

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22nd, 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 361

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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

Introit

Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

**³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

⁴O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**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 and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of
the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 7/4 time. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second and third staves are the verse: 'These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff is the final Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,

the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #LSB 605 v.1

Father Welcomes

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #LSB 820 vv.1-3 *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*

Sermon

Title: O Bethlehem

Scripture: Micah 5:2–5a

Reflection Hymn #LSB 814

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Offering

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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 357 vv.1-3 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Acknowledgments

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	BC/ SS Christmas Eve Program Practice
Mon.	8:30am	Royal Oak Bible Study
	10:00am	Finance Board
Tues.	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
		Children's Program
Wed.	9:00am	Christmas Day Service
Sun.	9:00am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15am	Farewell Dinner for the Mueller's

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Please join us for Special Christmas Services

Children's Christmas Eve Program
6:30pm on December 24th

Christmas Day Service
9:00am December 25th



Thank you!

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Cookie Festival!
We are so appreciative to all who baked, set-up, served and cleaned-up. We are so grateful to the cookie shoppers who bought cookies. A special thank you to Jill & Courtney Gieselman who spearheaded this project and for their time spent decorating the basement. Once again thank you for a great fundraiser.---Ladies of the Congregation!

Thank you to everyone who helped wrap presents for Royal Oaks' residents. A special thank you to the Adult Sunday School & Board of Missions for the donation of money, to Carrie Scott who crocheted 24 afghans and to her sorority sister who donated the yarn! This project would not happen without the love and support of each of you!
Blessings on your Christmas holiday happenings!

Church Council meeting moved to January 2 at 6:00pm.

Those Serving

Musicians:.....Ron Baker
Acolyte:Braelyn Johnson
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

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.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

Congrats to Walter & Donna Howard on 65years of marriage
on December 19th.

Congrats to Don and Judy Vogelsmeier who celebrate 62 years
of marriage today, December 22nd. Thank you to Don & Judy for
sponsoring our radio broadcast this morning.

*We offer our joy to both couples as they reach these landmark
anniversaries. May God continue to bless your marriages with his love,
patience, and health.*

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

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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