

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Second Sunday in Advent

December 7th, 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# 344 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*
(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 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.

Service of the Word

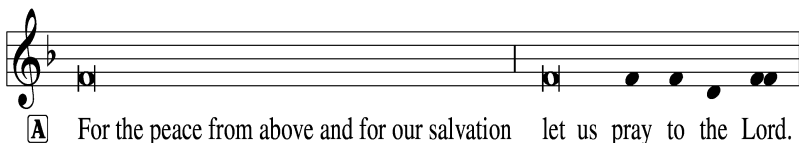
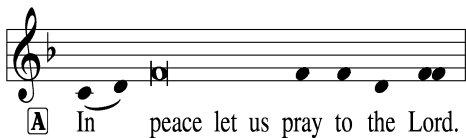
Introit

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the LORD and His strength;
seek His presence continually!
 Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,
 O offspring of Abraham, His servant,
children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
 He is the LORD our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
 He remembers His covenant forever,
 the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.
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.
 In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Kyrie

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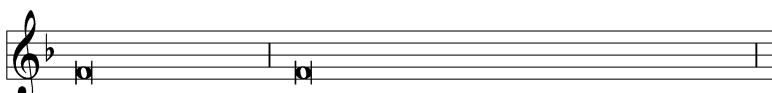
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



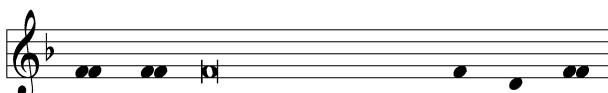
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Advent Stanza LSB #357

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- 2 **O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

(Please be seated.)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

- ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for
the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place
shall be glorious.

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

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of
the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and
encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in
accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one
another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to
show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the
patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His
mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your
name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol Him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

Please stand if you are able.



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1–12***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day #359

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Sermon: "What More Will It Be Like When Jesus Comes"

Isaiah 11:1-10

Please stand if you are able.

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.

Prayer of the Church

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

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

LSB 159



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

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

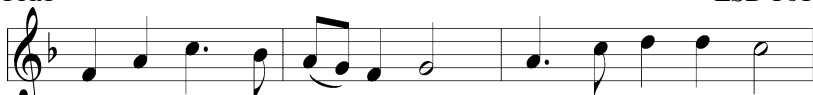


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in 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

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

Lord's Prayer

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

LSB 163





Please be seated.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #347

Distribution Hymn LSB #619

Distribution Hymn LSB #790

*Comfort, Comfort, Ye, My People
Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Please stand if you are able.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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.



Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.



Hymn to Depart LSB #342

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS
Mon.	10:00am 3:15-5:00pm	Finance Board <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 Missions (Chili, soup, hot dogs) Advent Service "Christ Comes"
Sat.		Fellowship Reserved for Renken's Family
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS

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

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.

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 4 pm to 8 pm on Friday, Dec. 12th and from 11 am to 7 pm on Saturday, December 13th.* This is a traditional German Christmas Market.

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 10 am – 2 pm 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 our Vacancy Pastor. *Office hours for parishioners to visit him usually will be Monday & Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 pm-5 pm (unless noted differently in the bulletin).* Contact him at 618-237-5802 or email at mnebel@splhs.org.



*Immanuel Lutheran's
Advent & Christmas Services*

Wednesday Advent Services	
<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 17</u>
Advent Meal 5:30 pm	Advent Meal 5:30 pm
Served by Missions Board	Served by Education Board
(chili, soup, hotdogs)	(tacos & trimmings)
Service at 6:30pm	Service at 6:30pm
<i>“Christ Comes”</i>	<i>“Christ Will Come”</i>
<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 25</u>
Service at 6:00 pm	Service at 9:00 am
<i>Children's Christmas Eve Svc.-</i>	<i>Christmas Day Holy Communion Svc.</i>
<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	

PRAYER

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

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.



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

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time, we are honored to have you here! Feel free to contact the office regarding questions or 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.

Church office: 110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO 65351

May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!





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:

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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: _____

\$8 x # of Plants:

\$9 x the number of plants: _____

You may pick up your plant following the service on

Christmas Day December 25th. After the Worship Service on December

31st, all poinsettias not picked up will be dispersed.

January 4th,