

The Holy Spirit has come upon mankind to open the hearts of sinners. He alone could make the Father's Plan a part of our lives. He has granted to us salvation.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Last Sunday in Church Year
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 --- November 20, 2022 --- 8:00 am
Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *“Come, Thou Almighty King” 905*

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: God the Father, made the Plan	C: <i>He gave to us the Plan of the Gospel.</i>
P: Jesus carried out the Plan.	C: <i>He died on the Cross for our sins</i>
P: The Holy Spirit makes the Plan a part of our lives	C: <i>He opens our hearts</i>
P: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	C: <i>The Holy Trinity that grants life</i>
P: Our God made, carried out, and brought	C: <i>His plan of salvation to us.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Confession and Absolution: pg. 184-185 /// **The Introit:** *Psalm 46*

P: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. **C:** *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. **C:** *God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.*

P: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. **C:** *The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

P: Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations He has brought on the earth. **C:** *He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatter the spear, He burns the shields with fire.*

P: “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” **C:** *The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Gloria Patri: Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to the God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run.
(LSB 506)

Kyrie: Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy Christ, Our King
(LSB 733) Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

Gloria: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph,
(LSB 851) His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: *Amen.*

Hymn: *“For Me to Live Is Jesus”* 742

O.T. Lesson: *Malachi 3: 13-18*

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Epistle Lesson: *Colossians 1: 13-20*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 23: 27-43*

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Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Sermon Hymn: *“Rock of Ages”* 761

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon**

Confessional Hymn: *“In God We Believe”* (802)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r In mercy has brought us renewal this hour
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secure True God and True Man once the cross He endured

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess: With power and truth the church now He does bless
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering /// **Prayers:** The families of Spruell, Margie; Stambush, Ova and Chestine; and Stremming, Sandy and Brent.

Lord’s Prayer: (Back of Hymnal) /// **Closing Hymn:** *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* 892

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor
Mike Lousignont, Elder --- Matthew Wilson, Organists

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Bible Class at 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Special Voter's Meeting
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
WEDNESDAY: Thanksgiving Worship 7 pm
THURSDAY: **Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed**
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Youth Group 5:30 pm

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Nov 12: 43 LS: 32; Sun. Nov 13: 8 am: 46; 10:15 am: 72

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the following: Stremming, Wally and Gayle; Strieter, Brenda; and Strieter, George.

POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 27, 2022: Order forms were placed in your box, but one may be picked up under the mailboxes also. You can place your order in the offering plate, Bev Racine's mailbox or in the Church office. Make Checks payable to Immanuel LWML.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Special Voter's Meeting: Sunday, November 20 following the 10:15 am service. Voter's Meeting held for Election of 2023 Officers and 2023 Budgets. All members are welcome to attend.

Youth Group: Sunday, November 27 at 5:30 pm

Thanksgiving Worship Service: Wednesday, November 24 w/HC at 7 pm

Mid-Week Advent Meals begin at 6:10 pm (Wed, Nov 30)

Mid-Week Advent Worship: Wednesday, November 30 at 7 pm

Children's Christmas Program: December 11 during the 10:15 am service

ADVENT THEMES FOR WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICES

The Seven Stars of Advent and Christmas Eve - Eighth Star on Christmas Day

Mid-Week Advent One: November 30 at 7 pm *"The Star of Promise"*

Sunday, December 4 *"The Star of Light"*

Mid-Week Advent Two: December 7 at 7 pm *"The Star of Fulfillment"*

Sunday, December 11 *"The Star of Glory"*

Mid-Week Advent Three: December 14 at 7 pm *"The Star of Grace"*

Youth Christmas Service Sunday, December 18 *"The Star of Hope"*

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 pm & 10 pm *"The Star of Life"*

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 am *"The Star of Bethlehem"* No Sunday
School – One Service

There will be an **ADVENT MEAL** before each service starting at 6:10 pm. Please plan on attending and enjoying good fellowship. Advent is our time of remembrance and preparation to humbly celebrate the Lord's birth. It is always good to be reminded of how the promises of God came true in the birth of His only-begotten Son.



HANGING OF THE GREENS:

Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 3 pm

SCRIP NEWS: It's time to get your holiday grocery shopping and gift giving needs with the help of our SCRIP program. It's also great way to give back to Immanuel.

Some Vendors have been added and others that are not participating in the program have been deleted. A complete list of vendors are in the SCRIP Binder on the table in the lounge hallway, along with extra copies if you would like one.

THE LAST CHRISTMAS ORDER WILL BE PLACED THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH IN DECEMBER.

Order forms on the table in the Lounge area. Turn your orders into Waverlyn Karch in the church office or put in the SCRIP MAILBOX in the lounge hallway.

COMMUNITY

SALEM CHURCH OF DARMSTADT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & BUFFET:
The Women's Guild cordially invite the Ladies to our program on Tuesday, December 6 at 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you! Please RSVP by November 28th at 812-867-3142

2023 SLATE OF OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Ballot open until Special Voter's Meeting
Sunday, November 20, 2022

PRESIDENT	Steve Gruszewski
VICE PRESIDENT	Jim Bratten
RECORDING SECRETARY	Debbie Somers
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Josie Newmaster
TREASURER	Theresa Newman
CEMETERY BOARD	Mark Somers
BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2 open)	Robert Parker Scott Lamar
BOARD OF ELDERS (2 open)	John Miles Stu Hoffherr
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (2 open)	Kim Racine Kayla Somers
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (3 open)	Pauline Simmons Bridget Roeder Mary Korff

*Call if you have questions or to RSVP at 812-424-7252



LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

Epistle: Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27–43

²⁷There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

