

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*First Sunday in Advent*

December 3<sup>rd</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 341 vv. 1-4

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

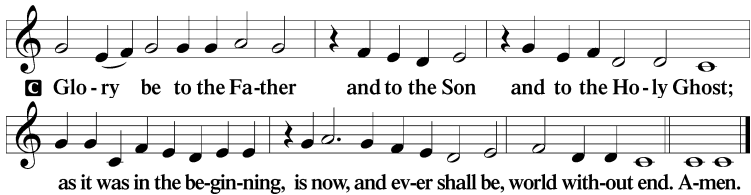
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**let not my enemies exult over me.**

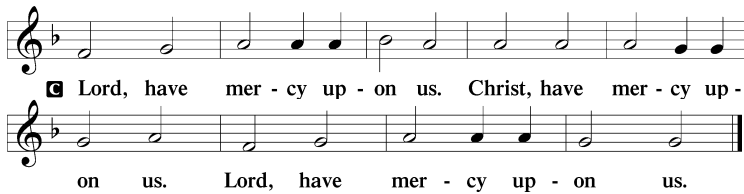
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.**



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
- <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.
- <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
- <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 13:24–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know

that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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 745**

*In God, My Faithful God*

**Sermon**

*Title: Sustained Till the End*

*Scripture: Isaiah 64:1–9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

**Offering**

*Stand*

## Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayers of the Church

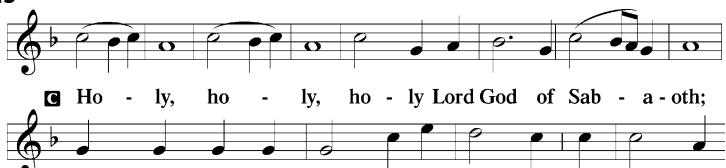
### Lord's Prayer

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

### Agnus Dei

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

### Distribution

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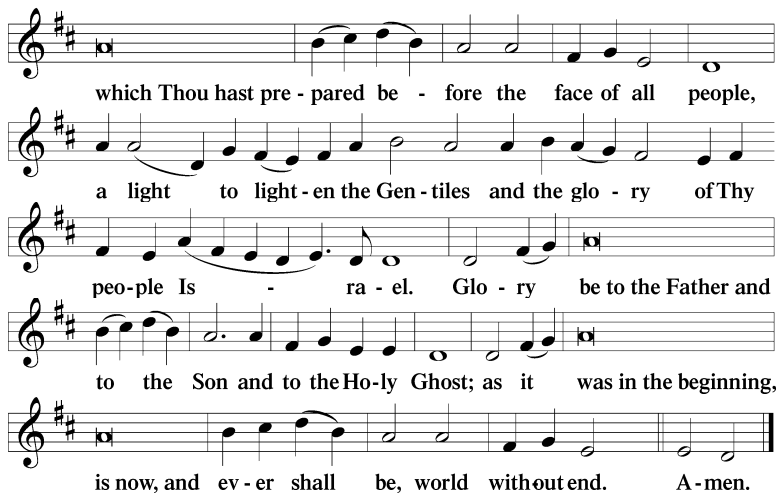
*On Eagles' Wings  
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
 Prepare the Royal Highway*

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,





which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

- 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 348 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

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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> <i>Children's Program Practice/SS</i>
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am 1:30pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Devotion at Villa
<b>Wed.</b>	5:30pm 6:30pm	5:30 Advent Meal by Board of Ed—Serving/ Tacos Advent Service 1: “/Thou Wisdom from on High” Following Service: Christmas Eve Choir Practice
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:00am 10:15am	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> Board of Property Meeting <i>Children's Program Practice /BC</i>

**Secretary** will be out of the office December 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. (She is taking a trip with Jim and his high school friends to Branson). Back in office December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Program Practice for Christmas Eve Service:** All participants will be practicing for the program on Sundays in December at 10:15am until 11:30am. Parents please make every effort to get your children here each Sunday as 3 or 4 practices is a short time to pull together a program!!

**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 or bring by the office.**

**Christmas Eve Choir:** Please consider joining us~~whether you have sang before or are new to the group~~we need you. Practice will be following the Advent Services Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions~~call Carolyn 660-641-4728,

*Looking forward to seeing you there!*



**Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,**

I wanted to send you a short note to say thank you for adopting me as a student. I am blessed by you that I don't have to worry about money during my time at seminary and am able to focus on my studies and become the best servant of our God that I can be.

I'll be sending out a newsletter for you soon, but for now I'll say that seminary has been a blessing in these four short months and I have already learned so much. There are so many great men here that I have become friends with, and I can say confidently that God is raising up good workers for his harvest just as he always has.

I hope all is well with you. You will be in my prayers. I thank God for your support because I wouldn't be where I am without it. God bless you for all that you've done for me and continue to do for me.

-God bless, Tyler Linneman

## 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.....	Ken Hughson, Jay Vogelsmeier, John Dohrman, Matt Vogelsmeier
Church Secretary.....	Judy Teufel
Pastor.....	Pastor Alan Mueller

## ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 2023

Church & Sunday School Attendance				Tithes and offerings for November 2023 Budget Amount Needed for Nov. 2023 \$16,274.
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School	
Nov. 5	95	18	18	<b>Amount received for Nov. 2023 \$13,074.</b> Oct. Receipts <i>were below budget by -\$3,200.</i>
Nov. 12	105	Voters	17	
Nov. 19	103	22	17	
Nov. 26	90	20	19	
Nov. 22	48			
				Thanksgiving Eve

**Trinity Lutheran School Annual Fund Drive:** It has been a privilege for Trinity Lutheran School in Alma to serve some of your students by providing them strong academics in a Christian environment. Over the years, the school has focused on keeping costs as low as possible. Even with these efforts, it costs about \$11,000/year to educate a K-8 student at Trinity Lutheran School today. Tuition doesn't even come close to covering this amount. ***Please prayerfully consider partnering with us by participating in Trinity's 2nd Annual Fund Drive to help cover these costs.*** You may contribute to tuition assistance, curriculum, or where needed most. ***Donations may be sent to*** Trinity Lutheran School Fund Drive, 304 Waverly Avenue, PO Box 257, Alma, MO 64001. For more information, contact Trinity Lutheran School at (660) 674-2444 or [angiewells@trinitylutheranalma.com](mailto:angiewells@trinitylutheranalma.com). *Thank you for your continued prayers!*

**Angel Tree Donations:** This is the 18<sup>th</sup> for Lisa Hall to administer this program for the children in need in our community. The program needs your monetary donations. These help buy for the angels that are not adopted from the tree, also used to even out gifts for each kid in a family, and for buying gift cards for the older kids which are harder to select a gift.

You may make a donation one of two ways.

1. Mail donations made payable to Lisa Hall/Angel tree to 103 E. Marshall St., Sweet Springs, MO 65351. A receipt will be mailed back if requested.
2. Take a donation to Equity Bank downtown Sweet Springs and ask them to deposit in the LisaHall/Angel Tree account.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. This is the season for giving so give a little of yourself to help the children have a Merry Christmas

**TOP DAY!** The Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra & Marshall Community Chorus will present a joint Holiday Concert on **Sunday December 3**. The concert will begin at **2:30 p.m. in the Harold L. Lickey Auditorium** of Bueker Middle School. Please join us and bring non-perishable items for the local food pantry as we celebrate the glorious season of Christmas.

**Concordia Music Conservatory** is now enrolling for the spring semester of private lessons in piano, organ, strings, guitar, brass and woodwinds for all ages, as well as our group ensembles in choir, handbells and guitar for children. To learn more or enroll online please visit [cnc-music.org](http://cnc-music.org). Keep watching our website and Facebook page to enroll for our summer choir and orchestra camps. (Enrollment in lessons, group ensembles or camps would be a wonderful Christmas gift for a child or grandchild!)

# 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, Nicole 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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## *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* of Services & Meals

Meals at 5:30

Wednesday Services at 6:30

### **December 6**

Meal: Tacos

Hosted by: Board of Ed

#### **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: Missions Board

#### **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**

9:00am **Christmas Day Service**

"Thou Dayspring from on High"

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

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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