

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



First Sunday after Christmas

December 31st, 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 389 vv.1-4 *Let All Together Praise Our God*
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 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 111

⁹The LORD sent redemption to his people;

Holy and awesome is his name!

¹Praise the LORD!

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³**Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵**He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷**The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;**

...

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

**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

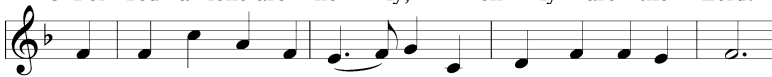


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 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 - shipped 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.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

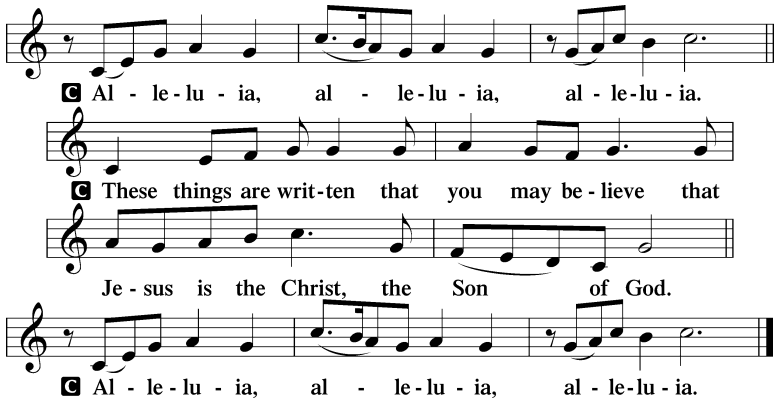
⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And
because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a
son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia and Verse. It consists of four staves of music in a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff is the beginning of the verse: 'These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff continues the verse: 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff is the final Alleluia chorus: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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 537

Beautiful Savior

Sermon

Title: He was Called Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2:21–40

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.

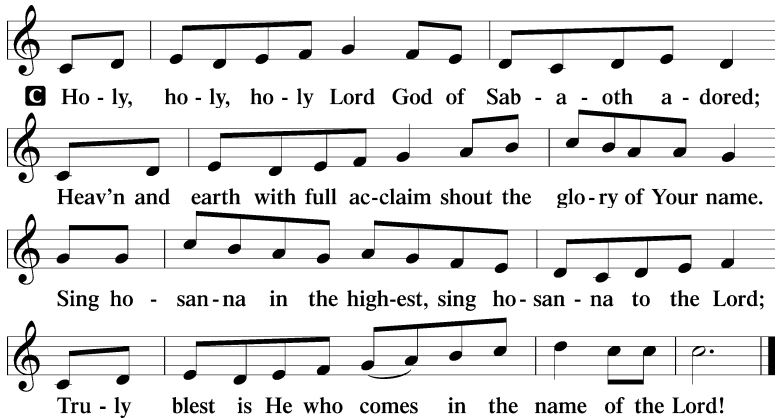
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 971

There Is a Redeemer

1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.
Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,
And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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Distribution Hymn #LSB 563

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Distribution Hymn #LSB 544

O Love, How Deep

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.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 900

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
 10:15am SS/BC



Mon.



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 10:15am SS /BC



We are extending a grateful thank you to everyone that contributed to the joy and beauty of our Christmas season here at Immanuel. Thank you to the Altar Guild and to all that helped decorate our Sanctuary either by helping put up décor or purchasing poinsettias. Thank you to the Board of Education for administering the Children's Christmas Program, especially to Kayla Ohrenbegr & Courtney Giesleman for directing, to Carolyn Colson and Brenda Wulff for directing the music, and to all of the Sunday School teachers, parents and children. Thank you to all that provided music for our Advent/Christmas Season, Ron Baker, Judy Teufel, the trumpets-Caroline Carter & Carrie Scott, to Tom Hepting, and to the Bell Ringers! ***Thank you to Pastor Mueller for the wonderful Advent Services that remind of us Jesus.*** We are so blessed to have so many members that share their blessings, talents, and love for Jesus to spread JOY throughout our Community!.



In His birth we are blessed and in His name we rejoice. Merry Christmas to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We would like to thank everyone who gave us flowers and sent cards or prayers our way, it means so much to us. We miss our church family. Steve & Cora Lee Fuchs.



Grace Lutheran Church, Lexington, will host a hymn sing and prayer service on the Day of Epiphany which is Saturday, January 6 at 4:00 p.m. Participants will be given the opportunity to pick their favorite hymns of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany as found in Lutheran Service Book. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate by singing joyfully.

Those Serving

Musician.....Piano.....Judy Teufel
 Acolyte:Gus Luetjen
 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, Bill Gasau, 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

Wise Men
Seek Him Still



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.*

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