

# O Come, O Come:

*Thou Key of David*



December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

*These are the words of the One who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open. - Revelation 3:7*

Prelude - Bell Choir  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 387

*Joy to the World*

*Stand*

**Opening Versicles**

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and the government will be upon His shoulders.

**And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Isaiah 9:6*

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.

**He shall open, and none shall shut;  
and he shall shut, and none shall open.**

*Isaiah 22:22*

We know that since Christ was raised from  
the dead, He cannot die again;

**death no longer has dominion over Him.**

*Romans 6:9*

“I am the living one. I died, and behold I am alive  
forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

*Revelation 1:18*

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who holds the key of David. What He opens no one  
can shut, and what He shuts no one can open.**

*Revelation 3:7*

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes  
in Me will live, even though he dies.”

*John 11:25*

**The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation.**

*Psalms 18:46*

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Salvation**

**L** Heavenly Father, as we come before your presence this morning, we confess that we have daily sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have closed the doors of our hearts to you. We have shut our ears to hear your word. And we have shut our eyes to see your truth. We have not loved you nor your ways as we should. As you have the keys, Father, open our hearts to receive Your Son. Give us forgiveness, and open the way to heaven before us.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, you have sent your Son into the world to open the way to heaven for all people. Lead us by faith to enter through the Door, who is Jesus. We praise you for opening heaven before us. And we thank you for bringing us into your church wherein you daily and richly forgive us our sins. Give us confidence and strength knowing that we are your people, loved, cherished, and forgiven through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*Sit*

**Bell Choir**  
**First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:3–10*

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;  
the unclean shall not pass over it.  
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.  
<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading**

*Revelation 3:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

<sup>8</sup>“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>Behold, I

will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. <sup>12</sup>The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 2:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn #357

*vv.1, 4-5*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Sermon

**Reflection Hymn # 389** vv.1-2,4,6 *Let All Together Praise Our God*

*Stand*

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**

**Concluding Collect**

**Benediction**

**Departing Hymn #LSB 370**

*What Child Is This*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Advent**

**Love**

The Angel's Candle  
reminding us of God's  
precious gift of  
Christ and the  
angel's message:  
"Peace Good will toward  
Men."



# The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> <i>Children's Program Practice/SS</i> Practice could go to 12:00am
Mon.	9:00am	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Christmas Day Service</b> "Thou Dayspring from on High"
Thurs.	6:00pm	Church Council
Sat.		Tyler family Christmas Fellowship Hall
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> SS /BC

**Children's Program Practice for Christmas Eve Service:** All participants will be practicing for the program today. Practice may last until noon.



**Congratulations to Don and Judy Vogelsmeier** as they celebrated 61 years of marriage on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. **We thank them for sponsoring our radio Broadcast this morning.** May the love and joy they experience each day be felt by our radio listeners this morning. We pray that God continues to bless the marriage of Don & Judy and our radio family throughout the coming year.

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School is accepting applications** for the Development Director. This is a year round, full-time position. This position will contribute to the improvement and growth of Saint Paul Lutheran High School by managing all resource development, collaborating with recruitment and alumni activities, and assisting with coordinating communication. *For a full job description please see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please email a resume, including references to pmehl@splhs.org*

## Those Serving

Musician.....	Piano.....	Judy Teufel
Trumpets.....	Caroline Carter & Carrie Scott	
Bell Choir.....	Immanuel Lutheran Bell Ringers	
Acolyte: .....	Braelyn Johnson	
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	

# PRAYER

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

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Evelyn Bledsoe, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Bennet Ging (son of Michael & Autumnn Ging), Retta Hamilton, Diane Heermann, Linder Hoffman, Scarlett Mackesty, Gary Rapp, Tracy Schultz, Nicole Scott, 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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## *Advent Schedule*

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Services

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

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

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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