



# 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 3 Divine Service 1

## Confession and Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who  
is faithful and just, will forgive our  
sins and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our  
Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that  
we are by nature sinful and unclean.  
We have sinned against You in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we  
have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved You with  
our whole heart; we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves. We justly  
deserve Your present and eternal  
punishment. For the sake of Your  
Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so  
that we may delight in Your will and  
walk in Your ways to the glory of  
Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.**

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all  
that is in them, who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the  
LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

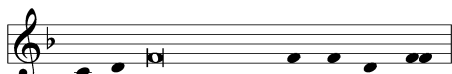
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,  
Rejoice.

# Kyrie

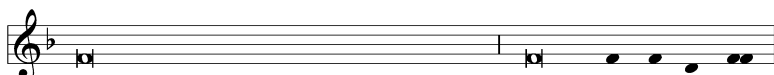
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.




**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



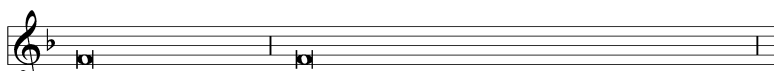
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



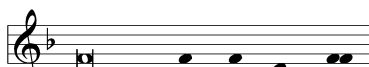
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



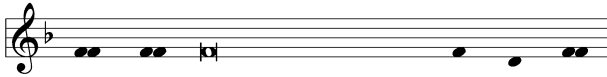
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgments  
against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.  
The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.  
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.  
Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to

everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Choir “From Heaven Winging”

Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” In that hour he healed



many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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.**

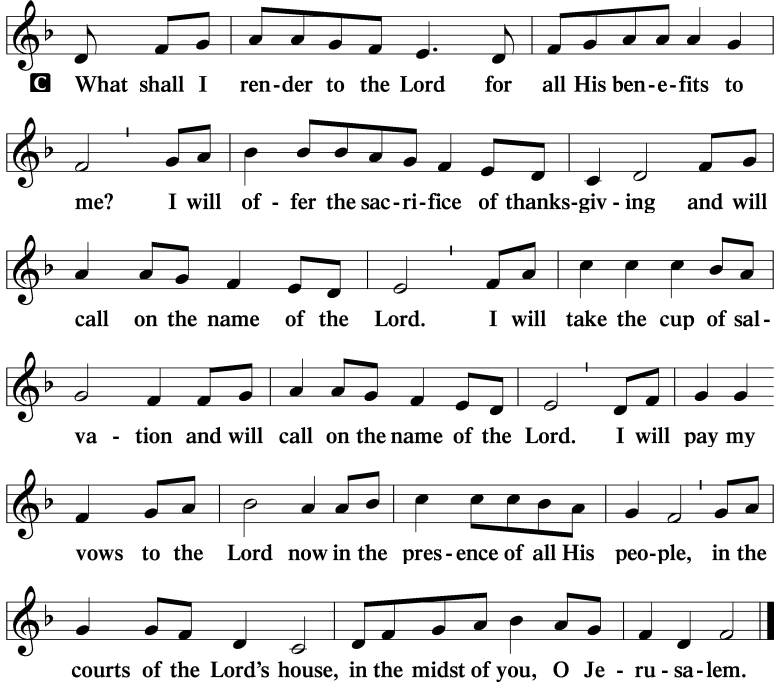
345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Children's Sermon

## Sermon

### Offertory

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Offering

#### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For pastors and church workers, that God would send them as messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, making known His saving name; and that Christ would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who suffer for the name of Jesus, that our heavenly Father, who rescues the daughter of Zion, would look on them with compassion, giving them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, providing for them when they suffer loss, granting courage when they are afraid, and delivering them from all evil, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our homes, that God would provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage, and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith; and that, for Jesus' sake, our homes would be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our republic in its need, that abandoning all anxiety, we would instead, by prayer and thanksgiving, make our requests known to God; for the authorities and those newly elected, that God would give wisdom, health and success to those who govern us; and for peace in our time, even as we rest confident in the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the anxious, that the God of all joy would forgive their doubts, reveal the causes of their doubts, and guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, through whom all prayers are heard, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in need, [*especially*  
\_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who partake at the Supper of Christ's body and blood, that our Father would watch over them and preserve in them repentant and worthy hearts, firmly believing the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," 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

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**P** The Lord be with you.



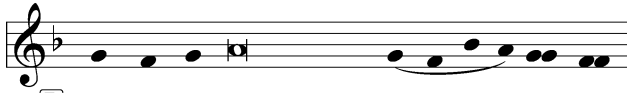
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

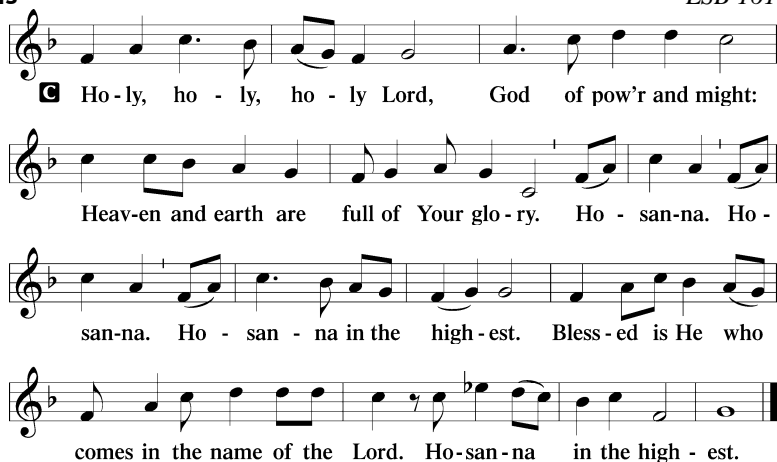


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, 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 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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

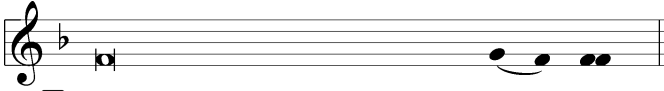
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when  
He was betrayed, took bread, and when He  
had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to  
the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  
✠ body, which is given for you. This do in  
remembrance of Me."

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

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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

# Thank the Lord

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

# Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

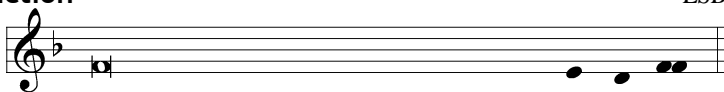
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

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## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Sunday**

Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

**Bible Class 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday:**

### **Wednesday:**

Advent Service 12:00 6:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Practice following Advent Service.

### **Thursday:**

Bible Class 12:00

Leisure Lutheran Card & game day 1:00

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school classes will have a party to celebrate Jesus' birth. We will have a devotion, read the Christmas story from Luke 2, make a craft & enjoy some cookies.

## **Lutherans for Life**

Gospel-motivated voices For Life bring reasonableness to the cultural conversation about life issues (Philippians 4:5). It means a message of joy and hope instead of just another angry and fearful demeanor. The sanctity of life proclaims good news to neighbors made poor (Luke 7:22) by pressures toward abortion and physician-assisted suicide. God remains mighty to save (Zephaniah 3:17), even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.

## **Envelopes**

The new yearly envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex.

## **Leisure Lutherans**

Religious Christmas greeting cards are available for purchase on the table next to the card cabinet. Christmas cards can be purchased at \$5.00 per box. Payment for all cards and RADA items may be placed in the secure box on the wall left of the card cabinet.

## **Family Fun Night**

Please join Redeemer Family Fun Night December 15<sup>th</sup> 6 -8 p.m. Christmas themed fun. Ornament workshop, cookie decorating, Grilled hot dogs, Fire pit singalong, and so much more.

## **Sirloin Stockade**

Every time you eat at Sirloin Stockade, every day not just Sunday's Simply save your receipt when dinning and turn your receipt into the church office and once a month, we will send the receipts in and the church will receive 5% back. Receipts must be turned in monthly.

## **Members serving in the Armed Forces**

Jacob Banholzer  
Matt Battley  
Ethan Swyres

Marshall Dean  
Joe Duehning

## **Those Serving Today:**

**Elder:** Bob Gorrell

**Organist:** Phil Thiem

Organist for Wednesday: Berniece Strandberg

**Greeters Today:** Carla Roedemeier & Jana Wassilak

**Altar Guild:** Sue Perry

**Money Counters:** Don Langhoff & Terry Thiess

**Refreshments Today:** Sue Langhoff & Erma Jean Haas

**Altar Flowers Today:** Are given to the glory of God by  
Altar Guild

**The Fruits of Our Faith:**

**Attendance Sunday 12/8/2024:** 168 Communion: 118

**Attendance Sunday Bible Class 12/8/2024:** No Class

**Attendance Thursday Bible Class** No Bible Class

**Offering for 12/4/2024:** \$359

**Offering for 12/8/2024:** \$5,077

**The Family Altar**  
For Families Gathered Around God's Word  
**The week of December 15<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday:** Reflect upon the sermon

**Monday:** Zephariah 3:14-20

**Tuesday:** Psalm 85

**Wednesday:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Thursday:** Luke 7:18-28

**Friday: Small Catechism-** What is the office of the keys?

**Saturday:** Personal prayers for family and church

**Prayers**

Judy & Jeff Elsing

Jana Goddard

Dotty Wolf

Bob Chreitien

Susan Carlson

Jean/Ben McWilliams

Bill Bolin

Deann Green

Susanne Markwell

Bud Dean

**Prayer before Communion:** Dear Savior, at 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