



# 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 1  
December 3, 2023  
Divine Service 1

Confession and Absolution

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

**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 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to  
shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be  
put to shame;**

**they shall be ashamed who are  
wantonly treacherous.**

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

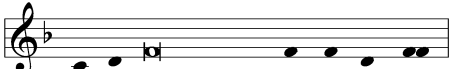
**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

# Kyrie

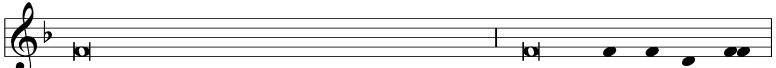
LSB 152



**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.



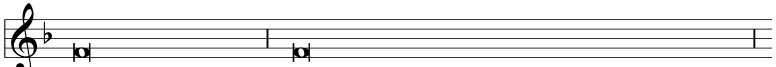
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




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



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



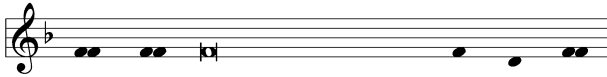
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and  
come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your  
presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your  
adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at  
your presence!

When you did awesome things that we did  
not look for,

you came down, the mountains quaked at  
your presence.

From of old no one has heard

or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.

You meet him who joyfully works

righteousness,

those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and  
shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is  
unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a  
polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us  
away.

There is no one who calls upon your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our  
iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,

and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

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

Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Thanksgiving

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."



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



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

## **The Coming of the Son of Man**

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

## **The Lesson of the Fig Tree**

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

## **No One Knows That Day or Hour**

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will

come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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



**C** Praise to You, 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.**

# 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## Sermon

### Offertory

LSB 159

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 the Lord's grace and peace as we enter another Church Year, that God who is faithful would confirm the testimony about Christ among us as we wait for His revealing, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For Matthew, our Synod president;  
\_\_\_\_\_, our district president;  
\_\_\_\_\_, our circuit visitor; and  
all pastors in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** That the Lord would renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives; for the children entrusted to their care; for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect; and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For our nation, its leaders and our armed forces, that God would take them under His

care and let His blessing rest upon them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who await the second advent of Christ, that their shouts of "hosanna" might be answered now through Word and Sacrament and soon by Jesus' return, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**


**P** Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; 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 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



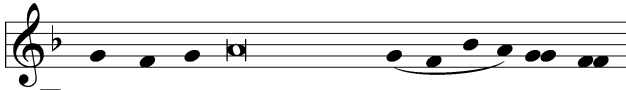
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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



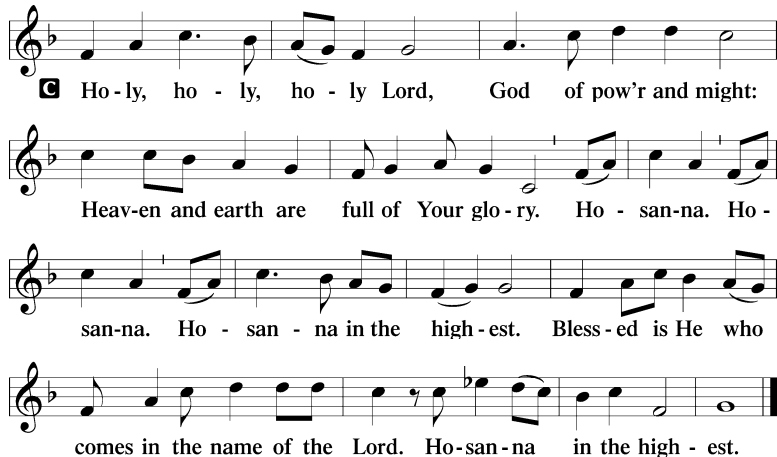
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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



**G** 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

LSB 161

**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.

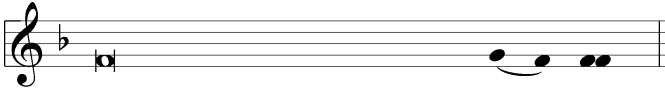
## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 163



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**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

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

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

669 Come, We That Love the Lord

## Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*

**G** 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.



## Benediction

LSB 166



**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.



## 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

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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:**

Church Council 5:00

### **Tuesday:**

Leisure Lutherans Christmas Lunch 12:00

LSF Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

Advent 1 Service 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation 4:30 p.m.

### **Thursday:**

Bible Class: 12:00- Colossians

Leisure Lutherans 1:00 p.m.

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

## **Up Coming Announcements**

### **Advent Midweek:**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>** Noon and 6:00 p.m.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve:** Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day:** Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

## **LSF & Congregation**

Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lutheran student fellowship /Congregational special Christmas lunch.

**Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President: Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain

(I Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Corinthians 1:6)?

### **LWML/Dorcas**

Mites are being collected today, Sunday, December 3. For a complete list of Missouri District mite mission projects log on to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org). To God be the glory.

### **Leisure Lutherans**

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

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**

The new sign-up sheet for January – May, has been 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.

### **Congratulations**

Sunday School perfect attendance winner for November is Tylin Davidson, & Rodrick Perry won the attendance prize Congratulations!





## Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer  
Matt Battley  
Joe Duehning

Amber Dean  
Marshall Dean

## Those Serving Today

**Elder:** Bob Gorrell

**Communion Attendant:**

**Organist:** Phil Thiem

**Ushers:** Team 1

**Greeters Today:** Erma Jean Haas & Bill Wuenscher

**Altar Guild:** Martha Cox, & Sue Perry

**Money Counters:** Helen Muma, John Wassilak

**Refreshments Today:** Martha Cox, & Kelle Swyres

**Altar Flowers Today:** 77 Years ago, Ed Haas & Erma Jean Lenox were married at Immanuel's altar. Given with Thanks & Praise to God as they celebrate their anniversary.

## The Fruits of Our Faith

**Attendance Sunday 11/26/2023:** 96 Communion: 87

**Attendance Sunday 11/26/2023:** Bible Class 48

**Attendance Thursday 11/23/2023:** Bible Class No Class

**Offering for 11/19/2023** \$1,746

**Offering for Thanksgiving** \$334.00

**Offering for 11/26/2023** \$ 12,820

**Refreshments College Students:** Karen Clancy

# **The Family Altar**

For Families Gathered Around God's Word  
**The week of December 3<sup>rd</sup> - December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** Reflect upon the sermon

**Monday:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**Tuesday:** Psalm: 80

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians: 1:3-9

**Thursday:** Mark: 11:1-10

**Friday:** **Small Catechism** – 4<sup>th</sup> Petition/Meaning

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

## **Prayers**

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie, & Emma Fite

Jordan, Randy Krauss

Don Swetnam

Dotty Wolf

Brandon Lowe

Bob Chretien

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