

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*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 the Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #409

*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

*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, 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13*

You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.  
Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:  
 that he looked down from his holy height;  
 from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,  
 to hear the groans of the prisoners,  
 to set free those who were doomed to die,  
 that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,  
 and in Jerusalem his praise,  
 when peoples gather together,  
 and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.  
**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.**  
 You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
 it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

## Kyrie



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



☐ 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

<sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**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.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:16-30*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

<sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as

well.”<sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”<sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**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**

*Sit*

**Hymn #605** v.1

*Father Welcomes*

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day LSB #523**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

### **Sermon**

*Title: "So That We Understand that the Joy of the Lord is Our Strength"*

*Text: Nehemiah 8*

*Stand*

### **Prayers of the Church**

*Sit*

### **Offering**

*Stand*

### **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.

*Sit*

### **Hymn to Depart LSB#923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>
	10:15am	Voters/Sunday School
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Finance Board
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Elders
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>

*Voters Meeting today following the church service.*

*Thank you to Pastor Mark Nebel for filling our pulpit this morning. We appreciate your service.*

**Let's go bowling!**

**Sunday**  
**Feb 16. 12pm-2pm**

Concordia Bowling Alley  
All Sunday School children and their families!

Join us for pizza at 11am in the church basement and then we all go bowling!

Please RSVP to Kayla (816-244-6766) or Courtney (660-815-4080) by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> with the number attending for pizza count.

## Those Serving

Musicians:.....Judy Teufel  
Acolyte: .....Sophie Koch  
Radio and Sound:.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
Video:.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others  
Ushers:.....Lee Nienhueser, Terry Knipmeyer, Allan Koch, Chase Koch  
Church Secretary:.....Judy Teufel  
Pastor:.....Rev. Mark Nebel

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Carol Brandt, Randy Brandt, Stanley Bredehoeft, Millie Dohrman, Mary Opfer, J.R. Reid

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Ruby Brandt, Michelle Boland, Mike & Eva Cordes family, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Lonnie Fischer, Jeff Fuehring, Diane Heermann, Gail Foster Horman, Retta Hamilton, Holly McCullough, Kelly Krause, David Maas, Rhonda Neupert, Jessica Nicolson, Mary Lou Ramos, Brooke Rieckhoff, Nicole Scott, and Debbie Wulser.

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

Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)  
Dolores Fischer & Dorothy Krause (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, Drake Batye



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).

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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**Fish Fry**

**Fundraiser**

Join us for a Fish Fry!  
Fundraiser for Christian Education Tuition Program.

**Saturday  
April 26**

**At Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sweet Springs**  
**5:00pm-??**

Dinner includes: All you can eat fresh fish, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert.

Drive thru available

**Pastor Alan & Maria Mueller's new address is:** 329 Waxmyrtle Way, Perry, GA 31609.

**2024 GIVING REPORT**

(Numbers indicate the number of envelopes or online donations)

<u>Monies Given</u>	<u>People Giving</u>	<u>Monies Given</u>	<u>People Giving</u>
\$0 to \$200.....	6	\$3,001 to \$4,500.....	10
\$201-\$500.....	5	\$4,501 to \$6,000.....	7
\$\$501-\$1,000.....	11	\$6,001 to \$10,000.....	6
\$1,001 to \$2,000.....	13	\$10,001 and above.....	2
\$2,001 to \$3,000.....	10		

**Fun, Fellowship and VOLLEYBALL!** St. Paul's Lutheran Church is hosting a 5 week women's volleyball league starting March 2nd. All women aged 20+ are welcome! Call your friends, put your team together (minimum of 6 per team) and complete the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/e7K7ZzGLBrwDEzHU8> Registration forms are due Feb 24th. The number of teams will determine the schedule and format. Questions? Contact Julie Bonar, [jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org](mailto:jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org) or 660-909-3632.



## **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES** YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in California are growing every hour as wildfires completely destroy homes and communities.

Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already preparing a response, including sending LWR Quilts and Kits to affected families. The destruction and need are overwhelming.

**Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.**

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at [LWR.ORG/FIRES](https://www.lwr.org/fires), by scanning the QR code below or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write FIRES in the memo line.

**Until your love reaches every neighbor.**

