

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Third Sunday in Advent

December 14th, 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 #345 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

I will hope continually
and will praise You yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of
salvation all the day,

for their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

O God, from my youth You have taught me,

and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

**until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your
power to all those to come.**

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Kyrie

LSB 168

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to
the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

- Lord, have mer - cy.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

- ¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain gladness and joy,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Epistle

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to Him, “Are You the One who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send My messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day LSB #346

When All the World Was Cursed

Sermon: Isaiah 35:8

*“And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.”*

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."

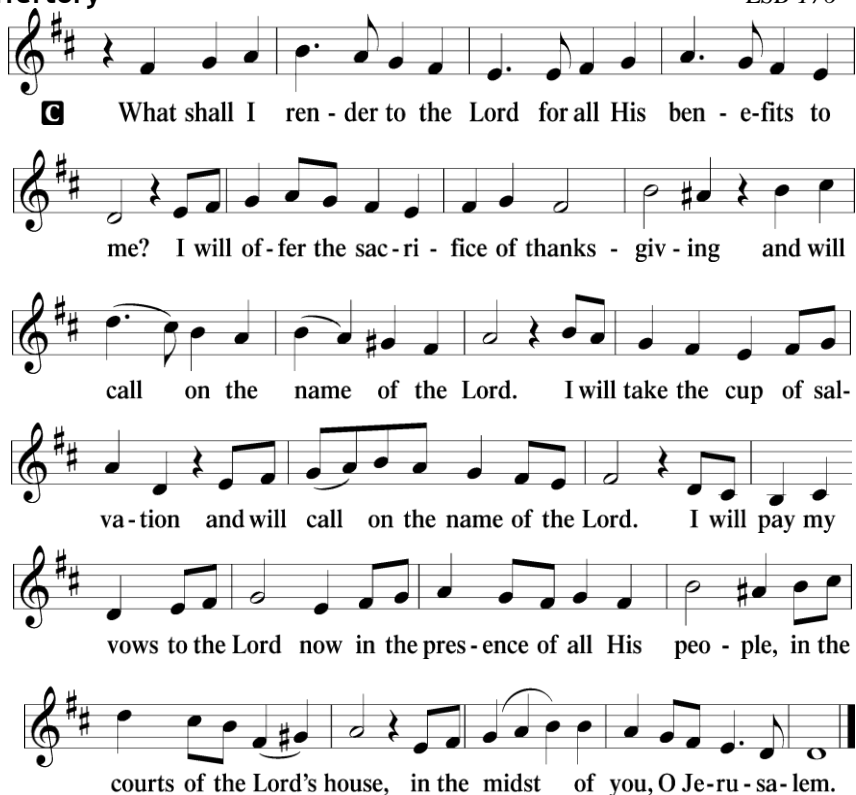
Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

LSB 176



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.

Lord's Prayer

(found inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction

LSB 183

- 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 A - men.

Please be seated

Hymn to Depart: LSB #392

God Loves Me Dearly

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS
Mon.	3:15-5:00pm	<i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i>
Wed.	3:15-5:00pm 3:00-5:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	<i>Pastor Nebel in the office</i> Wrap gifts for Royal Oaks Advent Meal served by Ed Board (tacos) Advent Service "Christ Will Come"
Thurs.	6:00pm	Church Council
Sun.	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Communion 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.

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.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School will be performing its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. The performance will feature the Saint Paul Instrumental Ensemble and the Singing Saints Concert Choir. Come hear your favorite Christmas carols sung and played by the talented musicians at Saint Paul. There is no admission fee but a free-will offering to support the school is appreciated. There will be a cookie reception following the concert across the street in the St. Paul's Grade School gym.

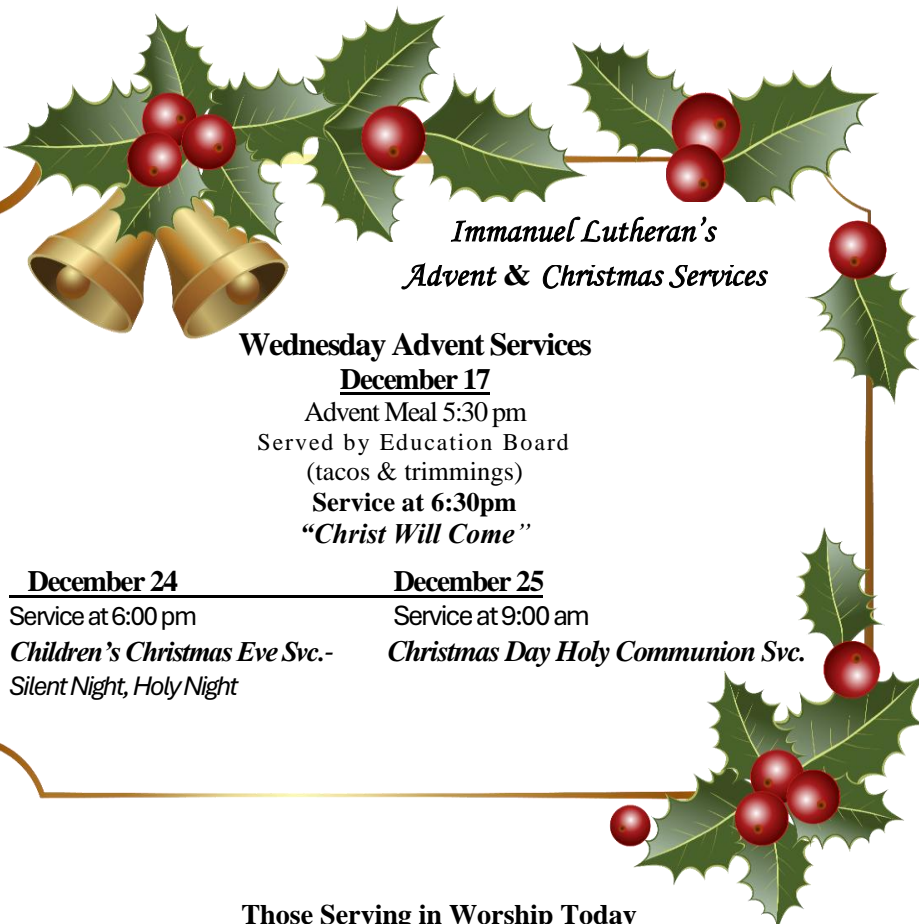


Christmas will soon be here. It is time to dedicate a plant to honor a loved one or for blessings received..

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.



*Immanuel Lutheran's
Advent & Christmas Services*

Wednesday Advent Services

December 17

Advent Meal 5:30 pm

Served by Education Board
(tacos & trimmings)

Service at 6:30pm

"Christ Will Come"

December 24

Service at 6:00 pm

***Children's Christmas Eve Svc.-
Silent Night, Holy Night***

December 25

Service at 9:00 am

Christmas Day Holy Communion Svc.

Those Serving in Worship Today

Musicians.....Ron Baker

Acolyte.....Braelyn Johnson

Radio and Sound:Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies

Video.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others

Ushers.....Ken Hughson, Allen Bredehoeft, Jerry Reid, Matt Vogelsmeier

Pastor..... Pastor Mark Nebel

Church SecretaryJudy Teufel

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.

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:

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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