

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

A Warm and Sincere Welcome! We are excited that you have chosen to join us. We invite you to join us often. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider making Immanuel Lutheran your church home. Please contact the church office for more information.

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion+

As we partake of this blessed sacrament, our Lord has promised to give us His true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. Those who partake, firmly believing in Christ's real presence, receive these blessings. If you are a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and have not communed at Immanuel before, please speak with the pastor or an elder before participating. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod please speak with pastor before the service. *Thank you.*

Pentecost 25
November 19, 2023
Divine Service 4

Confession and Absolution

613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,
who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and
receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us
first consider our unworthiness and confess
before God and one another that we have
sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that
we cannot free ourselves from our sinful
condition. Together as His people let us take
refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our
heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the
sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to
me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins, and lead us to
everlasting life. 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 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for
mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your
righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

**I remember the days of old; I meditate on all
that you have done;**

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

**Let your good Spirit lead me on level
ground!**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**In your righteousness bring my soul out of
trouble!**

**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.**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Kyrie

LSB 204



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

The Day of the LORD Is Near

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign
attire.

On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,

a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with
lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
‘The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.’
Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Day of the Lord

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir “Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Parable of the Talents

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he

also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our

transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [*including _____*]. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

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.

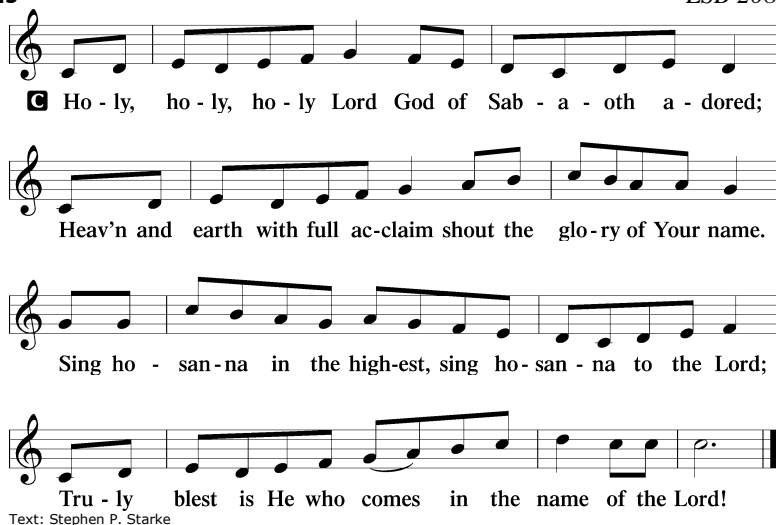
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.

Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life.

Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**© 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 He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

663 Rise my Soul to Watch and Pray

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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This Week at Immanuel

Sunday:

Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class: 10:15am – Genesis

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

Choir will sing “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Thursday:

Friday:

Up Coming Announcements

Advent Midweek:

December 6th, 13th, and 20th Noon and 6:00 p.m.

December 24th 4th Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve: Sunday December 24th, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Monday December 25th, at 9:00 a.m.

Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President: Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.

LWML/Dorcas

Saturday, December 2, 1-3 p.m. Christmas Tea. Join the ladies of Dorcas/LWML in a social “time out” reflecting on the joy and sharing of Christmas. Cookies, tea and coffee, games, prizes, caroling and sharing are being planned. Participants are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies—one dozen to share with the group and another to share with shut-ins and college students. “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.”

Mites collected on Sunday, November 5, came to \$66.26. For a complete list of district mission projects funded by mites, log on to www.missourilwml.org. To God be the glory.

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Day, every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

RADA /Card cabinet located in the downstairs hall contains Christian cards sold individually and by the box and several RADA kitchen tools. Profits from these sales benefit the activities of Leisure Lutherans.

Additional RADA kitchen tools and knives may be

ordered through the catalog and order forms located in the rack next to the cabinet.

Leisure Lutheran Christmas Lunch will be held Tuesday, December 5, 12:00 noon in Immanuel Fellowship Hall. Please utilize the RSVP form found in the narthex to reserve your plate at the luncheon table.

A.B.L.E., Rolla Senior Center activity calendar, is located in the letter slots next to the card cabinet. Listed are November activities offered by the Senior Center and day trips scheduled for the coming months. Take one to keep updated on activities offered by the Rolla Senior Center.

Thrivent

Thrivent members, it is not too late to utilize the two \$250 Action Team Grants offered to each Thrivent member. Action Team Grants can be designated to any non-profit organization via fundraising or hands-on activity. Please contact Sue Kamprath to submit an Action Team Grant for the BackPack Program; Carla Roedemeier and Mary Wittmaier for a grant to purchase supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center, dresses for Orphan Grain Train or quilts for Lutheran World Relief or Kelle Swyres, Sue Perry or Martha Cox for a grant to provide groceries for Sunday Student Lunches.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church Monday November 27th 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to help.

A new money counter is needed to fill an open position. This would require approximately one hour of time each month on a rotating schedule. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Robert Berkelman at financialsecretary@ilcrolla.org.

College Refreshments

We are still in need of refreshments for Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Flower Chart

The 2024 flower chart is posted in the narthex and there are several dates available please consider signing up and helping in this ministry.

Sunday School “The Rescuing Queen” King Ahasuerus seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king. Esther uncovers a plot against the Jews. Risking her life Esther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people.

Immanuel Family

Thank you very much for the thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes during my illness. I’m still in my Dr. care and have upcoming surgery again in December. May God Bless each & everyone of us and keep us in his loving and merciful hand. Thank you, dear Jesus, and again Thank you all! Tracy Krauss



Psalm 107:1

Give thanks
to the LORD,
for He is good;
His love endures
forever.

Happy
Thanksgiving

H.S.

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer
Matt Battley
Joe Duehning

Amber Dean
Marshall Dean

Those Serving Today

Elder: Tom Mesko

Communion Attendant: David Roedemeier

Organist: Phil Thiem

Ushers: Team 3

Greeters Today: Carla Roedemeier & Jana Wassilak

Altar Guild: Jana Wassilak

Money Counters: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss

Refreshments Today: Robert Berkelman

Altar Flowers Today: Given to the glory of God by Shawn & Emily Guffey

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 11/12/2023:115 Communion: 107

Attendance Sunday 11/12/2023: Bible Class 50

Attendance Thursday 11/9/2023: Bible Class 21

Offerings for 11/12/2023: \$4,888

Refreshments College Students: No Class

The Family Altar

**For Families Gathered Around God's Word
The week of November 19th - November 25th**

Sunday: Reflect upon the sermon

Monday: Zephariah: 1:7-16

Tuesday: Psalm: 90

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians: 5:1-11

Thursday: Matthew: 25:14-30

Friday: **Small Catechism** – 2nd Petition/Meaning

Saturday: Personal prayers for family and church

Prayers

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie, & Emma Fite

Jordan, Randy Krauss

Sarah Downey

Austin Fann

Laura Stoll

Jana Goddard

Don Swetnam

Bob Mundahl

Peg Mundahl

Dotty Wolf

Scott Egbert

Brandon Lowe

Deanne Greene

Hyrum Allen

Bob Chretien

Chuck Johnson

Tracy Krauss

Alice & David Wuenschel

Sandy Ray

Prayer before Communion: Dear Savior, a Your gracious invitation I come to your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen