

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.

Advent 2
December 10, 2023
Divine Service 3

349 Hark the Glad Sound

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 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

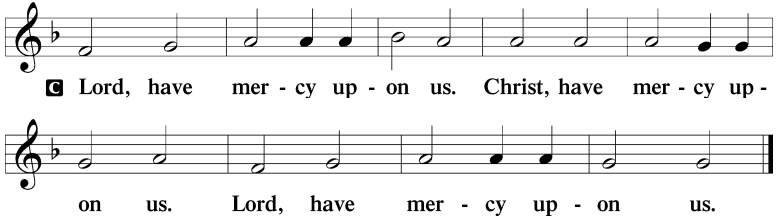
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your
God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the
LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for
our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made
low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the
field.

The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with
young.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly

bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Adult Choir “Lift Up Your Heads”

Alleluia

LSB 190

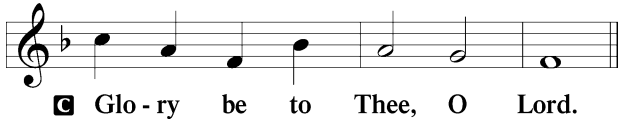


Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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



The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your
face,

who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.**

Children's Sermon

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord's face would shine on us, that we may be saved; and that Christ would lead us in straight paths as He once led Joseph like a flock, bringing us out of the bondage of our sins and planting us securely in His eternal promises, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For diligent and faithful pastors, that like John the Forerunner, they would preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins and herald the Messiah, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For us and our fellow citizens, that God would preserve us from placing our trust in princes and mortal men who come and go like grass before His breath; for our nation, that God would give rulers who will rule after His good pleasure, keeping order and protecting life; and for godly quietness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and sorrowing, that the Shepherd of Israel would give ear to their need [*especially* _____]; and for healing, courage and perseverance to all who cry out to God, that they may find comfort in His enduring Word and the certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord's patience and His Spirit, that when we have strayed from His commandments, we may be drawn back to Him in repentance, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune this day, that we may receive this Sacrament rightly as Christ's true medicine of immortality; and that, with faith strengthened and sins forgiven, we may live in holiness and godliness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

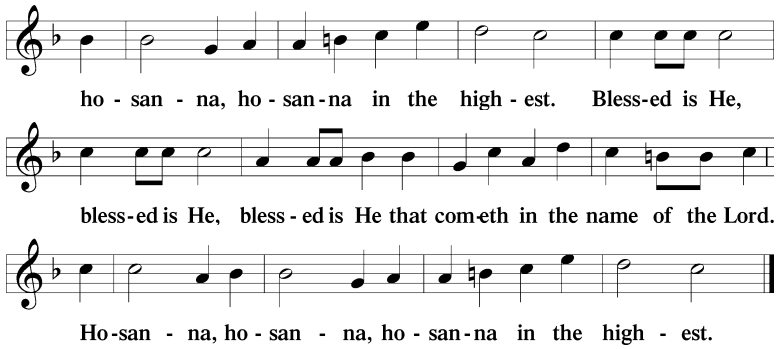
LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



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 \dagger bod-y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - bance 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 \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-branch of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

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

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



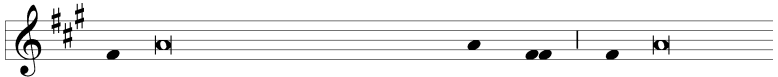
A Bless we the Lord.



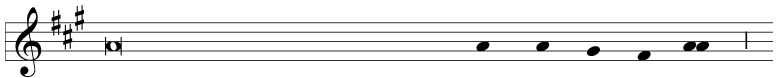
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

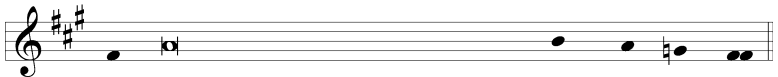
LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three 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.

LSF & Congregation Christmas Lunch 11:00 a.m.

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Advent 2, Service 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Bible Class: 12:00- Colossians

Leisure Lutherans 1:00 p.m.

Friday:

Saturday:

Up Coming Announcements

Advent Midweek:

December, 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 today for the 2nd annual Lutheran student fellowship /Congregational special Christmas lunch.

11:00 a.m. in the Lutheran Student Center Gym. All are welcome.

Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President: John the Baptist prophesied the Gospel of the Kingdom that with Jesus' blessing is always coming (Mark 1:7-8). Even during surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, He is not slow to keep His promises. Instead, He acts patiently, not wishing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Aren't we crying out about it as this generation's voice in the wilderness (Mark 1:31)?

LWML/Dorcas

There will be no Servant Workshop in December. Our next Servant Workshop is scheduled for January 16.

Leisure Lutherans

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

Christian Christmas cards are available in the card cabinet. All Christmas cards are sold by the box.

An order for RADA will be placed for receipt by December 17. Please see Mary Wittmaier to place an order for kitchen utensils, knives, mixes and sauces and cook books.

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.

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.

College Refreshments

A new sign-up sheet for January – May, is posted in the narthex on the bulletin board. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Adult Bible class Refreshments

A new sign-up sheet for Jan, - March is posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Sunday School Today, the Sunday school children will meet together to have a devotion about "Waiting for Christmas and God's second coming." Then they will make Christmas cards to be sent to our shut-ins.

About our Sunday prayers... Have we been praying for you or your loved one and God has answered with recovery? Please let Pastor Swyres know that prayers have been answered and we no longer need to include them in the Sunday prayers. If you or someone you

know has a need, please let Pastor Swyres know to include them in the prayers. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for personal and family devotions for the January through March quarter are available in the narthex! Be sure to pick up your copy for yourself or your family and spend a few minutes with our Lord each day.

I would like to thank those of you who obtained Thrivent cards for the backpack program. We had six cards donated, and with those and the money donations, we were able to assemble and deliver 360 bags. I would also like to ask you to consider applying for the New Year. Thanks again. Sue Kamprath.

LSF

The Lutheran Student Fellowship are selling t-shirts to represent their group and raise money to help fund their events. To order a shirt please fill out the LSF t-shirt order form found in the Narthex. Please turn in your order along with payment to Matthew Traum, Pastor Swyres, or the church office. Payments may be cash or check made out to Immanuel shirts. Order forms are due **December 17th** Shirts will be delivered in January.

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer
Matt Battley
Joe Duehning

Amber Dean
Marshall Dean

Those Serving Today

Elder: Tom Mesko

Communion Attendant: Tim Rush

Organist: Berniece Strandberg

Ushers: Team 2

Greeters Today: Sue & Jim Perry

Altar Guild: Martha Cox, & Sue Perry

Money Counters: Jean Kramme & Sue Perry

Refreshments Today: Erma Jean Haas & Sue Langhoff

Altar Flowers Today: Given to the Glory of God by all
who donated Poinsettias.

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 12/3/2023: 105 Communion: 93

Attendance Sunday 12/3/2023: Bible Class 50

Attendance Thursday 11/30/2023: Bible Class 18

Offering for 12/3/2023 \$ 10,248

Refreshments College Students: No Class

The Family Altar

For Families Gathered Around God's Word
The week of December 10th - December 16th

Sunday: Reflect upon the sermon

Monday: Isaiah 40:1-11

Tuesday: Psalm: 85

Wednesday: 2 Peter: 3:8-14

Thursday: Mark: 1:1-8

Friday: **Small Catechism** – 5th Petition/Meaning

Saturday: Personal prayers for family and church

Prayers

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie, & Emma Fite

Jordan, Randy Krauss

Dotty Wolf

Brandon Lowe

Bob Chretien

Sandy Ray

Tracy Krauss

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