

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.*

Epiphany
January 7, 2024
Divine Service 3

Confession and Absolution

396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

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 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter
of uprightness; you have loved
righteousness and hated wickedness.**

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

**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.**

Kyrie

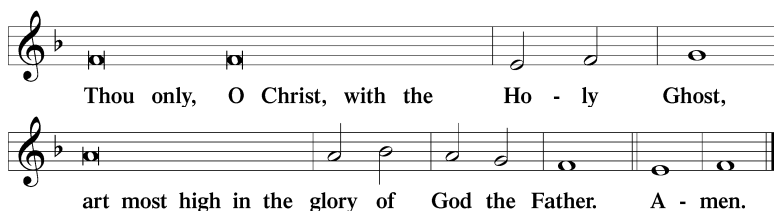
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis


LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; 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.

The Future Glory of Israel

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon
you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to
you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on
the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to
you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of
the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

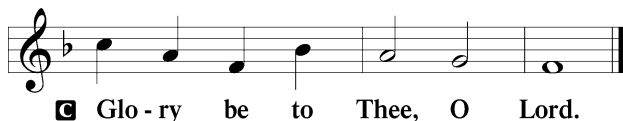
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the second chapter.



The Visit of the Wise Men

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem,

saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.**

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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

Almighty God enthroned forever, You love righteousness and hate wickedness. For our sakes, You sent Your only begotten Son to suffer the wages of our sin, that we might be holy in Your sight. As You have poured grace and salvation upon us, so anoint us also with the oil of gladness and the hope of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, eternal Light, Embolden our pastors to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Open our ears to hear and our hearts to believe their message that the King of kings has given His life for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You prepared a place for Your Son, Jesus, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and in the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes and all who dwell in them, that Your Word would be heard and Your mercy be shown therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, bring an end to all threats of violence. Raise up leaders who will act with integrity, pursue justice and follow Your commands. Grant to all people the blessings of food, shelter, medical care and safety, and sustain those whose duty it is to protect and defend. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give to the afflicted Your comforting presence, relief in their suffering and healing according to Your will. Sustain Your servants who trust in You [*especially* _____]. Give hope to the weary

and peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You have anointed Your Son to be our Savior and have established His throne forever and ever. Grant that we who are called by His name would see His reign spread among all nations; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.



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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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

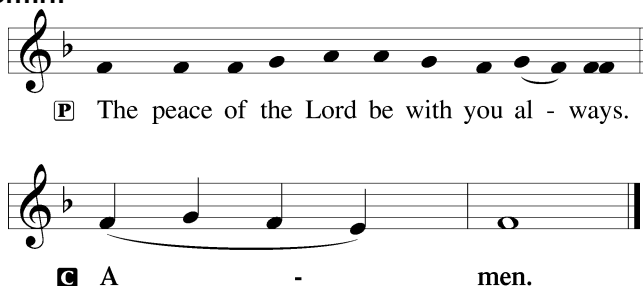
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P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." 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 ✠ 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

LSB 197



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

G 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

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

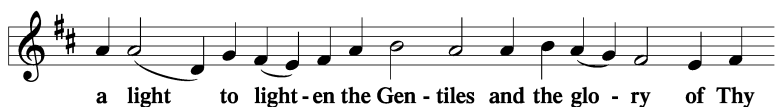
631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

397 As with Gladness Men of Old

Nunc Dimittis

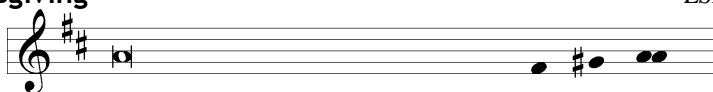
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

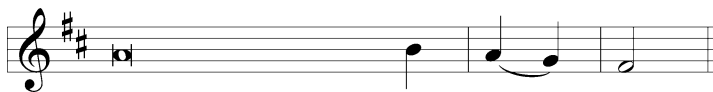


Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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



C 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

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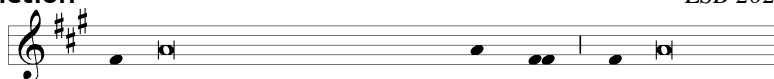
A Bless we the Lord.



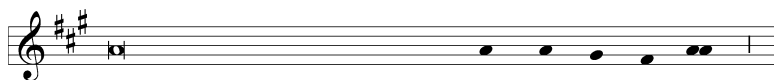
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

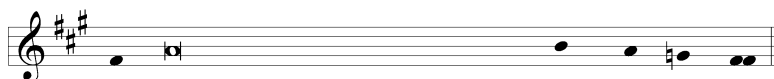
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.

This Week at Immanuel

Sunday:

Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

Mite Collection today

Bible Class 10:15 a.m. Genesis

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Church Council Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Monday:

Taking down decorations 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Confirmation 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday:

Bible Class 12:00 Ephesians

Leisure Lutherans 1:00 p.m.

Friday:

Saturday:

Baby Shower for Sophie Stagner 2-4 p.m.

Baby Shower

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited to a baby shower open house for Sophie Stagner Saturday January 13, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Sunday School An Angel Announces-Jesus' Birth foretold. Mary receives an angelic announcement telling her she will give birth to the long-awaited Savior.

LSF

The 2024 College refreshment sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board for Tuesday evening bible class. Bible Study resumes January 16th Please consider helping out in this ministry.

Sunday morning bible refreshments sign-up sheet for 2024 is on the bulletin board. It would be nice to partner with someone. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Lutherans For Life

Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty (Genesis 1:3). This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so (Psalm 29:7-8). Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor (Mark 1:11)!

Winter copies of "LifeDate", a magazine provided by the national Lutherans For Life organization, are available to everyone in the narthex information center.

LWML/Dorcas

Mite collection is today. The collection box is located in the narthex to receive donations. These donations support national and Missouri district LWML mission projects. A complete list of Missouri District mission projects can be found at www.missourilwml.org. To God be the glory.

Fall issues of LWML Quarterlies are available to everyone and are located in the narthex information center. Quarterlies contain happenings of local and national LWML along with devotion and Bible study guides.

Servant Workshop will be held Tuesday, January 16, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. Activities will include tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train and making pillowcase dresses for Orphan Grain Train. All supplies are provided and no experience is required.

Save the date–February 17, LWML Zone Prayer Service and Salad Luncheon. More information is forthcoming.

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Days, every Thursday at 1:00 pm, after Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate. There are some new RADA soups and kitchen items in the RADA/Card cabinet. The RADA/Card cabinet, located in the downstairs hall, contains Christian greeting cards sold by the card or by the box as well as RADA kitchen utensils. Profits from these sales benefit the

activities of Leisure Lutherans. Additional RADA kitchen utensils, knives, sauces and recipe books may be ordered through the catalog and order forms located in the rack next to the card cabinet. Payment for cards and RADA items can be made via the deposit box on the wall to the left of the cabinet.

Leisure Lutheran lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, at noon in the church fellowship hall. Soups, rolls, cheeses and sausages will be served and plans for February through May will be discussed. Join in for lunch and Christian fellowship.

The Altar Guild will be taking down decorations Monday January 8th 1:00 p.m. all are welcome.

Thank you

It's with much pleasure that I thank all who sent cards to honor my 100th birthday. I was delighted to have them delivered by a special friend, Erma Jean Haas, Sue & Don Langhoff, and Carolyn Tilford. (The complete letter may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.)

May God bless and keep you all.

Albert Malone

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer
Matt Battley

Marshall Dean
Joe Duehning

Those Serving Today

Elder: Tom Mesko

Organist: Berniece Strandberg

Ushers: Team 2

Greeters Today: Erma Jean Haas & Bill Wuenscher

Altar Guild: Aaron & Kacie Wassilak

Money Counters: Sue Perry & Jean Kramme

Refreshments Today: Mary Wittmaier

Altar Flowers Today: Given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 12/31/2023: 89 Communion: 81

Attendance Sunday 12/31/2023: Bible Class 36

Attendance Thursday 12/28/2023: No Bible Class

Offering for 12/31/2023 \$2,715

The Family Altar

For Families Gathered Around God's Word
The week of January 7th - January 13th

Sunday: Reflect upon the sermon

Monday: Isaiah 60:1-6

Tuesday: Psalm: 72:1-11

Wednesday: Ephesians: 3:1-12

Thursday: Matthew 2:1-12

Friday: Small Catechism – What is Baptism? / Which is that word of God?

Saturday: Personal prayers for family and church

Prayers

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie, & Emma Fite

Jordan, Randy Krauss

Judy Elsing

Jana Goddard

Dotty Wolf

Brandon Lowe

Bob Chretien

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