IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28th, 2024

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 825

Rise, Shine, You People

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 and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.
- 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

Introit

Psalm 122:1-2,6,8; antiphon Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Our feet have been standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

May they be secure who love you!

For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

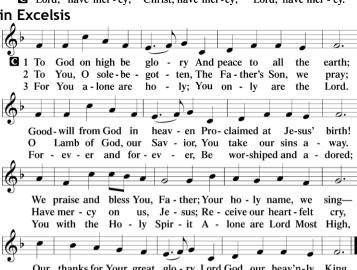
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie



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

Gloria in Excelsis



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-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. C

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of

the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.""

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





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

Holy Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- a Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

P

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn #LSB 605 v.1

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 845 vv.1-5 Where Charity and Love Prevail Sermon

Title: Stumbling Blocks

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Reflection Hymn #LSB 641

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Offering

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 461 vv.1-3,8 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300

10:15am SS/BC

1:30pm Devotions at the Villa

Mon. 8:30am Royal Oak Bible Study

Wed. 10:00am Women's Bible Study Group

Sun. 9:00am Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300

10:15am SS /BC



Trinity Alma Men's Club is having their annual Pancake Supper on Sunday, January 28, in the school cafeteria. Serving from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Free will offering will go to: 1/3-SPLHS Scholarship, 1/3-UCM Campus Ministry, and 1/3-to Share the Harvest for local Food Pantries. Following at 7:00 pm they will be hosting a Pitch Party. All are invited!

The Sweet Springs Food Pantry needs assistance. If you or someone you know is bilingual (Spanish/English), the food bank could use your help on distribution days.

The Food Pantry is also needing to purchase a new water heater. If you can donate any money or Thrivent gift card towards this project your help would be appreciated.

Please contact Connie Bonar (660-229-6789) or Darlene Dotson (660-619-2757) if you can assist with either of these needs.

Those Serving

Musician	Judy Teufel
Acolyte:	Sena Ohrenberg
Radio and Sound	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video	Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others
UshersLee	Nienhueser, Terry Knipmeyer, Allan Koch, Chase Koch
Church Secretary	Judy Teufe
Pastor	Pastor Alan Mueller

PRAYER

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

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Cindy Bernard, Evelyn Bledsoe, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Brandy Clevenger, Bill Gasau, Retta Hamilton, Robin Hedgpeth, Diane Heermann, Linder Hoffman, Tracy Schultz, Nicole Scott, Dana Sleeper, Vernon Sylvester, Jeff Vogt, Marty Winter, 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



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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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

