

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

November 19<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 Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 348

*The King Shall Come*

*Stand*

**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

Psalm

*Psalm 90 (select verses)*

<sup>12</sup>Teach us to number our days  
**that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

<sup>5</sup>**You sweep them away as with a flood;  
they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:**

**6**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

**7**For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.

**8**You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

**10**The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**11**Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**12**So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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

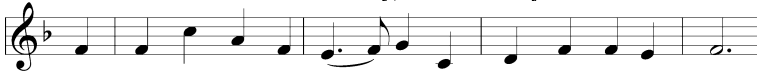


☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



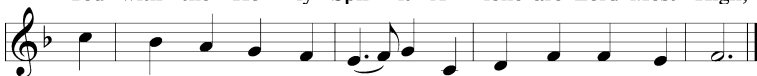
☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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 - shiped 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.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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*

## First Reading

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.  
<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—  
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire."  
<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.  
<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD,  
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills."  
<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.  
<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'  
<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

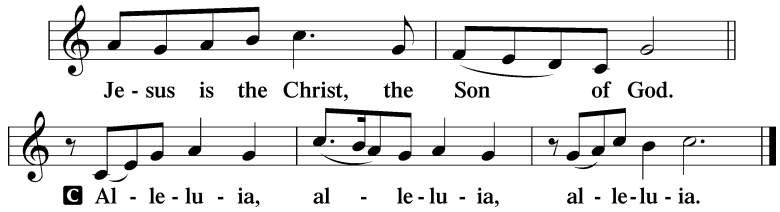
## Alleluia and Verse



**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



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:14–30*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**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 of the Day #LSB 730

*What Is the World to Me*

Sermon

*Title: Children of the Day*

*Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

*Stand*

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Offering

## 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.

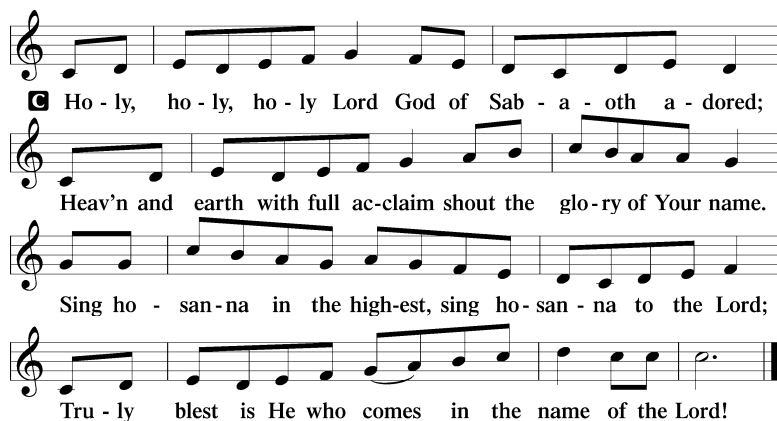
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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!

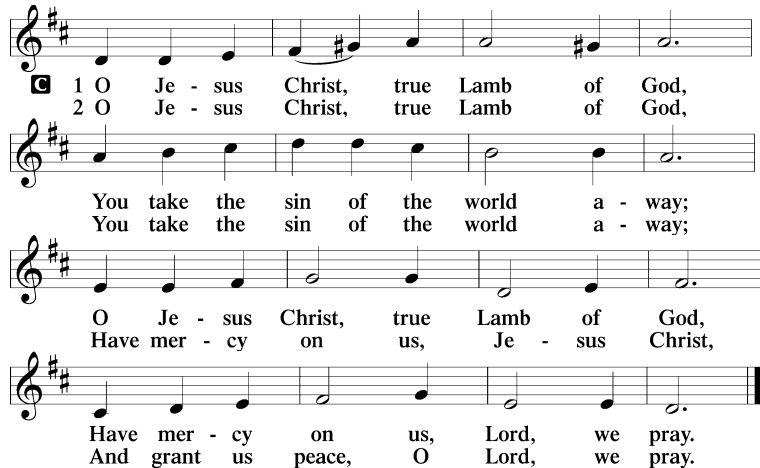
## The Words of Our Lord

### 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.



## Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 655 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 534 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 783 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

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 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.

## 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 941

*We Praise You and Acknowledge You*

# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
	10:15am	BC/SS
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Visitation Louise Harms Family
	11:00am	Louise Harms Funeral Service
	6:00pm	Talent Show
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
	10:15am	SS/BC
	11:30	Decorate Church for Christmas
	1:30pm	Devotion at Villa

**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.



## *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>).*

## **Those Serving**

Musician.....	Jim Dunkin
Acolyte: .....	Ty Higgins
Radio and Sound.....	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video.....	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
Ushers.....	Chris Brandt, Garrett Sims, Kevin Scott, Kade Scott
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller

**Adult Choir Practice for the Children's Christmas Program will begin December 6<sup>th</sup> following the Advent Service.** All adults welcome. Come join the singing!

**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.**

.MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:

MOScholars allows you, the taxpayer, to direct your state tax dollars to a cause you feel strongly about—Lutheran education. By reserving tax credits through this program in 2023, you'll help 150 students receive a scholarship to attend an LCMS school in our state. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more. Leah Sieveking at the District office can be reached at 314-590-6211 or [leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org](mailto:leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org) with any other questions. At no additional cost and with minimal effort, it's a win for taxpayers, students, families, and schools. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District.



Saint Paul Lutheran High School is collecting gently used and clean coats, gloves, hats, and blankets to be donated to provide warmth to those in need this coming winter. They will be distributed locally and in the KansasCity area. There are two collection spots: Heilman Hall Building #1 Saint Paul High School Campus or Concordia Baptist Church front portico (available 24/7). We will be collecting through November 15th. Thanks for your donations.



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.*

**The Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service** will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (**Nov 21**) at **7:00 pm**. The **Presbyterian Church** is the host this year, and the speaker is Josh Payne from St. John's UCC, Emma.

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Randy Brandt, Cora Lee Fuchs, 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, Scarlett Mackesty, Jacob Neel, Gary Rapp, Tracy Schultz, Nikki Scott (our cleaning lady), Dana Sleeper, Vernon Sylvester, Jeff Vogt, and Debbie Wulser.

**Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:** Dorothy Krause (The Villa)  
Dolores Fischer, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH)  
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!*

