

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.

Last Sunday of Church Year
November 26, 2023
Divine Service 5

Confession and Absolution

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a
true heart and confess our sins unto God our
Father, beseeching Him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto
the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto
You all my sins and iniquities with which I
have ever offended You and justly
deserved Your temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for
them and sincerely repent of them, and I
pray You of Your boundless mercy and for**

the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

**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 keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

947 All Glory Be to God on High

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord GOD Will Seek Them Out

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD,

will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

The Final Judgment

[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and

you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

954 We All Believe in One True God

Children's Sermon

532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, You gather Your people from all nations and bring them into Your one, holy Christian and apostolic flock. Strengthen them by Your grace, that they may gladly feast upon Your riches in Your Means of Grace and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You judge between Your sheep, and You shepherd Your people with Your Holy Word. Encourage Your pastors. Through their faithful service, continue to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have subjected all things under Your Son, who gladly subjects Himself to You. Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train and catechize their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their father and mother. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of lords, You sustain every rule, authority and power as You see fit, until this world's powers should pass away. Bless all in civil authority, that they would not provoke Your wrath but maintain order and justice for the peace of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness, while now we contend with a multitude of afflictions under the curse of sin. Remember those in need of help and healing [*including _____*]. Preserve them, deliver them from their transgressions and hold not Your peace at their tears. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, as death came by a man, so by Your Son has come the resurrection of the dead. Endow Your people with penitent hearts at Your table, that they would receive in Your risen Son's body and blood a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of life, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. We give thanks to You for those You have gathered into Your kingdom and who are asleep in Him. Strengthen our conviction that death is defeated as we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have prepared Your kingdom for us from the foundation of the world. Preserve us in faith and love throughout our days, that we may care for Your servants and our neighbors with compassion and joy, looking toward that day when the Son of Man comes in His glory; through the same 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 216

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 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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

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

LSB 217

P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My I - bod - y, which is giv - en for you.
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My I - blood, which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 218

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.

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Five 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:

Decorate the Church 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

God & Grapes 6:00 p.m.

LSF Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Confirmation 4:30 p.m.

Thursday:

Bible Class Colossians noon

Leisure Lutherans 1:00 p.m.

Friday:

Saturday:

Christmas tea 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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.

LSF & Congregation

Please join us for the 2nd annual Lutheran student fellowship /Congregational special Christmas lunch. Sunday December 10th 11:00 a.m. in the Lutheran Student Center Gym. This is an opportunity to share fellowship with the students and celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ birth.

Altar Guild

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

Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the church, please fill out this form and put in a pew envelope. Mark Poinsettia and either put it in the offering plate, or turn it into the church office by **Wednesday December 6th**. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each.

Donated by: _____

In memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please pick up your Poinsettia after church on Christmas day.

Lutherans For Life

Lutherans For Life Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President: Guilt and grief can devastate those who abort their own children (Matthew 25:37-38). The Lord God longs to relieve their wounds with His forgiveness (Ezekiel 34:16). If Jesus overcomes death for us, He can also subdue it for them (I Corinthians 15:25-26). May our mouths make the joyful noises (Psalm 95:2) of explicitly applying His atoning grace to every sin!

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 will be collected on Sunday, December 3. For a complete list of Missouri District mite mission projects log on to www.missourilwml.org. To God be the glory.

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. **Today is deadline** to submit RSVP's.

Our member, Albert Malone, will be observing his 100th birthday on December 29. Please join in this observation by participating in a birthday card shower for Albert. A collection box will be located in the narthex and Leisure Lutherans will deliver the cards to Albert.

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

Refreshments are needed for Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Sunday School "Return to Rebuild" After returning from exile, the children of Israel begin rebuilding the temple. They start making sacrifices as soon as the Altar is rebuilt. Ezra reads from the book of the law.

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer
Matt Battley
Joe Duehning

Amber Dean
Marshall Dean

Those Serving Today

Elder: Matt Banholzer

Communion Attendant:

Organist: Berniece Strandberg

Ushers: Team 4

Greeters Today: Andy & Nancy Anderson

Altar Guild: Jana Wassilak & Kelle Swyres

Money Counters: Don Langhoff & Terry Theiss

Refreshments Today: Sharon Swyres

Altar Flowers Today: Given to the glory of God by Tom Evers in memory of his Uncle Tom Ostermueller Birthday

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 11/19/2023: 95 Communion: 82

Attendance Sunday 11/19/2023: Bible Class 48

Attendance Thursday 11/16/2023: Bible Class 24

Refreshments College Students: Refreshments needed

The Family Altar

For Families Gathered Around God's Word
The week of November 26th - December 2nd

Sunday: Reflect upon the sermon

Monday: Ezekiel: 34:11-24

Tuesday: Psalm: 95

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians: 15:20-28

Thursday: Matthew: 25:31-46

Friday: Small Catechism – 3rd 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

Dotty Wolf

Scott Egbert

Brandon Lowe

Deanne Greene

Hyrum Allen

Bob Chreitien

Chuck Johnson

Tracy Krauss

Alice & David Wuenschel

Sandy Ray

Ben McWilliams

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