

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4th, 2026

*To God be glory for 148 years of His grace at Immanuel and
76 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast.*

*Prelude**Ringing of the Bell**Welcome*

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation LSB #367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
Please stand for the last stanza 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 ☩ 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

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

His understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

in those who hope in His steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Kyrie

LSB 152

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.

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, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

1st Kings 3:4-15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to Your servant David my

father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward You. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



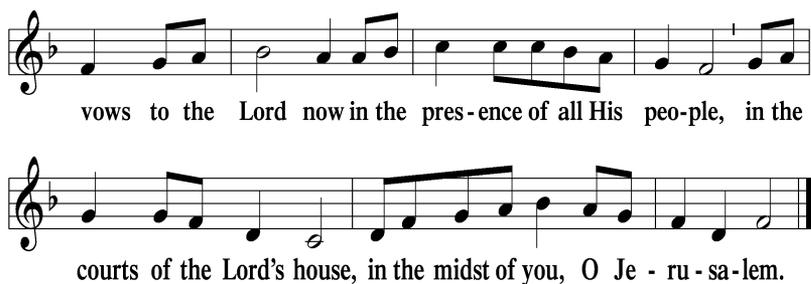
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



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.



G And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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 -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB #360

All My Heart Again Rejoices

Distribution Hymn LSB #366

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Distribution Hymn LSB #620

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Please Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C 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.



C A - men.

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.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart **LSB #390**

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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The Lord's Week

Sun.	9:00 am 10:15 am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300 BC/ SS
Mon.	3:15-5:00 pm 6:00pm	Pastor Nebel in the office Board of Missions
Tues.	6:00pm	Epiphany Church Council Budget Meeting
Sat.	8:30am	Take down Christmas Decorations
Sun.	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:15am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 Voters Meeting/ SS Board of Education Meeting

Please remember to pick up your dishes from the cookie festival.

Poinsettias need to be picked up by January 9th.

Voters Meeting on January 11th following the worship service.

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.

The Mission 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!

The Food Pantry is needing your help. They are need of Plastic grocery type bags, and smaller carboard boxes. Please drop off at the church office. Thank you for your help. -----Dave Gieselman

Those Serving in Worship Today

Musician	Ron Baker
Acolyte	Olivia Dickinson
Radio and Sound :	Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Video :.....	Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
Ushers	Lee Nienhueser, Terry Knipmeyer, Allan Koch, Marc Johnson
Pastor	Pastor Mark Nebel
Church Secretary	Judy Teufel

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel: Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby.

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Bryce Alkire, Brandy Clevenger, Avery England, Jeff Fuehring, Debby Greer, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Marian Harris, Diane Heermann, Gail Foster Horman, David Maas, Danny Merrick, Inez Navarro, Mary Lou Ramos, Brooke Rieckhoff, Charlotte Rainey, Elliot Smith.

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:

Stanley Bredehoeft and Norma Gieseke (at home)
Millie Dohrman (Westport Assisted Living)
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. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director)

Military: MaKenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye

Prayer for Immanuel's call process.

MO Scholars Program – Tuition Assistance for Families

Did you know your child may qualify for tuition assistance to attend a private school? The Missouri Scholars Program provides scholarships (tuition vouchers) to help families afford quality education options, including Christian schools like Saint Paul Lutheran High School. Students can qualify if they are coming from a public school, have an IEP or are in kindergarten or 1st grade.

Learn more at www.splhs.org/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/ and see how this program could make Christian education possible for your family!

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.

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!





Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

December 3, 2025

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! It is a joy as always to be sending you this letter again. I pray that all is well with you in your various callings as we enter this Advent season.

I have a short update for you on how things are going here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, Iowa for my vicarage. I've now been here over three months, and by now, I believe I have assisted or led almost every aspect of the pastoral ministry in a rural congregation like this. I have preached many times to this point, in the neighborhood of twice a month, and I have been leading Sunday morning bible class, we have been working our way through the book of Luke thematically. This has led us to see some of the grand themes of Luke, such as the ministry to the Gentiles and the focus on the universality of the Gospel to all nations.



I have also been leading a class for two third-grade students at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa. The two churches are a dual parish, through my vicarage is only officially with Trinity. That being said, I often will help out at Bethlehem just to allow me more opportunities for ministry experience, and Trinity has been gracious enough to allow me to do that. This class with the third graders has been a lot of fun for both me and them. I've been working through some of the basics of the faith, like the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and how to read and use the Bible, and they really seem to be absorbing that well.

I have also now taken part in two funerals at Trinity, for two men whom I did get to meet before their passing. This experience has been instructive for me, as it was hard to say goodbye to men that I knew, even if only briefly. But it has shown me just how important end-of-life ministry is both to the individual and to their families.

You are constantly in my prayers, and I ask that the Lord would continue to bless your work in his kingdom in all of your various vocations. I would appreciate your prayers also on my vicarage. Advent is a blessed time, but it is also a busy time in the ministry, full of learning but also many challenges. Please pray that the Lord who gave us his Word may continue to bless it's preaching here at Trinity and for all the men called to preach it.

Please feel free to send me a letter or contact me in any of the ways marked. I always love to hear from the saints whom have given so much of themselves for me.

May God continue to bless you always.

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