IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 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

Our policy and practice regarding Holy Communion

Hear the words of the Apostle Paul;
Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself - **1 Cor. 11:29**

Therefore, visitors are asked to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament before speaking about this with the pastor; because we care about your spiritual well-being.

Also, because communing at this altar is a public confession that you agree with the doctrines of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and you reject all contrary teachings.

Persons not communing today are welcome to come forward during the distribution to receive an individual blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for this. -Thank you!

Hymn of Invocation *LSB #336Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Please stand 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.

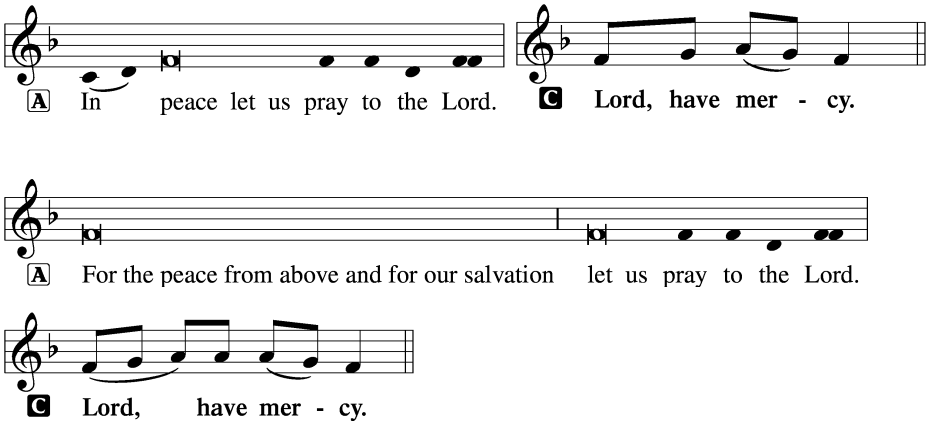
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
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.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie *LSB 152*



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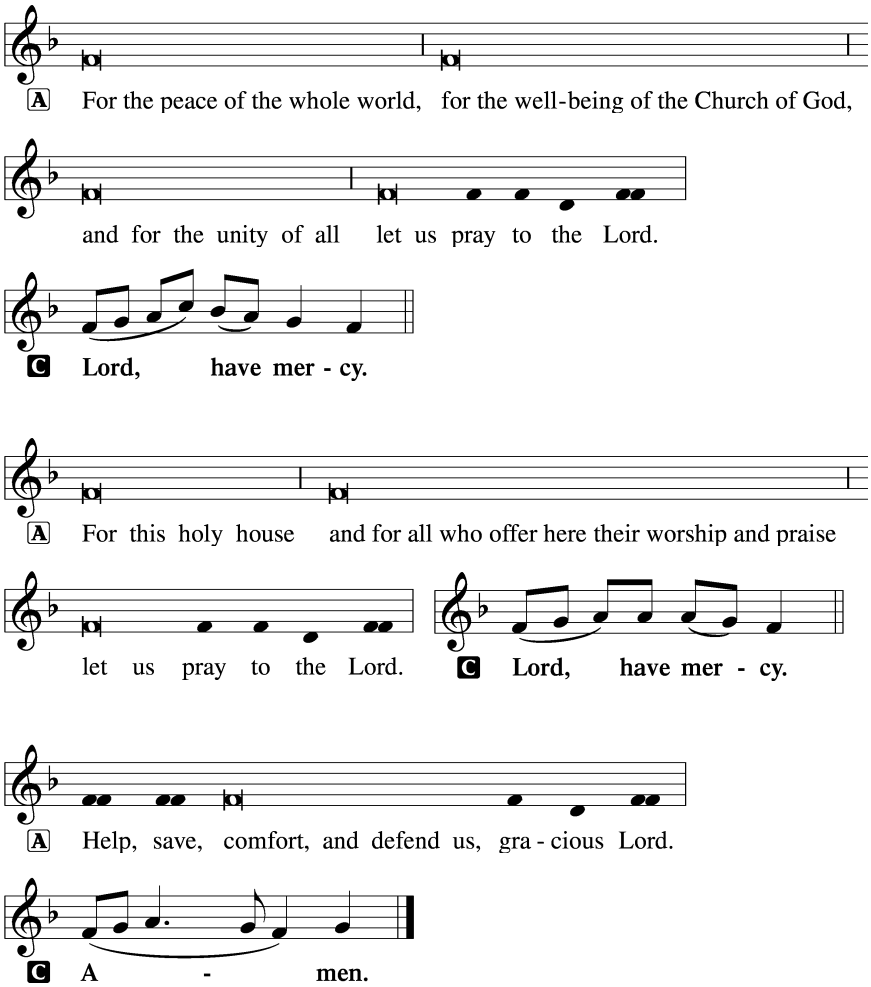
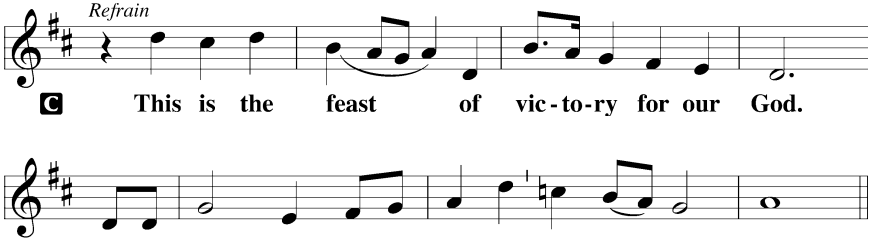
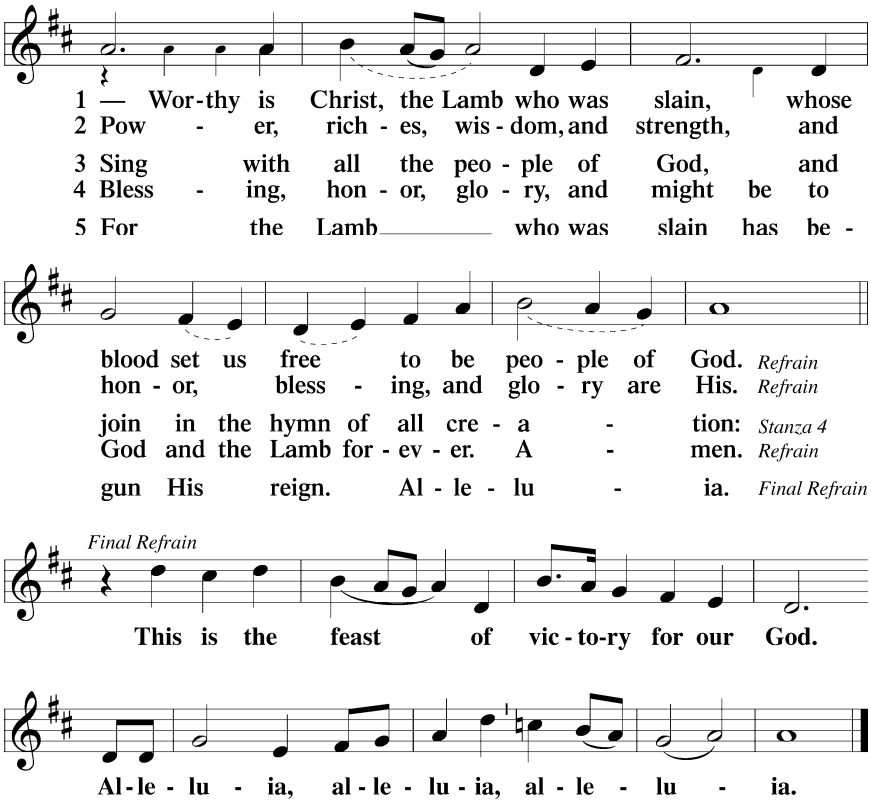
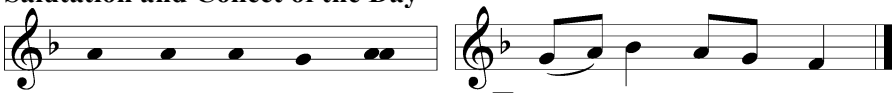


This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

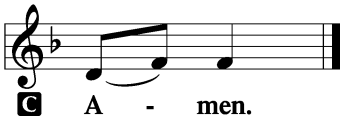




Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 64:1–9*

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

Gradual *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

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 *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

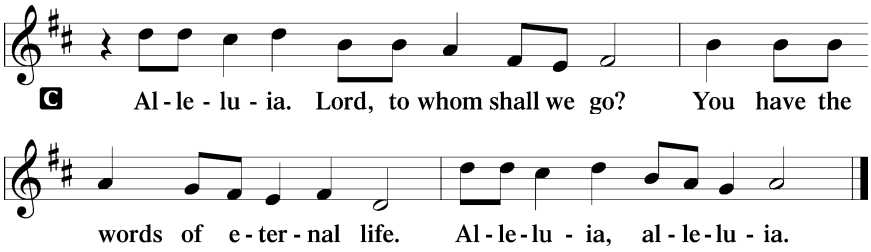
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God
that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched
in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about
Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who
will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

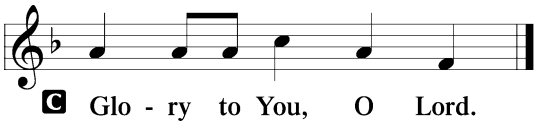
Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*



Holy Gospel *Mark 13:24–37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

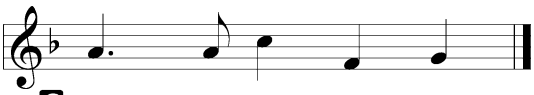


24 [Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be
darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be
falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And
then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and
glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the
very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until
all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.

[32]"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the
angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep
awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.
[35]Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows,
or in the morning— [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And
what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day *LSB#332 Savior of the Nations, Come*

Sermon

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

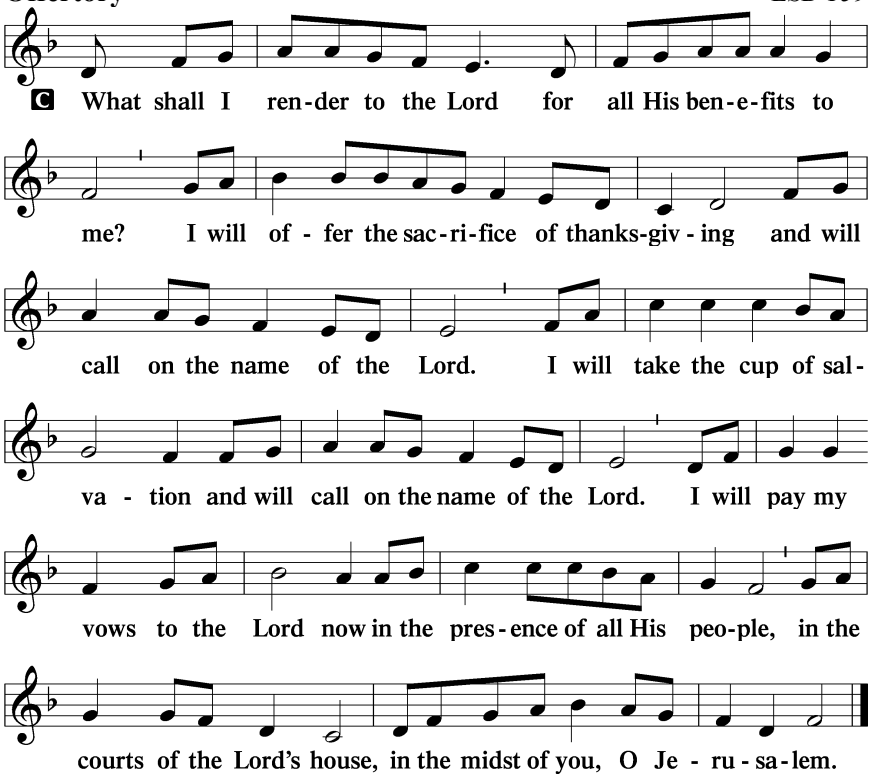
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Please be seated.

Offering

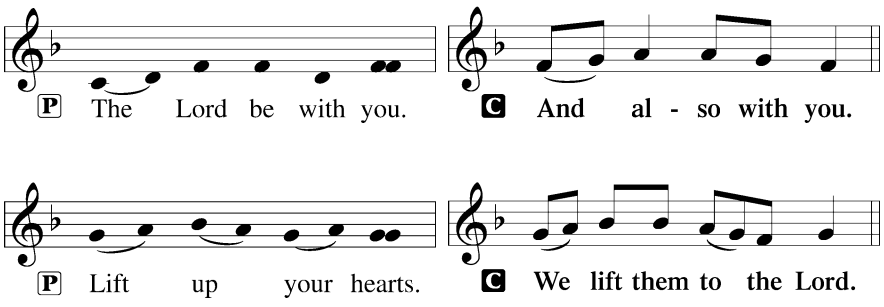
Please stand if you are able.

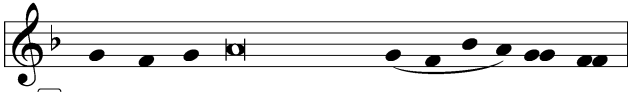
Offertory *LSB 159*

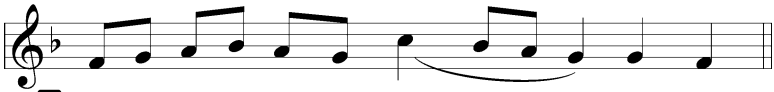


Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

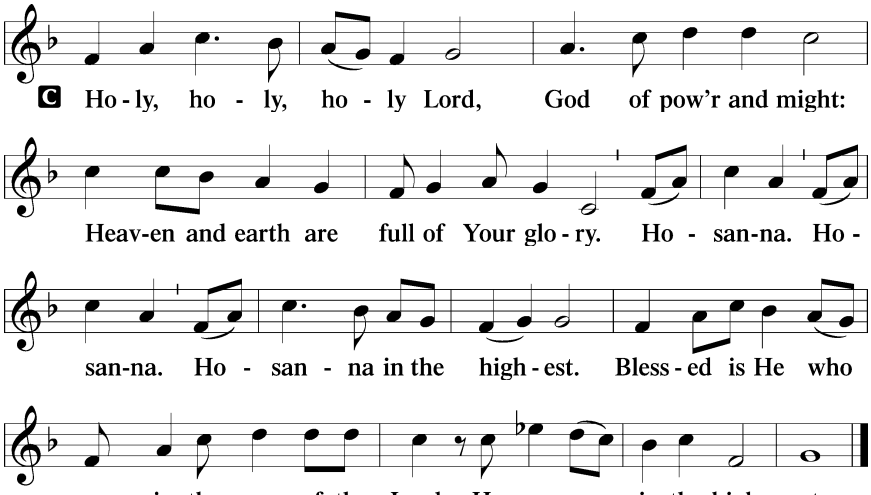






P It is truly good, right, and salutary……. magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth……with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

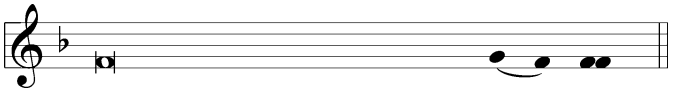
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

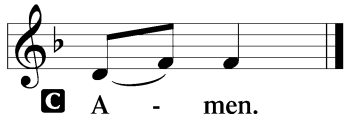
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

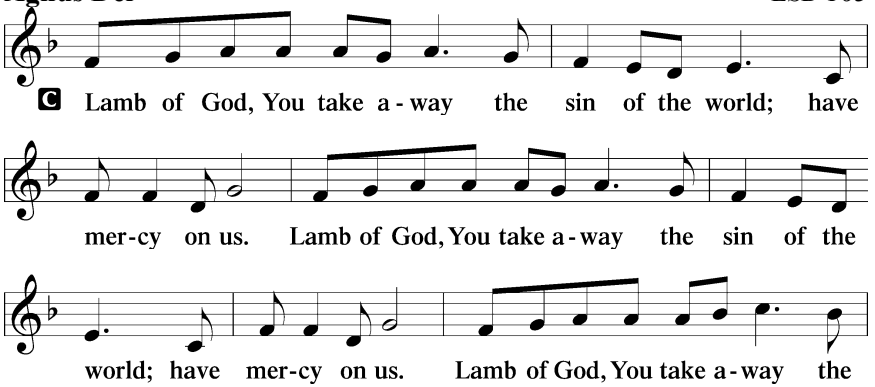
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when ……"This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

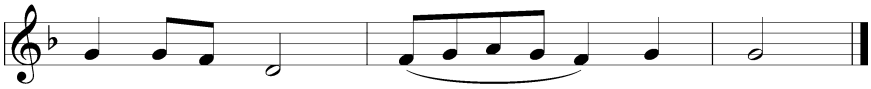
Pax Domini *LSB 163*





Agnus Dei *LSB 163*





Please be seated.

Distribution

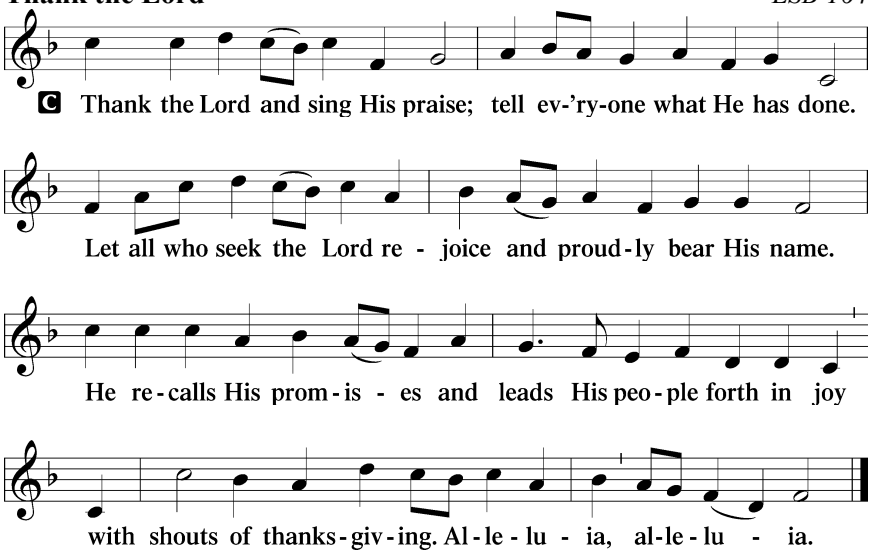
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Distribution Hymn *LSB #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

Distribution Hymn *LSB #355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

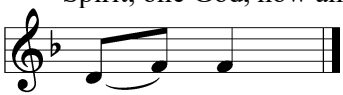
Please stand if you are able.

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

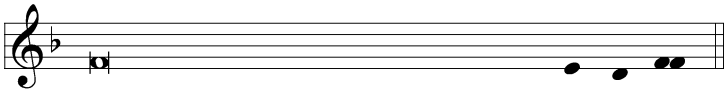


Post-Communion Collect

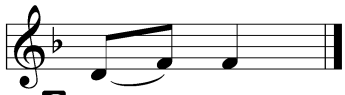
A Let us pray. We give thanks to You……. with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



C **A - men.**

Hymn to Depart *LSB #343 Prepare the Royal Highway*

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In our Prayers *(Please provide any needed updates to Erica Rennison)*

Members of Immanuel: Nolan Kirby, Lindsey Shockley, Walter Howard, the family of Jeanette Koch, the family of Carol Brandt

Family and Friends of Immanuel: Janel Boehmer**,** Margie Finkeldei, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Gail Foster Horman, Randy and Laurie Johnson, Kelly Krause, Danny Merrick, Jeffrey Meyer, Inez Navarro, Mary Lou Ramos, Ted & Marilyn Bock, Marlene Merrick

At-home and Nursing Home Residents:
Norma Gieseke, Roy Hemme, and Walter Howard, Ryan Sims (at home)
Millie Dohrman (The Arbors Memory Care Assisted Living)
Carol Thurman (Life Care Center of Carrollton)

Mission Workers: Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand); Rev. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director), Rev. Sakarias Ingolfsson of The Lutheran Church in Norway and Iceland, as he's starting a new mission church in Reykjavík, Iceland, African pastors traveling to LHF's translation center in Nairobi for Project 72 training in "Preaching the Word."

Military & First Responders: Makenna Eckhoff**,** Drake Batye, Ethan Sims, Marc Johnson

Announcements

Our Church Family

The Saline County Holiday Project is celebrating 50 years this year providing Christmas miracles for children and families in our community. The Board of Missions voted to help with this project by **asking our congregation for donations to this project.** *Food/Misc. Items Needed: Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Baking Mixes (cakes, brownies/cookies), Cornbread Mix, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Mashed Potato Mix, Toilet Paper, and Paper Towels. Gifts of toys can be donated as well for ages 0 to 18 years old. Items must be new and in the original package.* Please help out, if you can, by donating over the next couple of weeks for this project. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our **BINGO night**. From those who made pies, donated items and came and supported us. We appreciate you! Thanks for helping make it another successful BINGO night. Looking forward to next year's bingo night! ~ Board of Ed

Christmas Program practice will begin on **TODAY** during the Sunday School hour.

Decorating the church for Christmas is happening **TODAY** following Sunday School. All help is appreciated and anyone in the congregation is invited to help.

Cookie Festival -Sign-up sheet to bring 12 dozen cookies is in the Narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for workers. Set up is **December 4th at 1:00 pm** and the Cookie Festival is **December 5th** starting at **8:30 am**. There are 18 varieties of cookies ($18/box) and candies ($10/pound).

Poinsettia forms and envelopes are in the Narthex. Orders will be taken until **December 15th**.

Friends of our Church Family

The Concordia Music Conservatory invites you to let your heart rejoice and come celebrate the beauty of Christmas with our community children's choirs! Our **Kinderchor and Kleinkinderchor Christmas Concert** is on Sunday, **Dec. 6th from 4pm-5:30pm** at **Immanuel Lutheran Church in Higginsville**.

The **Marshall Philharmonic Orchestra and Marshall Community Chorus** will present the long-standing tradition of the annual Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the Harold L. Lickey Auditorium at Bueker Middle School.** This concert is a great way to kick-off the holiday season! We do ask if possible for concert attendees to bring non-perishable food items for the Marshall Food Pantry.

Friends of our Church Family (continued)

$8.5 million in MOScholars scholarships has been released this fall to students attending LCMS schools across Missouri! This was made possible through the state's general revenue fund and participation in tax credits. There are approximately 250 students on the list are still awaiting funding. Learn how you can participate in the MOScholars tax credit program and provide these opportunities for children in Missouri at mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars. *The deadline for participating in the current tax year is* ***Dec. 31, 2026****.*

The Lord's Week of November 29th

11/29	**Sun.**	**9:00 am**	**Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
		10:00 am	Erica in office
		10:15 am	BC/SS
		Decorating the church for Christmas following Sunday School	
		11:15 am	Junior Confirmation
11/30	**Mon.**	6:00 pm	Erica in the office
12/1	**Tues.**	6:00 pm	Erica in office
12/2	**Wed.**	5:30 pm	Advent Meal
		6:00 pm	Advent Service
12/3	**Thurs.**	3:00 pm	Erica in office
12/4	**Fri.**	1:00 pm	Cookie Festival set up
		2:00 pm	Erica in office
12/5	**Sat.**	8:30 am	Cookie Festival
12/6	**Sun.**	**9:00 am**	**Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
		10:00 am	Erica in office
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Upcoming Special Services



Celebrating our 26th Annual

Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies

Cookie Festival

held at

Immanuel Lutheran Church

110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO

Saturday, December 5th

8:30 a.m.– sold out

Homemade candy and decorated cookies

18 varieties of homemade cookies

Cookies are $18.00 per box
Candy $10.00 per pound
Gloves are provided

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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.*

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