

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

*To God be glory for 145 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
73 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*



Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 834 *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth  
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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 96:2-9*

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

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.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>“I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the

joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**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

*Matthew 22:15–22*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**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 #LSB 605

*v.1*

*Father Welcomes*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 845 *vv.1-4* *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Sermon

*Title: Faith Going Forth*

*Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Reflection Hymn #LSB 825

*Rise, Shine, You People*

Offering

*Stand*

**Prayers of the Church  
Lord's Prayer  
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 783**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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## The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am 11:30pm 1-5pm	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS Board of Education Fellowship Hall Reserved by Janet Luetjen
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am 1:00pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Finance Board
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00pm	Elders
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:00pm	Church Council
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00pm	Reformation Service Concordia North & South Circuits At Grace Lutheran, 806 S Business Hwy 13, Lexington, MO
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> SS/BC



**It is Farmer Cookie Time!** The Care Team is providing cookies to the farmers again this harvest. If you would like to bake cookies, it would be appreciated. Please no nuts or peanut butter in the cookies. The cookies can be placed in the fellowship hall freezer any time the church office is open.

Thank you for your help!





*Weddings*  
 Congratulations to:

*Aaron & Katie Kirbey* who were united in Holy Matrimony here at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.



*Trent & Linda Higgins* who were united in Holy Matrimony at Mattingly's Event Center here in Sweet Springs on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

*May the Lord bless these unions with love, patience, kindness, hope, health, and happiness.*

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Congratulations to Bill and Barb Renken

as they celebrate 50 years of marriage today, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. To honor this day, they are sponsoring our radio broadcast this morning. We thank them for sharing their love with our church family & radio listeners. May the Lord continue to bless this marriage each day with love, health, and family. Thank you for your many years of service to this Congregation.



**Those Serving**

- Musician.....Ron Baker
- Acolyte: .....Sena Ohrenberg
- Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
- Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
- Ushers.....Dave Gieselman, Jared Eichholz, Allan Koch, Jason Staples
- Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel
- Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller

## **BINGO & TACO NIGHT is coming November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sponsored by the Board of Ed.**

A meal of tacos & pies begins at 5:30pm.

Bingo will start around 6:-6:15pm.

This is a kid friendly event!!

**Mark the date and join the fun.**



**\*\*ATTN: PIE-MAKERS!!\*\***

Board of Ed is asking for pie donations for Bingo Night, November 11<sup>th</sup> for supper & auction.



New Members Are Joining

**The Care Team is looking for new members.** If you have questions about what is involved or think you may be interested please contact Dana Melies or any other Care Team member. Dana's phone number is 660-815-1896.

## **Thanksgiving Talent Show and Worship Service!**

We are looking to host a talent show this year in connection with our usual Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday evening, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come, watch as God's people share their God-given talents (in the fellowship hall), and then join us for a brief worship service in thanksgiving to God (sanctuary). Talent show snacks hosted by Board of Missions.



**As the talent show can only happen if we get participants, please let Pastor Alan know by Sunday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> if you have a talent you wish to share** with the congregation. We are looking for all sorts of talents as they come in numerous ways. Examples may include playing instruments, singing, dancing, stand-up comedy/jokes, an interesting skill, or teaming up with some friends and create a skit/short play. Let us come and praise God for his varied grace.



**SPLHS is looking for host families** for about 10 students for the Thanksgiving break (Nov. 18-26). People do not have to do the whole week if it doesn't entirely work. Can take one or more.  
-----P. Mehl

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUTHENTIC CHRISTKINDLESMARKT***

Concordia, Missouri will be holding its 4th annual ***Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt***, held on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The authentic German Christmas market is held outdoors and will be open from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, 11am to 7pm on Saturday. The official opening ceremony, which includes a welcome by city officials, a processional with and introduction of the Concordia Christkind, and a performance by the Saint Paul Lutheran High School Chamber Choir, is on Friday at 6pm.

There is still time to be a vendor—if you have traditional German Christmas market food that you can make and would like to sell, consider being a vendor! For a small fee, you can have a booth and you keep 100% of your sales. If you are interested in having a booth, please visit <https://splhs.org/support/christkindlesmarkt/> to watch a video of last year's market or email the market at [christmasmarket@splhs.org](mailto:christmasmarket@splhs.org).

The market offers traditional German Christmas market foods and drinks, carriage rides, live stage entertainment, handmade wares, and all things Christmas! Come join us and celebrate the season! Come share the light!



**A Circuit Reformation Service** for the Concordia North and Concordia South Circuits will be held on **Saturday, October 28, at 4:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church**, 806 S Business Hwy 13, Lexington. We will sing hymns related to the Reformation, hear of events related to the Reformation, and hear God's saving Word. All are invited.

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Randy Brandt, Cora Lee Fuchs, Louise Harms, and Robin Krause

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Bennet Ging (son of Michael & Autumnn Ging), Retta Hamilton, Diane Heermann, Linder Hoffman, Jacob Neel, Barbara Pallister, Gary Rapp, Tracy Schultz, Dana Sleeper, Vernon Sylvester, Jeff Vogt, and Debbie Wulser.

**Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:** Dolores Fischer, Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa)  
Thelma Nienhueser (The Living Center)

**Mission Workers:** Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO.

**Military:** Jeffrey Abel, Owen Dobbins, and MaKenna Eckhoff

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**Concordia Senior Center, 710 Main Street is having a CHILI & SOUP Silent Auction \* Pie Auction \* Dine-In or Curbside Lunch**



On October 29 from 11am-1:30pm

Live pie auction at 12:30pm

Silent auction opens October 20 at 10am and closes October 29 at 2pm.

Items must be paid for and picked up by 2pm on November 3.

Donations accepted for lunch. Please make checks payable to Concordia Senior Center. Donations support older adults in your community.

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.immanuelweetsprings.com](http://www.immanuelweetsprings.com).

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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