

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



First Sunday in Advent

November 30th, 2025

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

Prelude**Ringing of the Bell**Welcome

Hymn of Invocation LSB #331

The Advent of Our King

(Please Stand for the last stanza if you are able.)

Confession and Absolution

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

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

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**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

LSB 204



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

Advent Stanza LSB #357

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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.** (*please be seated*)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
 “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.”
 For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
 and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.
⁵O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD.

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

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
 Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*(Please Stand if you are able.)***The Holy Gospel:***Matthew 21:1–11***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
 ‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.****Creed LSB #953***We All Believe in One True God**(Please be Seated)***Sermon:** "What It Will Be Like When Jesus Comes"*Isaiah 2:1-5***Offertory LSB #956***Create in Me*



Offering

(Please stand if you are able)

Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends, "Lord, in Your mercy," and we respond, "hear our prayer."

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 216

- 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 our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious

blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sanctus LSB # 960

Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it

did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that

filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;

Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their

fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,

And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er

called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels



trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

Lord's Prayer

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

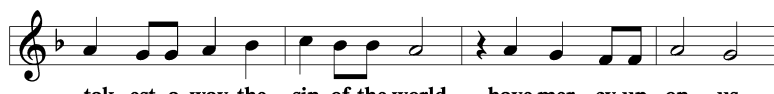
LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Please Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #334

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

Distribution Hymn LSB #341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Distribution Hymn LSB #350 *Come, Thou Precious, Ransom, Come*

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle LSB #617

O Lord, We Praise Thee

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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 & Benediction LSB 218

- A** Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.
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 #349 *Hark the Glad Sound*

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The Lord’s Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS Decorate Church for Christmas
Mon.	3:15-5:00pm	<i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i>
Wed.	3:15-5:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	<i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i> Advent Meal served by Bell Choir (lasagna) Advent Service “Christ Comes”
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS

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!

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.

Sweet Springs Historical Society invites you to participate in a Church Christmas Tour of five sanctuaries over 100 years old in Sweet Springs and Emma, Saturday, December 6th from 1 - 4 PM. The participating churches include Immanuel Lutheran Church, First Christian Church, Presbyterian Church, Community Church of Sweet Springs (the former Unity Wesley Methodist Church) and St. John United Church of Christ in Emma. Tickets (\$10) can be purchased on the day of the event at the Sweet Springs Museum, 306 S. Miller, starting at 12:30. Funds raised will benefit the Sweet Springs Museum.

Results of Nominations for Board Candidates 2026;

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.

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

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

Those Serving in Worship Today

Musicians.....Ron Baker
Acolyte..... Chloe Hall
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..... Pastor Mark Nebel
Church SecretaryJudy Teufel

PRAYER

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

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.

 Celebrating our **25th**
Annual
Immanuel Lutheran
Church Ladies
Cookie Festival
held at
Immanuel Lutheran Church
110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO
Saturday, December 6th
8:30 a.m.— sold out
Homemade Candy and decorated cookies
19 varieties of homemade cookies
Cookies are \$15.00 per box
Candy \$10.00 per pound
Gloves are provided

 2025



Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time, we are honored to have you here. 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.





Immanuel Lutheran's Advent & Christmas Services

Wednesday Advent Services

December 3

Advent Meal 5:30pm
Served by Bell Choir
(lasagna & fixings)

Service at 6:30pm
"Christ Came"

December 10

Advent Meal 5:30pm
Served by Missions Board
(chili, soup, hotdogs)

Service at 6:30pm
"Christ Comes"

December 17

Advent Meal 5:30pm
Served by Education Board
(tacos & trimmings)

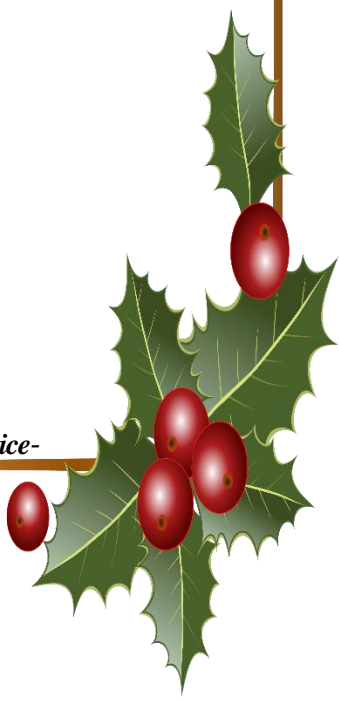
Service at 6:30pm
"Christ Will Come"

December 24

Service at 6:00pm
Children's Christmas Eve Service-
Silent Night, Holy Night

December 25

Service at 9:00am
Christmas Day Holy Communion Service-



Advent Devotional Booklet available in
the Narthex: "Born to you a Savior"



Poinsettias

Christmas will soon be here. It is time to dedicate a plant to honor a loved one or for blessings received..

If you would like to dedicate one or more poinsettias, please fill in the order form. Place your check or cash with the order form into an envelope. Put the envelope

in the offering plate. ***The price is \$9.00 per poinsettia.***

Orders will be taken until December 17th.



Ordered by (NAME): _____

Please check the message you would like for the bulletin:

☐

To the glory of God for blessings received

☐

In loving memory of _____

☐

To the glory of God in celebration of _____

☐

Other: _____

Number of Plants ordered: _____ \$9 x the number of plants: _____

You may pick up your plant following the Worship Service on Christmas Day December 25th. After the Worship Service on January 4th, all poinsettias not picked up will be dispersed.