

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Third's Sunday in Advent

December 15th, 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 Bell
Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 803

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

**who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

**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

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Luke 7:18-28

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

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

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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 347

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Sermon

Title: He Will Rejoice

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14–20

Offering

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Stand

Offertory

C 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.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 353

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Distribution Hymn #LSB 849

Praise the One

Distribution Hymn #LSB 556

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

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 643

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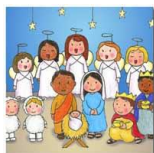
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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS Christmas Eve Program Practice
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
Wed.	5:30pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	NO Women's Bible Study Advent Meal-Care Team-Breakfast Advent Service "Mary's Song" Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	10:00am 1:00pm	Bible Study at Royal Oak Orphan Grain Train
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/SS Christmas Eve Program Practice



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 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Adult Choir Practice 7:15pm December 4th & 18th.

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Forms for Poinsettia orders are on the Narthex table. Poinsettias will cost \$8/plant. Orders will be taken **until Thursday December 19th** 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.

Adult Choir Members Needed for Christmas Eve Program

Practices will be December 4th & 18th following the Advent Service.

Please come join the fun & chorus!

Those Serving

Musicians:.....Ron Baker
 Acolyte:Olivia Dickinson
 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

A graphic with the words "Farewell and Good Luck" in a colorful, stylized font. "Farewell" is in blue and green, "and" is in red, and "Good Luck" is in blue and red. The background is white with faint floral patterns.

Farewell and Good Luck

FAREWELL DINNER TO THE MUELLER'S

On December 29th there will be a carry in dinner to thank Pastor Mueller, Maria & Walter and say goodbye. Please bring a couple of dishes to share and enjoy the fellowship. Drinks and service will be provided. This will occur immediately following the service in fellowship hall.

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 17th.

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.



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**

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

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www.immanuelssweetsprings.com.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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