IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Last Sunday of the Church Year November 23rd, 2025

To God be glory for 147 years of His grace at Immanuel and 75 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast.

Prelude: "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" Performed by Immanuel 's Handbell Choir Ringing of the Bell**Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation LSB #516 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Please stand if you are able.

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 T 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 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Let all the earth fear the LORD:

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

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. Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!



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





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-shiped 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³"Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. ¹⁷ They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

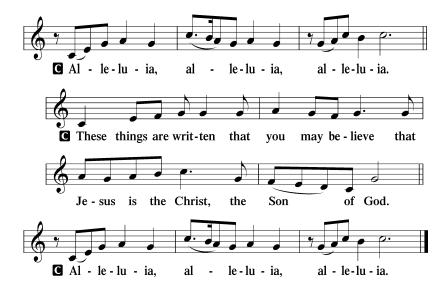
¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He

is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed Jesus a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn LSB #605 v.1

Father Welcomes

Children's Sermon given by Courtney Gieselman

Hymn of the Day LSB #687

Thine Forever, God of Love

Sermon

Sermon Text: Malachi 3:13-18
Sermon Title: "Why Do We Bother? Because We Are God's
Treasured Possession!"



Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

Please Stand

Offering Hymn LSB #955

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

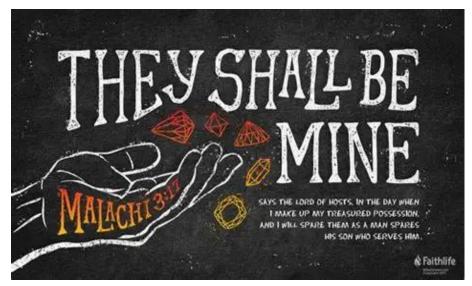
C Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn to Depart LSB #673

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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The Lord's Week

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

Mon. 10:00am Finance Board

With. 10.00am Finance Board

Tues. 3-6pm Pastor Nebel in the office

6:00pm Elders Meet

Wed. 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thurs. Happy Thanksgiving Day

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

10:15am BC/ SS

Decorate Church for Christmas

Rev. Mark Nebel is now our Vacancy Pastor. Office hours for parishioners to visit him usually will be Monday & Wednesday later in the afternoon from 3:15pm-5:00pm (unless noted differently in the bulletin). Contact him at: 618-237-5802 or email at mnebel@splhs.org.

The Mission's Board is asking for donations for the Blessing Box. Those who receive from the box, I'm sorry to say, do not usually take the can goods. We do appreciate anything you can donate to the cause. Thank you!

Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 25th at the First Baptist Church at 7:00pm. Jeremy Eckhoff will be leading the service.



Results of Nominations for Board Candidates 2026

The following were elected to the Board:

Board of Elders: John Dohrman, Nelson Guier, Pete Melies

Board of Finance: Janet Brandt, Mary Yokley

Board of Properties: Matthew Vogelsmeier, Kevin Wulff

Board of Missions: Jill Gieselman Board of Education: Caroline Carter

Come and visit the sixth annual Saint Paul Christkindlesmarkt in Concordia, Missouri. Come the weekend of December 12-13th. The market will be open from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, Dec. 12th and from 11am to 7pm on Saturday, December 13th. This is a traditional German Christmas Market, with stands and stalls decorated with lights and greenery, with live performances throughout the day and evening, vendors with all kinds of specialty wares, and activities for children.

JOIN us December 6 for CHRISTMAS AT HEIT'S POINT!! We will start at 10:30 am with a welcome time and ice breakers, followed by a marvelous presentation by Dr. Marsh's Kinderchor choir from Concordia, MO. We will have an excellent ham luncheon followed by a virtual devotion by Dr. Kari Vo from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Then we'll take some time to celebrate our wonderful staff, volunteers, donors and all God has done here at Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries in 2025! We'll end by 2 pm after singing some Christmas carols together.

SWEET SPRINGS FOOD PANTRY can always use some helping hands distributing assistance to our neighbors. Monday, Dec. 8th from 5-7 pm and Friday, Dec.12th from 10am - 2pm at the Pantry building down the street at 213 Main. What a great way to show our Christian spirit of care from Immanuel. Come as you are and we hope to see you there

Wrapping gifts for Royal Oaks and Immanuel's Shut-ins on Wed., December 17th from 3-5pm. There will be about 40 gifts to wrap so the more hands the more fun!! If you would like to contribute a monetary donation toward this project, please contact Judy Teufel at 660-202-2993 or drop by the office.

Those Serving in Worship Today

Musicians	Ron Baker
Acolyte:	Gus Luetjen
Radio and Sound: .	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video:	Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
Ushers	Chris Brandt, Kade Scott, Kevin Scott, Garrett Sims
Pastor	
Church Secretary	Judy Teufel

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Stanley Bredehoeft, Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Henry Mills, Mary Opfer.

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Bryce Alkire, Jason Brewer, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Jeff Fuehring, Debby Greer, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Marian Harris, Diane Heermann, Gail Foster Horman, Bill Hughes, David Maas, Danny Merrick, Inez Navarro, Mary Lou Ramos, Brooke Rieckhoff, Archie & Terri Rainey (unborn baby girl), Elliot Smith.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:

Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)
Randy Brandt, Dolores Fischer & Dorothy Krause (The Living Center)
Carol Thurman (Life Care Center of Carrollton)
Phyllis Bredehoeft (Primrose Retirement Community, Sedalia)

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

Military: MaKenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye

Prayer for Immanuel's call process.

Cookie Festival is Saturday, December 6th Ladies We Need Your Help! Cookie Festival Bakers

Signup sheet for cookies is in the Narthex. Please sign-up to bake 12 dozen cookies (2 lines). Please bring a batch of candy or decorated cookies.

Cookie Festival Workers

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Friday workers should arrive at 1:00pm. Saturday workers should arrive at 7:45 am.



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:

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!



