

Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Welcome, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts and lives to the words of Jesus. Please plan to join us for fellowship following the 10:00am service. If you have any comments or questions regarding the service or any other matter, please feel free to speak to Pastor Jones. Should you be in need of any pastoral service, please do not hesitate to bring it to the pastor's attention.

Visitors Please sign the Fellowship Pad and include your address. If you have no church home, are interested in becoming a part of our church family, or would like information about Immanuel, please talk with an usher, elder, or Pastor Jones, who will be happy to speak with you.

Communion in the Pew If it has become necessary for you to have communion brought to you in the pew and you have not already done so, please notify the pastor or an elder each time you attend. We are pleased to assist you to receive this great blessing on a regular basis.



Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

Adaptive Hearing System is available from an usher.



Children in Worship We at Immanuel welcome and encourage the attendance of all children in our worship service. We also understand that children will behave as the children they are. They may not be able to sit as still as adults and they sometimes act or speak out during the worship. That is to be expected. However, children can sometimes cause a commotion which, if allowed to continue on, can be a detriment to the worship of others around them. We ask that you be sensitive to those times when your child's behavior calls for their brief removal from the worship area. A cry room is provided for those times. The Ushers or Elders will assist you in its location and use. We've also provided Quiet Sacks that are located on the small coat tree in the narthex. These bags contain pictures and crayons that our children can use. Please return them to the "tree" when you are done with them. Children may be brought to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

As We Gather

When a dignitary like a president, prime minister, or monarch comes to town, people know it! Often, just for that one VIP, there is a police escort, support vehicles, and multiple limousines. Crowds stand behind barriers, bodyguards surround the dignitary, and everything is orchestrated to bring the leader swiftly and safely to his or her destination. But not so on Palm Sunday. Jesus rides a humble donkey. He plods down the road at a slow pace. The crowds interact with Jesus, throwing their cloaks along His way and waving palm branches. Jesus has no security detail—just His disciples. Jesus is a different kind of dignitary. Even though the crowds may not fully realize it, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords who comes in humility. This King chooses to come humbly and lay down His life for those who line His way and for all people—including you.



Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three ~ page 184

† PREPARATION †

RINGING OF IMMANUEL'S BELLS

PRELUDE

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **LSB 341**

INVOCATION **LSB 184**

† WORD †

INTROIT

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

P: 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.

GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(sung)

begins on page 186

SALUTATION

(response is sung)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, Your Son comes humbly amid cries of hosanna;

C: grant that hosanna may be our cry too as we look to the King of kings for our salvation;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

10 AM

“I Have a Secret” by Norma S. Anderson
Cherub Choir, Grades K-2

Scripture Reader 10 AM Mrs. Ellen Pett, 1st & 2nd Grades ILS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

(“Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down.”)

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as 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! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From 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. ⁵You 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? ⁶We 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. ⁷There 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. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(He will sustain you to the end.)

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE ALLELUIA

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HYMN OF THE DAY "Open Wide the Heavens' Veil"

Creative Worship

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

("Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.")

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the eleventh chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** *(sung)*

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** *(sung)*

CREED

5 pm Nicene Creed *found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

10 am Apostles' Creed *found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

10 AM CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Mrs. Ellen Pett
Teacher, Grades 1 & 2, ILS*

SERMON

Signed with Love

Isaiah 7:10-14

OFFERTORY

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

OFFERING

Please fill out the friendship pad at the end of the pew. Be sure to mark the box for receiving Holy Communion for each member of your family or group who is receiving today

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us come before our Lord in prayer, asking Him to hear our prayer and grant us hope.

Lord of hope, during this season of Advent, prepare our hearts that we would be made ready to receive Your Son as He comes in His incarnation and birth, but also in His body and blood. Make us ever ready for His final coming on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us hope.

P: Lord of hope, You have called Your Church to bear witness to Christ's redeeming work. Grant that we boldly proclaim the Good News of the One who brings joy to the world through His life, death, and resurrection, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us hope.

P: Lord of hope, You have instructed us to pray for workers in Your harvest field. Raise up faithful and loving teachers of Your Word so that Christ may be proclaimed near and far. Make us Your instruments to encourage and equip individuals for work in Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us hope.

P: Lord of hope, we ask that You stretch forth Your almighty arm to protect the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Support them, granting them courage and loyalty. Strengthen them to serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us hope.

P: Lord of hope, You are the creator and sustainer of all things. According to Your will, grant healing to those who suffer in body and mind. Look with favor upon Your servants, *especially* . . . , and if it is Your will, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept tribulation, knowing that Your grace is sufficient for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us hope.

P: Lord of hope, thank You for calling us to be Your people through Holy Baptism. Make us ready to receive Your Supper as we remember the One who is truly present in this Meal as He comes to us in Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant us hope.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*The 10:00am service concludes with
the Lord's Prayer,
the Benediction, and the Closing Hymn.*

† **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** †

5 PM

Liturgy begins on page 194

DISTRIBUTION HYMN(S)

† "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

LSB 334

† "Once He Came in Blessing"

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STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

*Saturday – Lois Larson
Sunday – Jan Rau*

CLOSING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

LSB 331

POSTLUDE

Prayers of the Parish

SERVING OUR CONGREGATION TODAY

PREACHER / LITURGIST: REV. RUSSELL ZIMMERMAN

ORGANIST: SARAH GEIKAS

5:00PM

10:00AM

Head Elder Warren Abbs

Bob Ricker

Head Usher Art Davis

*Amber Storey
Landon Sella*

**Communion
Assistant** Dan Kretchman

Acolyte Ethan Burrows

Greeters Weyona Abbs &
Kris Jacobs Kathy Pilarski

Fellowship Host Eric & Becky Ball

Radio Broadcast Tom Jacobs David Bublitz

THE COMMUNION POLICY OF THE MISSOURI SYNOD

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

† who are repentant

† who are believers in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and

† who desire to live a new life in Christ,

are invited to participate in the Sacrament. Those desiring to commune here for the first time should speak with Pastor Jones or one of the Elders before service.

Health & Healing

Barbara Bork, mother of Darci Czuba

Rick Steele, Pastor Westphal, David Pearson – brother of Sue McCann

It has pleased the Lord of life and death to call unto Himself the soul of Marilyn VanWormer, daughter of Geraldine Calcutt.

Birthday

Gloria Wojcik celebrating her 93rd birthday December 4

Kathleen Czuba (12/02)

Haley Dietz (12/02)

Jon Dietz (12/02)

Nicholas Geikas (12/02)

Sarah Kern (12/02)

Judy Lago (12/02)

Katherine Sohacki (12/02)

Nancy Nitschke (12/04)

Ashleigh Witucki (12/04)

Wyatt Armbruster (12/06)

Amelia Larson (12/06)

Matthew Rybak (12/06)

Jacob Rapcka (12/07)

Bethany Kukla (12/08)

Daniel Wolicki (12/08)

Amanda Reinke (12/09)

Lisa Ross (12/09)

Jennifer Konesko (12/10)

Baptismal Birthdays

Tammy Brinkman

Diane Davis

Douglas McClain

Matthew Wilkinson

Kiara Kiely

Jason Fogelsinger

Adam Jarema

Brayden Szczepanski

Serena Gohs

Clark Howell

Mary Meyer

Candace Stepanski

Don Wilkinson

Kristy Fogelsinger

Amanda Mrozinski

Wedding Anniversaries

Robert & Laura Rybak celebrating their 34th anniversary December 10

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING TODAY!

Congregation President, Dave Huiskens, has set the date for our Annual Voters' Meeting. **Please join us on Sunday, December 3 at 11:00am.**

Agenda items include:
Election of Parish Officers
Election of Parish Board Members
Adoption of 2018 Parish Budget

Something to mark on your calendars.....

Ladies Aid Christmas Bazaar is coming to Immanuel on Saturday, December 9 from 3:00-7:00pm and Sunday, December 10 from 8:30am-Noon.

Saturday CBS ~ C(hristmas) B(ible) S(chool)

*A spin off of VBS Christmas Style
Christmas Care for Children*

Program open for children Preschool ages 3 through Grade 5.
Saturday, December 9th (New time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm)

Children must be pre-registered to attend this event!

Please call Betsy at the church office 893-4088 to register.
Sponsored by Immanuel Youth Program & Kingdom Kids Staff

Saturday CBS Includes

*Christmas Carols & Story with the Christmas Elves
Decorating Christmas Cookies
Games and Fun Time
Christmas Videos
Holiday Crafts
The Christmas Story
Snack & Refreshments
Concluding Worship and Christmas Caroling*



Many Thanks to all Immanuel Church & School families who participated in the Younkers Community Days Fundraiser in November. We were able to raise \$295 to offset new curriculum for next year. It's great to be able to help out and get great deals!

Sunday School Christmas Bags Peanuts and Fruit

Once again, our Kingdom Kids and Youth will joyfully be recreating the Nativity Story – The First Christmas on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm. Each year, we offer our children gift bags with the following items: *Peanuts, an Orange, a Candy Cane, Candy, and a Brown Paper Bag.*

With that in mind, if you would like to help defer the cost of Peanuts and Fruit, your monetary donations would be gratefully received and accepted joyfully so that we once again can offer these Christmas "Brown Bags" to our children. Simply drop off your donation in a sealed envelope marked: Sunday School Christmas at the church office. Thank you so much for your support both monetarily and through your prayers for our Sunday School children!

Miss Betsy

Wednesday Advent Services and Dinners

Dinner: 5-6:30pm

Advent Service: 6:30pm

Plan to come and join the many other families and friends of Immanuel for a delicious homemade dinner meal prior to Immanuel's Advent Services.

Thank you for the members of Immanuel's Ladies Aid, Board of Youth Ministries and Youth Members, and Friendship Guild for graciously hosting these dinner meals.

December 6 Host: Ladies Aid
spaghetti, salad, dessert, and beverage

December 13: Host: Friendship Guild
casserole variety, salad with all of the trimmings, homemade rolls, and a variety of desserts

December 20: Host: Immanuel Board of Youth
chicken vegetable soup along with casserole varieties, dinner rolls, cake, cookies and beverage

Weekly Events Calendar

- Saturday – Dec. 2** 8:00am Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 9:00am Hanging of the Greens
 5:00pm Communion Service
- Sunday – Dec. 3** 8:45am Christian Education Hour
 10:00am Worship Service
 11:00am Voter's Meeting
 4:00pm The Bay Chorale Christmas Concert
- Monday – Dec. 4** 7:00pm All Boards Meetings
- Tuesday – Dec. 5** 9:00am Ladies Bible Study
 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal
- Wednesday – Dec. 6** 5:00pm Advent Dinner
 5:15pm Blended Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Advent Service
- Thursday – Dec. 7** 1:00pm Fellowship Cards
 3:15pm Staff Devotions & Bible Study
 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm Cantata Rehearsal
- Ladies Aid Bazaar Weekend***
- Saturday – Dec. 9** 8:00am Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 11:00am Christmas Bible School
 5:00pm Worship Service
- Sunday – Dec. 10** 8:45am Christian Education Hour
 10:00am Communion Service

(radio broadcast Sunday 9:00am WSAM AM 1400)



Forget your envelopes? Forget your checkbook? Low on cash? Immanuel Lutheran Church can receive electronic offerings through your smart phone. Scan the QR square to a secure site and follow the onscreen directions. Gifts can be made to the General Fund or the Building Fund. You can give just this once, or set up scheduled giving.