

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*First Sunday in Advent*

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*To God be glory for 146 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
74 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 348

*The King Shall*

*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 89:6, 14–16; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b*

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

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

**Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
**steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

Blessèd are the people who know the joyful shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,  
**who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

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

**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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may

establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



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



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



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



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

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**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 of the Day #LSB 331**     *sts. 1–5*     *The Advent of Our King*

### Sermon

*Title: Redemption Draws Near*

*Scripture: Luke 21:25–36*

*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.

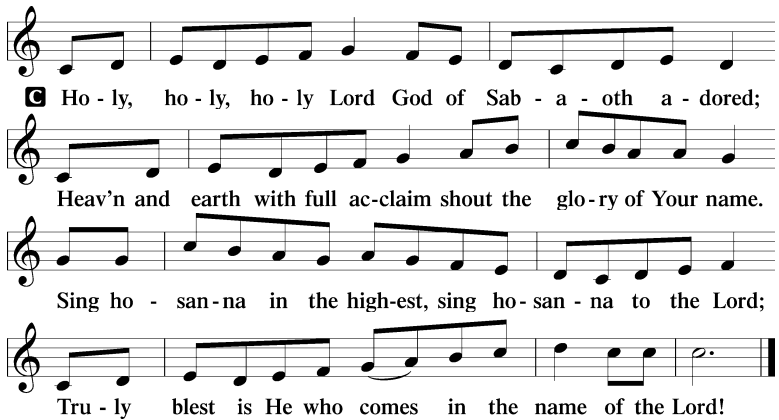
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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 745

Distribution Hymn #LSB 357

Distribution Hymn #LSB 333

*In God, My Faithful God  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Once He Came in Blessing*

*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 350

*Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:15am 11:30am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/ SS Christmas Eve Program Practice Decorate the Church for Christmas
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00pm	Elders
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am 5:30pm <b>6:30pm</b> 7:15pm	Women's Bible Study Advent Meal-Bell Choir <b>Advent Service "Mary's Catechesis"</b> Adult Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Program
<b>Thurs.</b>	10:00am	Bible Study at Royal Oak
<b>Fri.</b>	1:00pm	Set-up Cookie Festival
<b>Sat.</b>	7:30am 8:30am	Cookie Festival Workers arrive Cookie Festival Begins
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00am <b>9:00am</b> 10:15am	Property Board <b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS Christmas Eve Program Practice



## Cookie Festival is Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>

**8:30am till sold out**

### Cookie Festival Workers

Fri. workers should arrive at 1:00pm. Sat. workers should arrive at 7:30am.  
Thank You to all Helpers and Bakers!!!



Altar Guild is decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> after Sunday School. All are invited to join in for the fun and fellowship.

## Children's Christmas Eve Practice Schedule

It is that time of year when the anticipation for Christmas Eve begins. Practices for the program on Christmas Eve will take place on Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour from **10:15-11:30am for 4 Sundays.**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Adult Choir Practice 7:15pm December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Please mark your calendars for these dates!

Kayla Ohrenberg & Courtney Gieselman will oversee the program this year. If you are planning on your child/children participating in the program, please let them know. Kayla: 816-244-6766 Courtney: 660-815-4080

### Those Serving

Musicians:.....Judy Teufel  
Acolyte: .....Cayden Gieselman  
Radio and Sound:.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
Video:.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others  
Ushers:.....Jay Vogelsmeier, Allen Bredehoeft, Matt Vogelsmeier  
Church Secretary:....Judy Teufel  
Pastor:..Rev. Alan Mueller



## POINSETTIA ORDERS

Forms for Poinsettia orders are on the Narthex table. Poinsettias will cost \$8/plant. Orders will be taken until Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> or until all ordered poinsettias have been reserved. Please place your order and money in the envelopes available in the Narthex and place them on the offering plate or bring to the church office.

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING November 2024

Church & Sunday School Attendance				<b>Tithes and offerings for November 2024</b> Budget Amount Needed for November 2024: \$18,221.  <b>Amount received for November 2024: \$11,544.</b> Receipts <i>were below budget by</i> -\$6,677.
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School	
Oct. 6	98	18	18	
Oct. 13	132	Voters	19	
Oct. 20	40	No Class	No Class	
Oct. 27	96	18	15	



### Adult Choir Members Needed for Christmas Eve Program

Practices will be December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> following the Advent Service.  
Please come join the fun & chorus!

### ANGEL TREE

The Christmas season is quickly approaching. I am once again asking for help. There are several children in our community, who without the help of the Angel Tree may not see any or very little at Christmas. I am asking for monetary donations if you can help. Those donations go towards helping buy for the angels that are not adopted and used to even out the gifts for each kid in the family and then buying gift cards for the older kids that are harder to buy for. To help you can do one of the following:



1. Mail a donation made payable to Lisa Hall/Angel Tree to Lisa Hall, 103 E. Marshall St., Sweet Springs, MO. 65351.
2. Take the donation to Equity Bank downtown Sweet Springs and ask them to deposit the donation in the Lisa Hall/Angel Tree Account. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. The deadline for donations will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.

This is the season for giving, so give a little of yourself to help the children have a Merry Christmas. For any questions, please call me at 660-281-6787.

Thank you so much, Lisa Hall.



We wanted to thank you for your donation of \$50.00 Every act of your generosity helps us provide for our students. Your gift allows us to continue helping them grow in faith toward God and love toward one another. Thank you from **Warrensburg Lutheran Campus Ministry**. Rev. Jon-Michael Schweigert, Director

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$500 to **Global Refuge**. As we shared earlier this year, we have changed our name from Lutheran immigration and Refugee Service to Global Refuge. We believe this change will build a bigger table of supporters to help us in our mission to serve even more immigrants and refugees.

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Carol Brandt, Randy Brandt, Stanley Bredehoeft, Millie Dohrman, Bruce & Melissa Eckhoff.

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Evelyn Bledsoe, Ruby Brandt, Michelle Boland, Melinda Butterfield, Mike & Eva Cordes family, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Lonnie Fischer, Gail Foster Horman, Retta Hamilton, Holly McCullough, David Maas, River Mae Miller, Shania Mills, Rhonda Neupert, Jessica Nicolson, Brooke Rieckhoff, Tracy Schultz, Nicole Scott, and Debbie Wulser.

**Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:**

Dolores Fischer (GSNH) Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)  
Dorothy Krause & Thelma Nienhueser (The Living Center)

**Mission Workers:** Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director) Tim & Erin Schulte (LBT-Cameroon)

**Military:** MaKenna Eckhoff

**Immanuel Lutheran's  
Wednesday Advent & Christmas Services**

<b>Wednesday Advent Services</b>	
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Meal 5:30pm Served by Bell Choir <i>Service at 6:30pm</i> <i>"Mary's Catechesis"</i>	<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Meal 5:30pm Served by Board of Ed <i>Service at 6:30pm</i> <i>"Mary's Journey"</i>
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
Advent Meal 5:30pm Served by Care Team-Breakfast <i>Service at 6:30pm</i> <i>"Mary's Song"</i>	
<b>Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b> Children's Christmas Eve Program 6:00pm	<b>Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Day Service 9:00am

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)  
 Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351  
*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO "CHRISTMAS AT HEIT'S POINT LUTHERAN!!!"**

**Come enjoy time at the Camp and with those who love outdoor ministry!! 28345 Heit's Point Ave. Lincoln, MO**

WHEN: Saturday, **Dec. 7** 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHAT: \* Special Christmas Music by Cole Camp's German **Men's Choir**

\* **Brisket** Luncheon with scalloped potatoes and a delicate dessert

\* God's Word, Fellowship, **Pictures** of the past 45 years of Heit's Point

\* Thanking God for His Son as our reason for Christmas

\* Starting a **TIME CAPSULE** - to be "planted" this summer

HOW: Just call 660-668-2363 to **reserve a spot!** It is a freewill donation for the food. (suggested donation: \$20)

OR make a weekend of it and stay all night Friday night!



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