	1:00pm	Finance Board
<b>Tues.</b>	4:30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (coffee & cake)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
		<b>Ladies of the Congregation Brief Meeting</b>
	10:15am	BC/ SS
	7:15pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**Notice:** Ladies of the Congregation meeting next *Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>* following the service. Please plan to attend.



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 Gieselmann at 660-815-7470.



Trinity Men's Club, Alma, will be hosting a Pitch Party, January 15, in the school cafeteria. There will be a light lunch at 6:00 p.m. and cards at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

**Voter's Meeting will be TODAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet for coffee & rolls on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. We have two studies to choose from so come and join the learning and the friendship!

**Heit's Point** at Cole Camp is hosting a **Singles Retreat** for March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. They are having a planning group meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. If interested in either event please contact Darlene Dotson at 660-619-2757.

**Concordia Music Conservatory:** Is offering a Community Children's Chorus (grades 4-8); a Handbell Exploration (grades 3-8) as well as private lessons. *Please see the downstairs bulletin board for details.*

## Those Serving

Musicians:.....Ron Baker  
 Acolyte.....Braelyn Johnson  
 Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
 Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others  
 Ushers:.....Lee Nienhueser, Allan Koch, Jim Teufel, Matthew Wing  
 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, 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.*

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