



# 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 4 Divine Service 3

## Confession and Absolution

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

**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

*1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

**The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is  
forlorn.**

The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

**The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.**

**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.**

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

# 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 Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

# Old Testament Reading

*Micah 5:2-5a*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of  
Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me

one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the  
time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in  
the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his  
God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall  
be great  
to the ends of the earth.  
And he shall be their peace.

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

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

## Epistle

*Hebrews 10:5–10*

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not  
desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your  
will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the  
book.’”

When he said above, “You have neither desired  
nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and  
burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are  
offered according to the law), then he added,  
“Behold, I have come to do your will.” He

abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

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

### Choir “Christmas Blessings”

#### Alleluia

*LSB 190*




**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:39–45*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

**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.**

### 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

#### Sermon

#### Offertory

*LSB 192*

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 -



## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

**P** O Lord, there is none like You in holiness, and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty God, You have done great things for us, looking upon our humble estate and exalting us to be Your children for Jesus' sake. Preserve us by Your Holy Word, that we would properly fear Your name and rejoice in it all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son was born of Mary in time to be our peace. Grant us repentant hearts, that for His sake we would be at peace with You. Grant also that, we may forgive and be at peace with those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our God, Remember the congregations of Your people. Provide for their needs, and remind them that the Lord

of Lords dwells among them in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, You sent Your Son to shepherd His flock in strength and to be great to the ends of the earth. Grant wisdom to our leaders and peace among the nations, that we may dwell secure. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our God, uphold  
[\_\_\_\_\_ ] all who suffer in mind or body. Grant them health and healing in accord with Your perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, Prepare the hearts of all who commune this day with penitence and trust in Your promises, and so make us holy with Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly the King of the nations and their desire. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 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

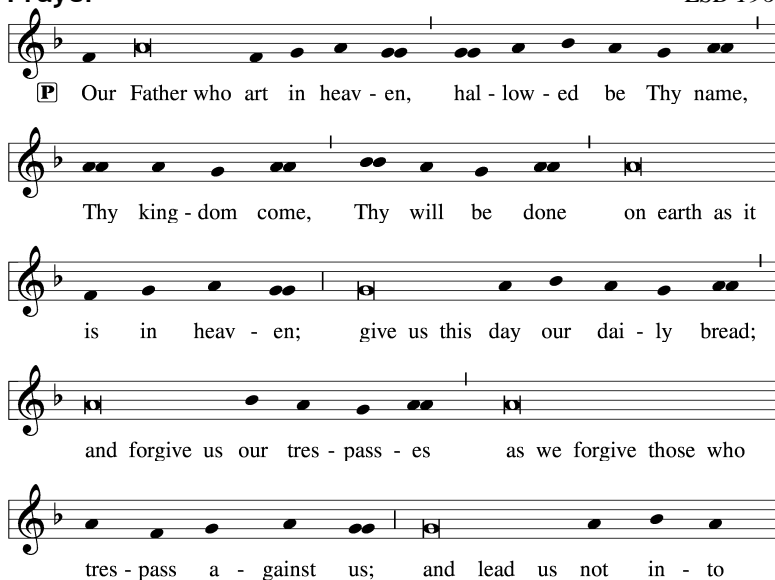
LSB 195



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



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

tempta - 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 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.

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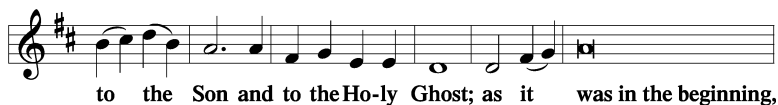
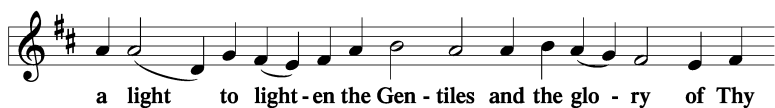
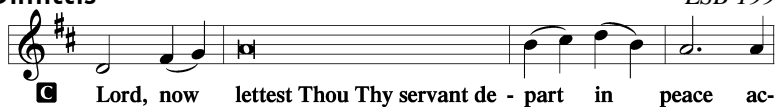
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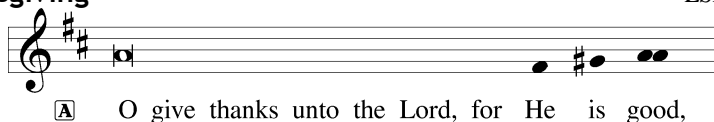
## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



## Thanksgiving

LSB 200





**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.



## **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:**

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

Christmas Morning Service with Communion 9:00 a.m.

### **Thursday:**

No Bible Class

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

**Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God by:**

Matt, Sue, Taylor & Jacob Banholzer in loving memory of:  
Anna Lee Young.

Wayne & Kay Beasley in loving memory of: Patrick.

Bob & Rachelle Gorrell in loving memory of:  
Bob Gorrell SR.

Albert Malone & Family in loving memory of:  
Laura Belle Malone.

Ben & Jean McWilliams in loving memory of:  
Ben & Norene McWilliams.

Jim & Sue Perry in loving memory of: Alice & Reno Key.

Mark & Kate Remspecher in loving memory of: their  
Parents.

David & Carla Roedemeier in loving memory of:  
Milton & Virginia Roedemeier and Carl & Mignon Webb.

Tim, Christy, & Nikki Rush in loving memory of:  
Mary Goddard and Dan Rush.

Richard & Berniece Strandberg in loving memory of:  
Mel & Ardy Strandberg and Edwin & Clara Kirch.

Pastor & Kelle Swyres in loving memory of:  
Robert & Karen Sandcork.

## **Sunday School**

Prophets tell of the Savior.

## **Lutherans for Life**

Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke 1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate (Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

## **Portals of Prayers**

January -March now available in the Narthex.

## **Envelopes**

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

## **LWML**

Additional mites recently collected totaled \$340.25. These donations will fund LWML district and national mission projects. For a complete list of district mission projects log on to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org). For a complete list of national mission projects log on to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Our next mite collection Sunday will be January 5. Our next Servant Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 1-3 p.m. in the church basement. To God be the glory.

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

Jacob Banholzer  
Matt Battley  
Ethan Swyres

Marshall Dean  
Joe Duehning

## **Those Serving Today:**

**Elder:** Matt Banholzer

**Elder for Christmas Day:** Matt Banholzer

**Organist:** Berniece Strandberg

**Organist for Christmas Eve:** Berniece Strandberg

**Organist for Christmas Day:** Berniece Strandberg

**Ushers:** Team 4

**Greeters Today:** Nancy & Andy Anderson

**Altar Guild:** Sue Perry

**Money Counters:** David Roedemeier & Aaron Wassilak

**Refreshments Today:** Tracy Rosenow

**Altar Flowers Today:** Are given to the glory of God by Emmette & Sharon Swyres in honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

**The Fruits of Our Faith:**

**Attendance Sunday 12/15/2024:**110 Communion: 93

**Attendance Sunday Bible Class:** 12/15/2024: 38

**Attendance Thursday Bible Class:** 12/12/2024:19

**Offering for 12/11/2024:** \$417

**Offering for 12/15/2024:** \$3,577

**The Family Altar**  
For Families Gathered Around God's Word  
**The week of December 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** Reflect upon the sermon

**Monday:** Micah 5:2-5

**Tuesday:** Psalm 80

**Wednesday:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Thursday:** Luke 1:39-45

**Friday: Small Catechism-** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

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

**Prayers**

Judy & Jeff Elsing  
Jana Goddard  
Dotty Wolf  
Bob Chreitien  
Susan Carlson  
Jean/Ben McWilliams  
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