



FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



COME, LET US GO UP TO
THE MOUNTAIN OF THE
LORD, TO THE HOUSE
OF JACOB. HE WILL
TEACH US HIS WAYS SO
THAT WE MAY WALK
IN HIS PATH.
ISAIAH 2:3

Sermon:

Saturday, November 26th and Sunday, November 27th, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Okawville, Illinois 62271

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We gather on the Lord's Day knowing that "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again" (Romans 6:9). Welcome, visitors who have joined us today. If we can help in any way, please call: Church 618-243-6216 or School 618-243-6142.

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Church Attendance

Saturday: 18 Communed: 16 Sunday: 67 Communed: 47

Bible Class: 8 Sunday School: 8

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!

- All members of Immanuel including:
 - At home – John Croessman, Bill Durham, Irene Going, Kellee Helbig, Bernice Hemminghaus, Leonard Hemminghaus, Loraine Schneider, Mark Schneider, Mike Strasburg
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado - Carol Wennemann
- The calling of a pastor to serve the new dual parish of St. Salvator and Olive Branch, our nearest neighbor LC-MS congregations
- Dreama Scott-Barden, friend of Kellee Helbig, dealing with cancer
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores, LCMS missionary in the Dominican Republic
- Rev. Hans Trinklein, LCMS missionary in South Korea, on leave in USA
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
 - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
 - ...urban ministry in East St. Louis
 - ...campus ministry at SIU-C and SIU-E
 - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
 - ...partnership with Seminario Concordia El Reformador, Dominican Republic

Birthdays: 27th Laura Obermeier, Heather Strasburg 28th Aaron Elliott, Gary Bergmann, Jordan Kuhlengel 29th Dennis Pruehsner, Addyson Hasheider 30th Kristen Miller, Gary Streuter, Dylan Clark

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Order of Service – Responsive Prayer Two

903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made (Sunday)

Opening Versicles

L O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Psalm 122 (in unison)

¹I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

²Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

³Jerusalem—built as a | city*
that is bound firmly to- | gether,

⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for | Israel,*
to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.

⁵There thrones for judg- | ment were set,*
the thrones of the house of | David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
“May they be secure who | love you!

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!”

⁸For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

⁹For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
I will | seek your good.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and

immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and other cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

Children's Message (Sunday)

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

Offering Hymn of the month

Kyrie

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

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.**

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.**

Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C** my lips will praise You.
- L** For You have been my help,
- C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

- L** 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** Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Evening Prayer (Saturday)

- C** 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.

Morning Prayer (Sunday)

- C** 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.

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Blessing

- ☐ The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- ☑ Amen.

349 Hark the Glad Sound (Sunday)

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Responsive Prayer 2 from Lutheran Service Book

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Preacher	Rev. Eric Wood
Pianist (Saturday & Sunday)	Rev. Eric Wood
Acolytes (Saturday)	Jilien Harre
(Sunday)	Addison Hasheider, Lily Gass
Readers (Saturday)	Nancy Weeke
(Sunday)	Connie Murphy

Sunday Bible Study is currently called “66 Texts from 66 Books.” We will sample every book in the Bible, working at whatever pace suits the group. Please join us as we savor the flavors of God’s Word and are nourished by the one thing that is needful. We will begin studying the Gospel according to Matthew in December.

Sunday worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. and Bible Class is at 9:00 a.m. Saturday worship service begins at 5:30 p.m.

Ushers for November - Saturday – Bob Kraus; Sunday – Paul Lange, Ken Storck, Sr.

November “hymn of the month” results – We will sing the top choice today at offering. A total of 18 hymns were mentioned: 7 Advent hymns, 7 “P & A” hymns, 3 “H & T” hymns, and 2 other hymns. (Some ballots had one hymn listed in each category, although the directions were to choose one hymn from any of the three categories. Either way, the ballots were counted; this did not change the results, however.) The 1st place Advent hymn is the hymn of the day for the 4th Sunday in Advent. The 1st place “H & T” hymn was sung on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks to all who participated. These results will influence future hymn selection.

Church decorating for Christmas will be immediately after the morning worship service on Sunday, November 27th. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Poinsettias Orders This year we will have red, white, pink and marble Poinsettias. The deadline to order is **Sunday, November 27th**. The cost is \$7.75 per plant. If you want any color but red, please call Lois Obermeier at 618-977-5956 as early as you can so the florist can get the color. Thank you.

Public Catechesis on Monday, November 28th at 6:45 a.m.

Community Bible Class on Wednesday, November 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the Original.

Advent Service on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas For Needy Children Immanuel will be hosting Christmas for Needy Children again this year, but it will be done a bit differently. We will not be passing out actual names. We have been asked to buy toys, clothes or gift cards! Monetary donations will also be accepted. They ask for your donations not to be wrapped. The donation can be for any age, baby to teenager. Whatever you choose is greatly appreciated! There will be a box for the monetary donations and gift cards in the narthex of the church. Please put gifts in the church basement. All donations need to be **received by December 4th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Obermeier, (618-314-0849) or Laura Obermeier, (618-314-0850).

The Alumni and Friends will host Christmas Stroll activities at the school December 3. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for soups and desserts. Items to sell in the flea market area will be accepted after school dismisses on December 2nd. Volunteers will be appreciated. Thank you for your contributions.

Sunday School will begin practicing for the Christmas program each Sunday in December. If your child is in the program, please try to be at Sunday school each Sunday. Parents are invited to attend Bible class during Sunday school.

LWML's Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday, December 11 at 11:15 (following the church service) at the Original. All women of the congregation and their families are welcome to join us! Please let Emily Wood know by Sunday, December 4 if you will be coming, so we can make reservations. You can call or text her at 618-713-0953.

Attention all outgoing officers – There will be a nominating committee meeting on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All outgoing officers urged to attend!!

Lutheran Witness Publication – Current subscribers to the Lutheran Witness have a note in their church mail boxes concerning renewal of the publication for next year. Also, if you are not currently receiving the Lutheran Witness and would like to receive this publication, please contact the church office. The cost is \$18.00 for one year.

SCHOOL NEWS

Chapel service on Wednesday, November 30th 12:15 p.m. – Pastor Eichhorn.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4) – a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12).

Life Quotes “These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life – even the tiniest – in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.”

Stewardship “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 850 AM Radio KFUE Lutheran Worship from a Lutheran church; 9:00 a.m. 104.7 FM Rev. Mueller, New Minden Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. TV Station “TCT” “Lutheran Worship” These are not a replacement for being in church and Bible class. These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School music program will be presenting a musical reflection and celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoffman. We invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for this Advent and Christmas season with a participatory program of God’s Word through music!

Christ Our Rock has an immediate opening for a part-time custodian. This position could be for a short term (extra money before Christmas) and/or on a permanent basis. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL. 62801, 226-3315, dduensing@corlhs.org.

German Christmas Service St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Covington, will host a German Christmas service *Der Weihnachtsgottesdienst* on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Darwin P. Schrader will preach the Christmas message, and Rev. Dr. Arthur D. Eichhorn will play the organ. Many beloved German Christmas carols will be sung. A German-English printed order of service will be furnished. *Gemutlichkeit* refreshments with visiting) will follow in the Covington Township Hall (the former St. Luke’s School). The offering has been designated for Lutheran Braille Workers, Workcenter #315 at New Minden.

Washington County Fair Association Holiday Drive Thru Dinner December 4th
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 810 E Holzhauser Drive, Nashville. Serving smoked pork chop, baked potato, corn, slaw, roll and dessert for \$13.00 Proceeds go to livestock barn wiring project.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, November 19, and Sunday, November 20, were not counted. The operating expenses for the week totaled \$7,284.49. Current loan at First National Bank is \$30,000.00.

Thrivent Choice

If you have not contacted Thrivent Choice Recently, please call 800-847-4836 to see if Thrivent has money set aside for you to designate to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran School or another designation of your choice. Money is available through the Thrivent Choice Program. This is not a donation coming out of your investment.

Reminder: Bunker's Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays.

**Do you pay Illinois Income Tax?
Do you support Lutheran Schools?**

**What if you could direct those tax
dollars to your Lutheran, Catholic
or private Illinois school?**



You Can!

The Illinois legislature passed this law in 2017.
The law is called Invest in Kids.
For more information on the law visit: www.empowerillinois.org

**Questions?
Presentations will be held at
Immanuel, T-SJ, St. Salvator.**

Details on other side

Presentation Options

All presentations are open for public and community members who want to support private schools with their tax dollars.

T-SJ

680 West Walnut St. Nashville, IL
Gym

Monday, November 21, 2022
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



St. Salvator

179 W. Church Street Venedy, IL
Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.



Immanuel

606 S Hanover Okawville, IL
Gym

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
5:45 - 6:45 p.m.