

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Second Sunday in Advent

December 10th, 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 338 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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

Psalm 85

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

...
⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

**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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; 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 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

Mark 1:1–8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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 347

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Sermon

Title: Comfort for God's People

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1–11

Reflection Hymn #LSB 594

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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 #LSB 834 vv. 1–3

O God, O Lord

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 Board of Property Meeting <i>Children's Program Practice/SS</i>
Mon.	8:30am 1:00pm	Royal Oak Bible Study Finance Board
Wed.	4:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Wrap Gifts for "Royal Christmas" 5:30 Advent Meal by Care Team--Serving/ Breakfast Advent Service 2: "Thou Lord of Might" Following Service: Christmas Eve Choir Practice
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 <i>Children's Program Practice /BC</i>

Card Shower for Thelma Nienhueser! Thelma is turning 89 on December 16th, and her family is organizing a card shower for her. And they hope that our church family -her brothers and sisters in the faith- would participate. Write her a card, and wish her a happy birthday and wonderful Christmas.

Address: The Living Center 2506 Liden Tree Parkway,
Room 216, Marshall, MO 65340.

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 payment 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. 6th, 13th & 20th.

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

Looking forward to seeing you there!



A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Cookie

Festival! We are so appreciative to all who baked, set-up, served and cleaned-up. We are also grateful to the cookie shoppers. A special thank you to Jill & Courtney Gieselman who spearheaded this project and all of their time spent decorating the basement. Once again thank you for a great fund-raiser. *Ladies of the Congregation*

Those Serving

Musician.....	Ron Baker
Acolyte:	Sophie Koch
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

Angel Tree Donations: This is the 18th year 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 Lisa Hall/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

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 cmc-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!)

2nd Sunday
in Advent

HOPE

“Prophecy Candle”
Assures us that God
will fulfill the
prophecies
declared in the
Old Testament
about Jesus.



PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Randy Brandt, Cora Lee Fuchs, Ron Hinton, Carolyn Luebbert

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Michelle Boland, Wallace Bredehoeft, Gloria Burrow, Bennet Ging (son of Michael & Autumnn Ging), Retta Hamilton, Diane Heermann, Linder Hoffman, Scarlett Mackesty, 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

of Services & Meals

Meals at 5:30

Wednesday Services at 6:30



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.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

