

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Twenty-Forth Sunday after Pentecost*

November 12<sup>th</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 Bell*  
*Welcome*

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 513

*The Clouds of Judgment Gather*

## 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.

Baptism of Ella Maurine Ward

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,

**at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

**Behold our shield, O God;**

**look on the face of your anointed!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**O LORD of hosts,**

**blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

**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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

First Reading

Amos 5:18–24

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who

are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a

cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we

who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the

Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:1–13*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**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 605

v.1

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 814

vv. 1-4

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Sermon

Title: Forever with the Lord

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reflection Hymn #LSB 474

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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

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 763

When Peace, like a River

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
	10:15am	<i>Voters Meeting/SS</i>
	11:15am	Property Board
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
	1:00pm	Finance Board
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs.</b>	1:00pm	Orphan Grain Train
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
	10:15am	SS/BC



Congratulations to Allen & Sandy Boehmer as they celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. **We thank them for sponsoring our radio broadcast today.** May God bless your days throughout the coming year.



*Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
through the waters of Holy Baptism*

***Ella Maurine Ward***  
*on Sunday, November 12th, 2023*  
***Daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Ward***

*Sponsors: Miranda Redford, Kathleen Kincaid  
Caroline Carter*

***Granddaughter of:*** Tom & Marsha Tyler  
Patrick & Jane Ward

*"We pray that according to Your good pleasure that Walter may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name." (LSB)*

Altar flowers were placed this morning in celebration of Ella's baptism by her loving family. Let us join with Ella's family as they offer thanksgiving to God for the special blessing of Ella!

Please stay for cupcakes after service as the family celebrates Ella's baptism!

## Those Serving

Musician.....	Ron Baker
Acolyte: .....	Hadley Eichholz
Radio and Sound.....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video.....	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers.....	Chris Brandt, Jerry Knipmeyer, Garrett Sims, Jim Teufel
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller





**Ladies We Need Your Help!**  
**Cookie Festival Bakers**

Sign-up sheet for cookies is in the Narthex. Please sign-up to bake 12 dozen cookies (2 lines). Getting together with a friend to bake is lots of fun!!

**Cookie Festival Workers**

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.  
Friday workers should arrive at 1:00pm.  
Saturday workers should arrive at 7:30am.

**Cookie Festival is Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
**(Set-up Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>).**

**Poinsettia Order forms are in the Narthex on the table.** Please complete and place your order with the money in an envelope and **drop in the offering plate.**



**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 is holding its 4th annual **Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt on the Saint Paul Lutheran High School campus on the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.** The authentic German Christmas market is held outdoors from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, and 11am to 7pm on Saturday. The official opening ceremony, including a welcome by city officials and performance by the Saint Paul Lutheran High School Chamber Choir, is on Friday at 6pm.

There is still time to be 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/> Come join us and celebrate the season! Come share the light!



23<sup>rd</sup>

Annual

Immanuel Lutheran  
Church Ladies

**Cookie Festival**

held at

Immanuel Lutheran Church

110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO

**Saturday, December 2nd**

8:30 a.m. – sold out

17 varieties of homemade cookies

Homemade candy and decorated cookies

Cookies are \$15.00 per box/ Candy \$7.00 per pound

Limit of 3 boxes per entry. Gloves are provided.

*Hope to see you there.*



**Thanksgiving Talent Show and Worship Service!** We are hosting a talent show this year in connection with our annual Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday evening, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. 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. You can still sign up for a skit and/or talent by messaging Pastor.



**THANK YOU!**

**The Board of Education would like to thank everyone that participated in Bingo Night.** All that baked and donated the delicious pies were appreciated. Also, a big thank you to all the Bingo night players for coming and eating, playing and joining the raffle for pies. Fun and fellowship was had by all! Thank you for helping us raise money toward our scholarship fund for Christian education.

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Randy Brandt, Cora Lee Fuchs, Louise Harms, Carolyn Luebbert

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Bennet Ging (son of Michael & Autumnn Ging), Retta Hamilton, Diane Heermann, Linder Hoffman, Mary Mackesty, Jacob Neel, Gary Rapp, Tracy Schultz, Nicole Scott (our cleaning lady), 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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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.immanuelsweetsprings.com](http://www.immanuelsweetsprings.com).

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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# *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*



## *Advent Schedule*

### of Services & Meals

Meals at 5:30

Wednesday Services at 6:30

### December 6

Meal: Tacos

Hosted by: Board of Education

Service: "Thou Wisdom from on High"

### December 13

Meal: Breakfast

Hosted by: Care Team

Service:

"Thou Lord of Might"

### December 20

Meal: Soup

Hosted by: Board of Missions

Service:

"Thou Branch of Jesse's Tree"

### December 24

### Christmas Eve Services

9:00am

"Thou Key of David"

6:00pm

Children's Christmas Program

### December 25

### Christmas Day Service

9:00am

"Thou Dayspring from on High"

